



Monday 19th January 2026

Dear Families,

At this time of year, we recognise Burns Night, which is celebrated on 25 January to mark the life and work of Scotland's national poet, Robert Burns. It is a time to celebrate Scottish culture, language and traditions, and to learn more about how poetry, music and history help shape national identity.

Across the school, this focus on culture and history is reflected in our curriculum. Classes have been exploring different countries and cultures, with our Year 5 pupils learning about Ancient Greece and Year 3 pupils discovering life in Roman times. These topics help bring history to life and encourage curiosity, critical thinking and an appreciation of how the past has shaped the world we live in today.

In our assemblies this week, we have been focusing on the importance of attitude. We have been thinking about how having a positive attitude towards ourselves and towards others can make a real difference — helping us to build confidence, show kindness, and create a sense of happiness and well-being within our school community.

I wish everyone a happy and positive week ahead.

Warm regards,
Mrs Baker

A musical start to Friday Morning

A big thank you to Tilly who played us into Celebration assembly on Friday morning. She confidently shared 'Morning Has Broken' to an audience of parents and childrenand she even came back for an encore!



The school council recognised how lovely it is to let children share their musical talents and for this reason, there is now a sign-up sheet outside the hall where children can volunteer to play. Next week, we welcome Arya on the guitar.



We are excited to be supporting NSPCC Number Day on Friday 6 February, a nationwide event that raises money for the NSPCC while celebrating the fun of maths. Every class will have a special focus on numbers with exciting activities. Children are invited to come into school wearing something inspired by numbers – this could be a favourite number, a fun pattern, or anything maths-themed! Teachers will share more details via DoJo next week. Families who would like to make a donation can do so using the link below

https://www.justgiving.com/page/winscombe-school-14?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



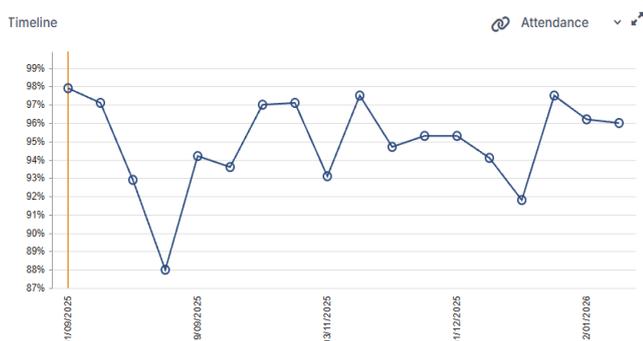
Parent Planner Spring Term	
Monday 26th January	Year 6 Mock SATs week
Tuesday 3rd February	Linden Class visit to Caerleon
Wednesday 4th February	Maple Class to watch Sidcot's production of 'Matilda'
Monday 10th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 12th February	PTFA AGM 8pm
Thursday 12th February	PTFA 'Bend the Rules' Day – further details to follow
Friday 13th February	Inset Day
Monday 23rd February	Start of Term 4
	PTFA meeting @The Woody 8pm
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 17th March	Parents Consultation Evening
Thursday 19th March	Parents Consultation Evening
Tuesday 24th March	Linden Class trip to Somerset Earth Science Centre

Attendance – Every day counts

We would like to thank all our families for taking **attendance and punctuality** seriously. These are both important parts of our safeguarding responsibility, ensuring that every child is safe and ready to learn. School doors open at **8.45am**, and teachers are always ready to greet children with a smile, helping them start the day in a calm and positive way. We are grateful to you for working with us: for making sure your child arrives to school on time for all sessions and for avoiding booking holidays during term time — it really makes a difference to their learning and well-being.

We understand that children may occasionally have minor illnesses or, at times, more significant medical needs. The impact of the autumn term chickenpox outbreak can be clearly seen in the attendance graph below. Beyond these circumstances, we kindly ask families to avoid taking occasional or unauthorised days off, as regular attendance is essential in ensuring that all children can access the widest possible range of learning opportunities and experiences to help them succeed.

Please take a moment to look at the attendance graph below. Our aim is for all children to achieve attendance above 95%, unless there is an exceptional circumstance.



Weekly Crew Points

Crew Brunel 160	Crew Cameron 161
Crew Concorde 161	Crew Matthew 163

It was a close one this week, with just one or two points difference in the totals. Well done everyone who has earned a crew point for demonstrating our school values or learning powers.

Celebrating other successes!

This week, in celebration assembly, we were proud of Alex, who shared his football trophy; Reggie, who shared his rugby award; Florence and Bobbi, who shared their gymnastics medals; and Sophie, who shared her prize for most improved equestrian.

Isabella, Alfie, Austin, Freya, Zack, Hugo and Grace were commended for receiving their bronze certificates. Miss Humphrey shared with us what super attitudes they all show towards their learning and their different skills and interests.

Well done everyone!

SATs information evening Wednesday 28th Jan, 5pm

Year 6 parents, please come and join us this Wednesday, where Miss Dewey will be sharing important information about preparing for SATS & handing out study guides for Maths and English to support each child in school and at home.