



Monday 6th October 2025

Dear Families,

Welcome to October! We are still fortunate to be enjoying some warm autumn days, which has made our Forest School sessions especially enjoyable. Under the guidance of our experienced lead, Mrs Brown, the children continue to explore seasonal changes and the wonders of the natural world in their school surroundings and beyond.

School life remains positively busy with a wide range of curriculum and extra-curricular opportunities: Inquiry topics are well underway across all classes, and there is a buzz of excitement around learning - from Year 2's studies of the Great Fire of London to Year 5's exploration of space, to Silver Birch's learning about what makes them marvellous!

This week also marks the beginning of 'Bikeability' for Years 4 and 5: sessions which provide pupils with an important opportunity to develop essential road safety skills.

With best wishes for the week ahead,
Mrs Baker

Well-being Week

Friday 10th - 17th October

This coming **Friday 10th October** is World Mental Health Day and we will be showing our support for 'Young Minds', which raises awareness of the importance of children's mental health.

We are inviting all children to **wear an item of yellow to brighten the day** (along with their PE kit) and to join us for a Big Morning Run (or walk) at 9am on the school field. Mums and Dads, Grannies and Grandads are welcome to stay and join us too!

Our 'Big Morning Run' will mark the beginning of our well-being week, where each day, children will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of well-being activities in class.

Parents and carers, you are very welcome to join Mrs Booth, our school mental health lead, in the school hall between **9am and 9.30am on Monday 13th October** for a 'Coffee and Connect'.

Please do come along, catch up with other parents and meet some of our team.



Winscombe v. Brent Knoll Football Match

Thank you to all of our year 6 children who stayed after school last Thursday to play a friendly game of football against Brent Knoll Primary School.

It was a fast-paced game, enjoyed by all, and great to see so many players and supporters on the field after school. On this occasion, Winscombe were beaten, although they are very keen to play again!

Thank you too, to Mr Bayliss and Miss Dewey for staying to support, to parents for helping with goal posts and to Mr. Hindes for stepping in as referee.

Thank you

We are very grateful to have had a generous parent donation made to the PTFA. We will ensure that careful consideration is given to ensuring this money is well spent in a way to benefit all children and will update you when we have more news to share.

National Poetry Day – October 2nd

What a treat we were given, to celebrate National poetry day with choral poetry performances from every class in the school! I am sure you will agree that the children spoke so clearly, with expression and movement making each group performance hugely enjoyable. For our youngest pupils, this would have been their first time speaking in front of such a large audience and it made us feel very proud.



Parent Planner Autumn Term

Thursday 9th October	Open Day – Tours at 10am and 2pm
Friday 10th October	World Mental Health Day – Wear yellow – join us at 9am for our Big Morning Run!
Thursday 9th & Friday 10th October	Bikeability
Monday 13th October	9 – 9.30am Parents ‘Coffee and Connect’ : join Mrs Booth in the school hall
Tuesday 14th October	Ash Class – Egyptology workshop taking place at school
Thursday 16th & Friday 17th October	Bikeability
Thursday 23rd October	Maple Class – ‘We The Curious’ visit
Friday 24th October	School Closed - INSET
Monday 3rd November	Start of Term 2
Thursday 6th November	PTFA Fireworks evening at School
Tuesday 18th & Thursday 20th Nov	Parents’ Meetings
Monday 8th December	Oak Class Nativity 9.30am
Tuesday 9th December	Silver Birch Class Nativity 9.30am
Thursday 11th December	Walnut Class Nativity 9.30am
Monday 15th December	Pantomime
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 17th December	Community Carols – 2pm – more information to follow
Thursday 18th December	KS2 Carol Service at St James’ Church 1.15pm (note slight time change)
Friday 19th December	End of Autumn Term



Exciting times for Winscombe footballers!

Well done to Finn, Leo, Archie, Joseph, Hugo, Ronnie, Teddy and Albie, who were flag bearers at Bristol City last Tuesday night. Great job boys – you all look so smart!

Ash Class Visit to Bristol Museum

Last Tuesday, the 30th, Ash class visited Bristol Museum and Art Gallery to explore the Ancient Egypt gallery. The collection was brilliant; it was exciting to see in real life what we have been learning about in class.

The children were especially fascinated by the real mummy, the canopic jars, the cat mummies, and the wooden toy horse. They also enjoyed a workshop on the travels of Amelia Edwards, a nineteenth-century Egyptologist whose work is linked with the museum collection. During the session, pupils handled both original and replica artefacts; discovering more about Egyptian life and beliefs.

It is safe to say everyone had a great time. A big thank you to the parents who helped; we could not have done it without you!



Thank you to our Eco-Warriors, who have already met with Mrs. Axton and have some great ideas for ensuring we look after our school environment and resources.

Crew Points:

Brunel	290
Cameron	293
Matthew	286
Concorde	260

Well done to this week’s award winners: Evan shared his triple gold medals for his swimming gala at Milfield.

We also celebrated some footballers, swimmers, gymnasts, cheerleaders and scout of the year!

An interview with Mrs. Horwood

By Sadie and Annabelle, year 6

Thank you to Sadie and Annabelle, who have this week planned and written 'an interview with ...' one of our members of staff. We hope you enjoy finding out more about Mrs. Horwood. Great job girls!



We spoke to Mrs. Horwood and asked her some questions about her school career.

Here are her answers ...

We first asked, 'How long have you been working at Winscombe Primary School?'

Mrs Horwood answered 'Over ten years!'

Next, we asked, 'What are your hobbies outside of school?'

She answered, 'I enjoy hockey, coastal walking, cooking and concerts.'

After, we asked, 'What was your favourite subject when you were younger?'

Her answer, 'Definitely History – I really enjoyed learning about the past – I found it very interesting.'

Then we asked, 'Do you enjoy your job and working with children?'

She answered, 'Yes, I LOVE MY JOB, especially working with children – they are more interesting than adults (most of the time)'

Finally, we asked her, 'What did you aspire to do when you were younger and are you glad you pursued this particular career path?'

She answered, 'I really wanted to be a nurse like my mum, but the job just wasn't built for me as I am not keen on anything to do with blood! And yes ... I am very pleased that I pursued this career. I love working with children, so this job was perfect for me.'

And that's the end of our interview with Mrs. Horwood. We hope that you enjoyed learning more about her (as she is a very interesting person – are we right?) We think that she deserved this paragraph to be written about her because she is a very kind person and she will always encourage you to do your best and she will listen to you if you have a problem. Thanks for reading!

