

## A message from the Headmaster

Dear Parents and Carers,

It came as something of a shock this week that a glimpse at the calendar confirmed that we are already only two weeks away from the halfway



point of the academic year! Typically, such a significant marker as the halfway point would call for a pause and some reflection on the many great achievements so far accomplished.

However, I wish to recognise the achievements, the seemingly minor signs of progress, made by our nursery and reception children. Where before, they entered the school in silence or focused on the footprints on the path, many now greet me cheerfully, proudly carrying their own bags and lunch boxes. Such apparently trivial signs are indications of something much more significant; a developing confidence and independence, a testament to the winning combination of home and school working successfully together.



## What a performance

What better way for our children to enjoy Shakespeare than a live production here at Windlesham School. Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoyed and participated in a performance of 'Midsummer Night's Dream' from The Young Shakespeare Company. Our children were able to see and understand how Shakespeare transformed theatre and how much can be accomplished through plot and language. During this term, our children have worked hard on producing setting and character descriptions using a host of literary devices which helped them to understand and appreciate such an enjoyable performance.

Reporter: Miss Thompsett and Mrs Jones



## New members of staff

It is with great pleasure that I am able to now officially welcome two new staff to Windlesham this term - Miss Joanna May, our new Year 3 teacher and Mrs Kiernan, our new SENCo. If you have not yet had a chance to chat with them, please do.

Reporter: Mr Ingrassia

## Preparing children for life



# General news

## Invitation from Waterstones

Through our association with Waterstones, the following invitation has been extended to Windlesham pupils directly from the Brighton store manager. This is an event organised entirely independently of Windlesham School. If you would like any further information, please contact Richard Naiff-Mackie, Events Manager, Waterstones Brighton, 01273 206017.

It's that time of year again where we celebrate the wonderful work of J.K. Rowling on Harry Potter Book Night. This year it falls on Thursday 1st February and we at Waterstones Brighton have decided to have a Harry Potter quiz night where teams of between 2 and 6 can come along, swig a glass of Butterbeer and have lots of fun competing against fellow HP enthusiasts. We will be hosting the quiz between 6pm and 8pm on the 1st of February so not too late for children (we'd love to have tables of families taking part together). Tables can be reserved by emailing [events.brighton@waterstones.com](mailto:events.brighton@waterstones.com) or by calling 01273 206017. We have limited space so I would advise doing this sooner rather than later. Here is the link to the event on our website: <https://www.waterstones.com/events/harry-potter-book-night-quiz/brighton>

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## Healthy and nut-free lunchbox and snacks

Please remember we are a nut-free school when preparing lunchboxes and snacks. **It is important to check labels as many products may contain traces of nuts, such as pesto and nutella.** We have children in the school who are highly allergic to nuts.

Also, please could we ask all parents and carers to check the Portal to ensure you have informed the school about any allergies your child might have.



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## Owlets parents and carers meeting

Thank you to all the nursery parents and carers who attended the transition meeting on Thursday 11th January. It was lovely to see so many of you. During the meeting, Mrs Older and Miss Jarman presented information regarding the aims of the reception year at Windlesham School and how we support transition through the Early Years curriculum. The parents were invited to look at the reception learning environment and were given the opportunity to ask questions. If you would like to view the classrooms at any time or ask any further questions, please contact Mrs Jackson in the office.

Reporters: Mrs Older and Miss Jarman

## Charity update

This year, one of our charity projects is to support The Martlets by participating in 'Snailspace' which is the follow up to their very successful 'Snowdogs by the Sea' in 2016. We are looking forward to entering a Junior Snail Sculpture which we shall decorate as a school. 2018 is an exciting year for Windlesham School and Nursery as we will be celebrating our 70th anniversary. I am sure Miss Cooper, the school's founder, will be looking down at us, proud of all that the school has achieved. We are thinking about incorporating the celebration of the anniversary into our Junior Snail Sculpture design. This project is ongoing until December 2018 and we will send you updates along the way. In the meantime, if any parent, carer or company is interested in being a sponsor to help with this project, I would be delighted to hear from you.

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This year, we will continue to collect empty egg boxes and the 10p carrier bags which we donate to the Hangleton & West Blatchington Food Bank. Please hand donations to the office. Thank you.

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Thank you to everyone who supported our Crib and Carol Services. This morning at assembly, we donated a cheque of £575.61 to a representative from the Children with Cancer Fund and learnt a little more about the work they do.

Reporter: Ms Groves



## Swimming galas

### U11 v Lancing College - 16th January

Windlesham Swim Team produced an outstanding victory in the Lancing College Mid Winter Relay Gala. Competing against 16 extremely strong swimming schools from Sussex and Kent, and despite losing two of our strongest swimmers due to illness, Windlesham won gold medals in the freestyle relay and received bronze medals in the medley relay.

Congratulations to all the team from year 6: Elizabeth, Ra, Eli, Zachary, Zac, George D, Lily, Biba, Daniel and Harry.

### U8-11 v Moira House - 22nd January

Last week, we hosted a swimming gala against Moira House from Eastbourne. Windlesham entered two teams with a total of 30 children representing the school, from years 3 to 6. Despite having 5 swimmers drop out due to illness, Windlesham won 15 of the 20 races including all the relays. This was an outstanding achievement and congratulations must go to each and every team member:

Year 3: Molly, Florence, Isaac, Alex, Marina and Ava

Year 4: Henry, Alaska, Theo, Zoe, Lola, Diego, Scarlett, Amelia and Rhea

Year 5: George, Hermione, Zac, Ted, Katie, Emma and Eli

Year 6: Harry, Elizabeth, Zac, Biba, Daniel, Christian, Ra and Lily

The final scores were: WINDLESHAM B 36 points, MOIRA HOUSE 43 points, WINDLESHAM A 65 points.

