



Monday 12th January 2026

Dear families, What a great start to a New Year it's been! Across the school, the children have returned with enthusiasm and positivity, and it has been a pleasure to see them so settled and ready to learn.

Pupil Progress meetings have now taken place between myself, Mrs Booth and all teaching staff. These meetings provided a valuable opportunity to share important information about every child and how best to support each learner. It was wonderful to hear how positive teachers were about their classes and the progress being made.

We are also delighted to welcome two Wessex Learning Trust trainee teachers to our school this term. Miss Sweeney will be working predominantly with our Year 1 children, and Mrs Nyamunda will be working mainly with Year 5. This is an exciting opportunity to share fresh ideas and approaches, while also giving our children the benefit of extra adults supporting learning in the classroom.

Finally, we would like to thank Mrs Pemberton and Mrs Booth for taking on the role of mentors. Their support and guidance will be invaluable in helping our trainee teachers develop and thrive.

We look forward to a successful and rewarding term ahead.

Warm regards,  
Mrs Baker

### The Two Ronnies!

We were delighted to welcome a very special visitor to school this week as Ronnie the PAT dog made his first visit (see right). Calm, friendly and very well-behaved, Ronnie quickly won over children and staff alike, making a wonderful first impression.

Some of you may have noticed that this means we currently have *two* Ronnies in school! While one is busy learning and playing with friends in year 5, the other is here to offer comfort, encouragement and plenty of wagging tails.

Together, *The Two Ronnies* have already brought lots of smiles into school.

As previously mentioned, PAT dog visits are a fantastic opportunity to support children's wellbeing, confidence and emotional development, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming Ronnie (the four-legged one!) back again soon.



### Celebrating sport!

It was great to celebrate the swimming successes of Evan, Asa and Daisy in assembly on Friday. Super to hear that they have been keeping busy and fit. This term, year 3 begin their swimming lessons with school, so we will no doubt hear about more swimming superstars as the term progresses.



## Parent Planner Autumn Term

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Forest School for Walnut and Oak Classes
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	PTFA meeting 8pm at the Woody
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Drumming workshop in Walnut Class
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Mock SATs week (details to follow from Miss Dewey)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Linden Class visit to Caerleon
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	PTFA AGM 8pm

### Looking for something fun to do after school?

Last year, we were lucky to have time in school with Tomasin and Alice, both local artists and parents of children here at Winscombe. Their local after-school club offers access to a range of high-quality art activities each week. See below for details...



**FOR CHILDREN AGE 6-11**

(YOUNGER AND SEN WELCOME WITH THEIR ADULT)



**EVERY THURSDAY 3.30-5PM**

**WE ARE TAKING BOOKINGS FOR OUR ART CLUB FOR THE NEXT 6 WEEKS FROM: THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY**

**TO BOOK EMAIL:**

**SOAPSOUPTHEATRECOMPANY@GMAIL.COM**

Full Term Price £60. Drop in £12 per session

Low/No wage and Sibling discount available on request  
Arts Club takes place at The Scout Hut, The Lynch, Somerset, BS25



We have asked year 5 and 6 children, some of whom carry phones to school because they make the journey on their own, to ensure that they are always switched off and kept in bags once they enter the school gate. They are then passed to the class teacher for safe-keeping and returned at the end of the day. To help us model the importance of face-to-face interactions, it would be great if parents and carers could avoid using mobile phones whilst on the playground. Thank you for helping us with our wider commitment to children's well-being.

### Inquiry topics for this term

New Inquiry topics have already begun in each class across the school and teachers will have shared Knowledge Organisers via Dojo at the end of last week. Please do have a look at these to see the key facts and vocabulary your child will be learning. They are a great way to help start learning conversations at home and reinforce new words.

- Year R:** Did dinosaurs rule the world?
- Year 1:** Is the weather the same everywhere all year?
- Year 2:** How are maps and plans used in stories?
- Year 3:** How did the Romans transform Britain?
- Year 4:** How do humans use mountains?
- Year 5:** How far did ancient Greece impact our modern world?
- Year 6:** How do extreme environments like Antarctica shape human exploration and survival?

### Weekly Crew Points!

Crew Brunel 168	Crew Cameron 181
Crew Concorde 195	Crew Matthew 207

