



Winkfield St Mary's C of E Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 12th February 2021



'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full' John 10:10

Dear parents,

We made it! Congratulations to you all on doing such an amazing job juggling all of your commitments and still supporting your children with their learning. I do hope you are able to relax at half term, enjoy some family time and make some special memories.

If you need a little more help, Complete Coaching will be running 4 days of virtual Camps **FREE of charge to everyone.**

Monday - Football Camp ⚽

Tuesday - Netball Camp 🏐

Wednesday - Dance Camp 💃

Thursday - Multi Activity Camp 🏐🏈🏏🏹

Bookings are available on their site <https://complete-coaching.class4kids.co.uk/camps>. Sessions are aimed at 7 to 12 year olds.

Staffing

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Purcell, our Y5 TA today. She has been unable to be in school this half term and is now moving on. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and support in Year 5, I know that the children and Mrs Territt will miss her enormously.

Some good news to balance this was hearing that Mrs Miles, our Y1 TA, had her baby last Friday. Although born very early, they are both doing well and hope to be home soon.

We currently have several adverts out for TA / lunchtime positions at school to cover these changes plus a couple of new opportunities that have arisen. If you know someone who would be a good addition to our team here, please point them in the direction of the Bracknell Forest 'jobs go public' website.

We have been without 3 of our TAs this half term, which has meant we have been more limited in the number of places we could make available in school for priority families. Currently we have a waiting list for our younger bubble which has R/Y1/Y2 pupils, whilst the Y3 and the Y4/5 bubbles are full too. Should I receive more requests for these places, my only option is to pull teachers from remote learning to open a new bubble, which would have an impact on remote learning. I am trying to balance these competing needs carefully, so am very grateful for parents' support, whilst recognising how very hard it is for you all too. We all just want to be back!

Parent meetings – bookings are still open if you haven't made one yet. Yesterday I sent an email out to parents explaining the expectation for these meetings and what will be appearing on Seesaw to enable teachers to meet you. Do make sure you've checked that out and know the plans!

To finish, may I wish you a happy half term once again. Hopefully as we return, we will hear more about the plans for returning to school. Please remember that we do not get any advance information about this! As soon as there is a clear directive from the Government, we will be making safe arrangements for pupils, parents and staff and will communicate them clearly to you once again.

Take care, stay safe,

Miss Evans

Headteacher

Star of the Week

Reception	The Whole Class
Year 1	Anaaya
Year 2	Amelia
Year 3	Niamh
Year 4	Orlaith
Year 5	Lily
Year 6	Will

Diary Dates

2021

Monday 15th—Friday 19th February	HALF TERM
Thursday 25th March	Bag 2 School collection
Tuesday 30th March	Easter Service 2pm
Thursday 1st April	SPRING TERM ENDS
Monday 19th April	SUMMER TERM STARTS
Monday 3rd May	Early May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 18th May	Life Education Bus visit
Wednesday 19th May	Life Education Bus visit
Friday 28th May	Inset Day — School closed
Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June	HALF TERM
Monday 7th June	Inset Day — School closed
Wednesday 9th June	Bag 2 School collection
Monday 14th June	Class Photos
Wednesday 21st July	SUMMER TERM ENDS

2021-2022

Wednesday 1st September	Inset Day — School closed
Thursday 2nd September	AUTUMN TERM STARTS
Tuesday 12th October	Harvest Service 2pm
Friday 22nd October	Inset Day — School closed
Monday 25th Oct—Friday 29th Oct	HALF TERM