

Newsletter 9

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the half-term break, I want to take a moment to reflect on all of the progress and achievements of our pupils at Winford this term. It has been a pleasure to see the children's enthusiasm for learning and their growing confidence in school life. It has been a busy term with Bikeability, Safer Internet Day, Children's Mental Health Week and various other learning opportunities within each class. We hope that all of our families have a restful and enjoyable half term and return ready for another exciting term.

Mrs Tiernan



Celebration Assembly Certificates

Certificates were given to the following pupils this week:

Reception – Penelope & Magnus

Year 1 – Nevaeh & Bjorn

Year 2 – Cole & Robin

Year 3 – Xanthie & Ada

Year 4 – Monroe & Gussy

Year 5 – Cody & Matilda

Year 6 – Ava & Cody

Open The Book

Open the Book presented the Bible Story – John the Baptist – Matthew Chapter 3 v 1-7

John the Baptist was a messenger from God. John's father Zechariah, was told by an Angel, that John would tell everyone about God's forgiveness and baptise them in the River Jordan. John told the people at the river, God's Kingdom is coming, so say sorry for any wrongs and change your ways – share your food with others. He told tax collectors not to cheat people, soldiers not to force people to give them money, religious leaders to change their ways. Jesus arrived at the river and asked John to baptise him in the River Jordan as these were God's wishes. So, John did as he asked, and as Jesus came out of the river, the Holy Spirit came on him like a dove. Jesus heard a voice from Heaven – This is my son. The son I love. I am very pleased with him.

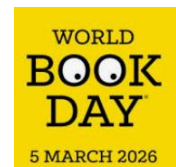
The Open the Book team pray the children will have a lovely half term break.

Amen.



World Book Day:

Winford will be celebrating World Book Day on Wednesday 4th March. We have a visiting story teller coming to the school to lead an assembly and deliver workshops to each class on this day, we are very excited for this! For this reason, we are celebrating World Book Day a day early! This also helps as Year 3 and 4 swim on a Thursday. **Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character or wear their pyjamas.**



Children's Mental Health Week:

This week we have been thinking about 'belonging' and what this looks and feels like in school. We were fortunate to have an assembly from our Education Mental Health Practitioner (who also held a coffee morning for parents earlier in the term and works with children in school every Tuesday), she talked about the importance of kindness, friendship and including everybody.

Thank you for your generosity today, we have raised £110.40 for the PTA to use towards wellbeing resources for the children.

Internet Safety Day:

We focused on Internet Safety during our Computing lessons. This is a great time to check filters and settings at home and to chat to your children about boundaries to keep them safe online.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zfcctcw>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>



A message from the Local Governing Board (LGB)

We are looking to expand our local governing board and we hope you can help

As governors we support the school and make a vital contribution. We work together to ensure the vision, clarity and strategic direction of the school. Our role is to hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and the effective performance management of staff.

Governors oversee the financial performance of the schools.

We welcome applications from anyone invested in the schools and the community we serve. This may be parents, grandparents, or another adult living in the community. No prior experience is necessary as training on all areas of governance will be provided.

Please contact our chair of governors, John Miles, jmiles@winfordprimary.com or the school on the address below to discuss the role in more detail. office@winfordprimary.com

[Winford Church of England Primary School - Governors](#)

Parents Evening Dates:

Parents are invited to discuss their child's progress with their class teacher and see their work on **Tuesday 24th March and Wednesday 25th March**. A link will be sent out nearer the time to book your slot.



Comic Relief 2026

This year Comic Relief is Friday 20th March 2026. We will be raising funds by holding a Non-Uniform Day.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT WELLS CATHEDRAL

17, 18 and 19 February 2026, 10.30am–3.30pm

Marvel at the medieval masterpieces of Wells Cathedral, discover the people and stories that made them, then make your very own souvenirs to take home!

Masons' Marks

Tuesday 17 February

Find signatures in stone left by the Cathedral builders, then design and carve your own maker's mark in soap.

Stories in Stitches

Wednesday 18 February

Discover the stories behind brilliant embroideries and altar frontals then stitch your own story or create a collage.

Wondrous Windows

Thursday 19 February

Explore the Cathedral's beautiful windows then try out stained glass themed crafts.

Admission included with entry ticket or locals' pass. (Please see our website for details.). No need to book – simply drop in on the day! And remember, entrance tickets last for a whole year meaning you can come back for many more of our holiday activities!

Please note that children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at these activities.



Winford C of E Primary School - Together we Flourish

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

Get Sported 2026 Camps

GET Sported kids have the fantastic opportunity to do a large range of sports such as football, cricket, hockey, tag-rugby, volleyball, dodgeball, basketball, gymnastics, tennis, athletics, ultimate frisbee, capture the flag, multi-skills and more, with sports varying each day! At various camps throughout the year children also have the opportunity to do other activities such as Lazer Tag, Arts and Crafts and our legendary Summer Water Games! Please click [here](#) for more details.



Looking for a fun, active introduction to sport for your child?

Bishop Sutton Tennis Club is offering **5 weeks of FREE tennis** for kids aged **6 & under** throughout March ●



Perfect for beginners



Fun, games-based sessions in a friendly, welcoming environment



Delivered by LTA-accredited coaches



Sessions run for 5 weeks from 2nd March



Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 4.00–4.45pm



Saturdays: 10.00–10.45am



How to book:

📅 Book into the **TOTS** session at: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/TennisinChewValley/Coaching/Junior>

👉 Use promo code **NEWTOTSPROMO2026** at checkout

Valley Arts Youth Theatre – Half Term Workshop

Tuesday 17 February 2026 • 10am–4pm Chew Magna Baptist Church, BS40 8SP

Join Valley Arts Youth Theatre for a fun, one-day drama workshop for ages **10–14 (Years 5–9)** led by professional director **Harry Gould**. Participants will explore English folktales, develop characters, learn improvisation and devising techniques, and build confidence and teamwork.

No experience needed. All materials provided. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring lunch, snacks and a drink. Harry is a Bristol-based director and theatre-maker, trained through Bristol Old Vic's *Made in Bristol* programme and LAMDA, and is a regular leader with Valley Arts youth theatre.

👉 Book now at ticketsource.co.uk/valley-arts

UPCOMING DATES

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>
Back to School	Monday	23 rd February
World Book Day	Wednesday	4 th March
Non-Uniform for Comic Relief	Friday	20 th March
Parents Evening	Tuesday	24 th March
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