



MONDAY 11th MAY 2026

Dear families,

This week marks the beginning of our year 6 SATS and I would like to wish each and every one of our year 6 pupils the very best of luck. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and effort in the lead-up to this week, and we know they will be supported well to approach each day with resilience and confidence.

To start each SATs morning, all year 6 children have been invited to school early to share breakfast together, so that they can begin the day feeling relaxed and ready. While we recognise that SATs are an important milestone in a primary school journey, we are equally mindful that they capture only a snapshot of each child's learning. Each of our pupils bring so many strengths and qualities to school every day, and these assessments sit within a much broader picture of who they are as learners and individuals. Our focus, as always, is on celebrating the whole child and the progress they continue to make over time.

Looking ahead to the end of the week, we are excited about the PTFA disco on Thursday after school! We are also looking forward to welcoming year 6 friends from Brent Knoll Primary School on Friday. Together, we will enjoy a friendly game of football, a picnic lunch, and a visit to the park—a lovely opportunity for enjoyment, connection and celebration after a busy week.

Warm wishes
Mrs Baker

Happy 100th!

Last week marked the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough, whose life's work has inspired millions to care for and protect our natural world. Sir David's big birthday leads nicely into this week's assembly theme of the environment and how we can work together to look after it and make the world a better place. At home, you might like to talk together about one small change your family could make to help the environment—such as reducing plastic use, saving energy, recycling more carefully, or spending more time appreciating nature outdoors.

Timekeeping counts

We would greatly appreciate your support with punctuality at both the start and end of the school day. Our doors open ready for a calm and purposeful start at 8:45am, and children who arrive on time are best placed to settle quickly and begin their learning positively. Similarly, school finishes at 3:20pm, and it is important that children are collected promptly. Late collection can cause unnecessary anxiety for children and makes it difficult for staff to carry out their wider responsibilities. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us ensure a smooth, calm, and well-organised day for everyone.



PE Kits

We are proud of our smart PE kits and really value the time we spend being active in school. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that children come to school wearing appropriate PE kit. Recently, we have noticed that some shorts being worn are very short in length, such as cycling-style shorts, which can limit comfort and suitability for certain activities. We would appreciate it if parents could ensure that children wear shorts of an appropriate length (mid-thigh or longer), allowing them to move confidently and comfortably in all aspects of school life. Thank you for helping us to ensure that all children feel comfortable, confident, and dressed in a smart and appropriate way for school activities.



Forest School Update

We are excited to share that Mrs Clayton has recently begun Forest School Leader training, which will be a fantastic asset to our whole school community. She completed her first training session this weekend and has already gained valuable knowledge about supporting children's learning outdoors.

Forest School approaches help to build confidence, resilience and independence, while also encouraging teamwork, problem-solving skills and a deeper connection with the natural environment. This training will really complement Mrs Clayton's existing role as learning support assistant and ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) We are proud to see our staff continually



developing their expertise and are excited about the opportunities this will bring for all of our children.



CELEBRATIONS

Sophie competed in the British Riding Clubs Winter Dressage National Championships on the 26th April. She was placed just outside the top 10 by a fraction of a mark for both her individual tests and her team came 10th. It was a Massive competition, very strong competitors, Sophie was one of the youngest riders.



BRC Howden Winter Dressage Championships 2026

A School Anthem!

A big well done to Scarlett, Imogen, Baylee-Ann, Eliot, Frankie, Ted, Roux and Isaac, who worked with Mr Doswell last week to compose their very own 'School Anthem'. As part of their recent reading comprehension work, Year 4 have been exploring different types of anthems, including the National Anthem and a World Cup anthem. They discovered how anthems are uplifting pieces of music that celebrate communities and bring people together. Inspired by this, these children chose to extend their learning by creating an anthem of their own—showing great creativity, teamwork and enthusiasm. Please enjoy some of their super extracts alongside

WEEKLY CREW POINTS

259	228
224	223

Celebration Assembly

Silver birch - 10 smiley faces - Oscar and Leo
Walnut - 20 smiley faces - Arthur T, Harry, Jessica
Ash - Silver award - Caid
Maple - Gold award - Charles and Finley
Sycamore - Platinum - Gabriella
Iris (Linden) Decorating a jar for Banwell gardening competition (3rd place); Ellie (Walnut) swimming; Alex and Hugo (Linden) football; Elliot (Oak) swimming and football; Eli (Oak), Sam, Ronnie, Wilbur and Fred N (Maple) Rugby tournament; Jake W (Linden) Beavers bronze badge.

In our school we all work best
When putting our learning to the test
All our subjects make us smart
Especially sharing wonderful art (Isaac)

CHORUS

Standing proud on Winscombe Hill
Winscombe School is thriving still
Our school values make us strong
A special place where we belong
(everyone)

Reading, playing, having fun
Winscombe School's for everyone
Learn and read and write and play
We find out new things every day
(Scarlett)



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'I couldn't have wished for a more supportive group of staff and fellow trainees... The MSC team have all been incredible and there is always someone there to talk to should you need it.'

— **Danni**

'The primary training course has been supportive and practical, allowing me to build confidence and develop invaluable classroom skills. Importantly, it has worked well around being a parent, allowing me to successfully balance training alongside a busy family life.'

— **Sarah**

'A real strength of the course is the opportunity for primary and secondary trainees to work together'

— **Millie**

'Placement schools are varied and well chosen, including first schools, middle schools, and primary schools. Being placed locally has helped us build strong networks across the area, which feels invaluable for future job opportunities and professional connections.'

— **Millie**

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PARENT PLANNER

Monday 11th May	PTFA meeting 8pm @Woody	Tuesday 30th June`	Silver Birch Trip to Puxton Park
	SATs Week	July 1st - July 3rd	Y6 Residential at Lydeard Farm
Thursday 14th May	PTFA Disco	Wednesday 8th July	Whole school to KOW Sports Festival
Thursday 21st May	Maple Class Barton Camp	Thursday 9th July	Y4 Swimming Gala
	Winscombe Cricket Festival (details to follow)		Oak Class to Nempnett Farm
	PTFA Cake Sale Oak Class	Friday 10th July	Sports Day 1 st option
Friday 22nd May	Maple Class Barton Camp	Saturday 11th July	The return of the Summer Fayre
Friday 12th June	PTFA Bingo Bonaza	Monday 13th July	PTFA meeting 8pm @Woody
Monday 15th June	PTFA Meeting @Woody 8pm	Tuesday 14th July	KS2 Production to parents 9.30am & 6pm
Thursday 18th June	Walnut Class Trip to Weston Museum	Wednesday 15th July	Sports Day 2 nd option
Tuesday 23rd June	Induction Day Y6 to Churchill Academy	Thursday 16th July	Cream tea for helpers 2.30pm
Wednesday 24th June	Y6 Drama Day at Churchill Academy	Friday 17th July	Leavers assembly 9.00am