

Dear Families,

What a wonderful week it has been at The Winchcombe School! The festivities began with our amazing performances by our KS1 children in 'The Inn-spectors'. Even though we had last minute stand-ins due to illness the children performed with real **Courage** and confidence. FS1 (Acorns) and FS2 followed with another high-quality performance which included songs, poetry and Makaton signing (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m9efYyaAeco>). Seeing our children, staff and families come together really shows what the true spirit of Christmas is all about. Thank you to all who enabled these to happen!

Christmas Lunch Wednesday 18th

We are looking forward to our school Christmas Lunch next Wednesday and would like to invite all the children to wear their Christmas Jumpers again to maximise their usage and to add to the festivities. Normal school uniform should still be worn underneath. If you have not yet ordered your child's lunch please ensure you have placed your order on School Grid before Monday.

Sports News

Congratulations to Jacob S in Y6 for his gold in the 50m fly and silver in the 100m front crawl at the Reading U11 swim meet last weekend!! Well done Jacob! Unfortunately, our match against Francis Bailey was called off this week due to illness at their end, hopefully we will be able to reschedule early next term.

Reading Café Morning

Thanks to all our families who have joined us over the last two sessions for biscuits and books- it is always lovely to see you bond over reading.

FOWS

A HUGE and heartfelt thanks to all at FOWS for their **Kindness** and support last week in making our Christmas Fayre such a success. Your generosity and support helped us to raise over £2,500!!! Congratulations to Alex in Chestnut for winning the Gingerbread Trail prize and Libby in Y3 for winning the Elf who is now named Baxter!

Word of the Week

To help with next week's word please try to put the word into a sentence, define the word, look it up, draw a picture of the word, look for it in a magazine or ask them to explain how they could use it in class.

Next week the new word will be: **subdue**

Farewell

Next week we will be saying a fond farewell to our amazingly talented School Business Manager, Mrs Peacock. She has been a major factor in keeping our premises looking tip-top, managing our Health and Safety along with monitoring our school budget within ever-growing constraints over the last 14 years. She has also driven hundreds of children to events over the years in the minibus and makes a mean caramel shortbread/fig shortbread which has been shared on our Y6 Residential trips. Mrs Peacock – thank you!

We will also be saying au revoir to Mrs Goldstein as she begins her maternity leave. Pine class will miss her greatly but we look forward to seeing her with her new baby in the new year.

End of term

A reminder we will be finishing next Friday at 12:05pm, there is **NO** Phoenix Club on the last day of each full term. Please collect your child from their classroom door as usual.

Our annual tradition of the choir performing under 'snow' is a spectacle not to be missed and they will be singing at our main gates before school starts.

If you are entitled to a free lunch (Years R to 2 and Pupil Premium Grant children) and would like one please place your order on School Grid before Monday. Additional if your child would like Christmas lunch and you have not yet placed the order, please ensure you have ordered on School Grid before Monday.

Upcoming events at school

December	January
18 th Christmas lunch	6 th INSET day
19 th FS2 Christmas party	7 th School starts
20 th End of term 12:05pm	16 th Willow Class Assembly
	23 rd Oak Class Assembly
	30 th Pine Class Assembly

Enjoy your weekend - don't forget there is a lantern parade in Newbury this Sunday night from 4:30 if you'd like to join in with something magical! <https://cornexchangenew.com/events/festival-of-light-2024>

Kind Regards,

Matt Percy