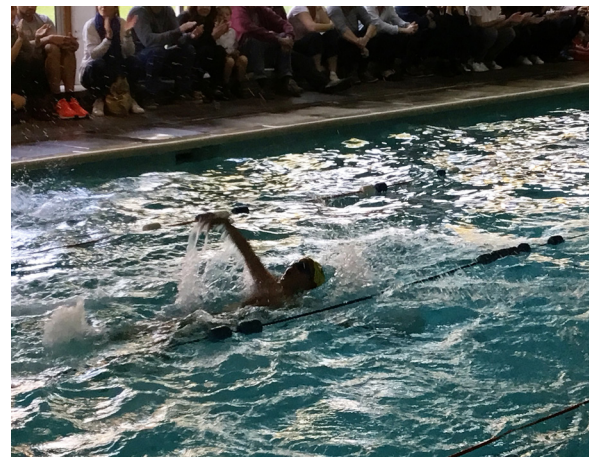
It was a great victory against very strong opponents, the atmosphere in the pool was electric with both teams being very well supported. Many thanks to FOW for providing an excellent after gala tea.

Reporter: Mr Lambert

## PADI Seals

Looking ahead to the end of the spring term, we plan to run more PADI Bubblemaker taster sessions for pupils aged 8 years and above. In the summer term, we hope to run another PADI Seal Programme for those that have completed the Bubblemaker course. For pupils who have worked through the programme so far, we are looking to offer the Junior Open Water course so they can make the transition into the sea with our instructors at Ocean View.

Reporter: Mrs Fox



## Summer term sailing club

### Express your interest

During the summer term, we hope to offer an after-school sailing club at Hove Lagoon to pupils in Years 3-6, to learn the basics of sailing through the governing body awards; the Royal Yachting Awards Level 1 & 2.

At this stage, we seek an expression of interest to help us gauge numbers and firm up our provisional booking.

The course would consist of ten sessions lasting 90 minutes with all equipment, tuition and insurance provided from the instructors at the centre.

Pupils would be transported to Hove Lagoon for the 16:15 start and then collected by parents and carers at 17:45. The anticipated cost of the course is in the region of £180 - £190, depending on take up.

At this stage, all we ask is that you express an interest via email to [info@windleshamschool.co.uk](mailto:info@windleshamschool.co.uk)

Reporter: Mrs Fox



## Cross country event

### U11 v Great Walstead - 25th January

Our U11 cross country team took part alongside 13 other schools in the annual inter-school event held at Great Walstead School. With conditions anticipated to be cold, wet and heavy underfoot it was a pleasant surprise to have glorious sunshine. It meant the team just had the mud to contend with. U11 girls went out first and put in a great effort, with Lilly leading the team home. The boys were next and made short work of the mud. We were delighted to see Ra heading around the final corner to come in 9th overall, quickly followed by Samuel and Sonny. Well done to all the team members as all their points counted in this team event.



Reporter: Mrs Fox

# School Activities



## Year 2 Roman WOW Day

### Year 2 explore the ancient world

The WOW day launched our new topic with great enthusiasm. It was fantastic to see everyone make such an effort with dressing up. We were transported into the ancient world where we tasted food, made mosaics out of sweets, and used junk modelling to create ancient buildings. We also drew, cut out and labelled life-sized Roman soldiers to guard the ancient buildings!

Reporter: Miss Kennedy



## Racing car driver visits reception

Last Friday, the reception children had a visit from a racing car driver, Tom Hill. He is currently at university studying a Masters in Engineering and Car Design. He talked to the children about racing cars and car design. He showed the children some of the safety equipment that he wears as well as car parts such as the steering wheel.

The children earned enough marbles for their treat, Wacky Racing. They had great fun outside taking part in races on scooters and tricycles.

Reporter: Ms Jarman



# School Activities

## Spring is in the air!

When 2S returned from a tour of the school grounds as part of their science topic about seeds and growth, we were surprised at the range of plants they had discovered. A big thank you to our gardener, Ali Onyett, who takes such good care of the plants. Below are the beautiful photos taken by 2S on their tour of Windlesham. We'll definitely need Ali's help in trying to name them all ...

Reporter: Mrs Slater

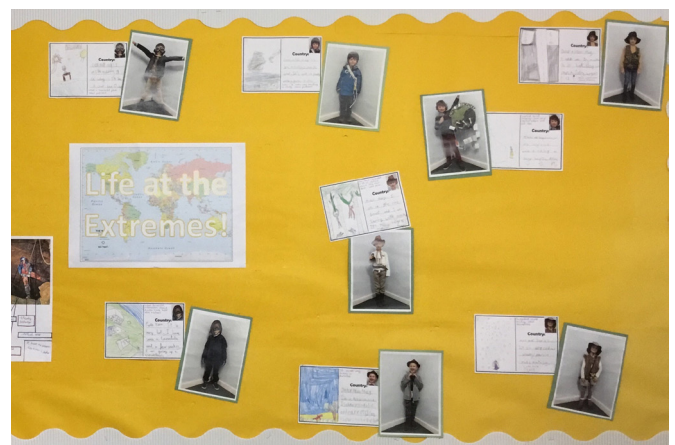


## Year 3 Explorer WOW Day

### Life at the Extremes

On Friday 12th January, year 3 started their new topic 'Life at the Extremes' with a WOW day. The children came in to school dressed as explorers. They all made a fantastic effort and we learnt a lot about the different explorers they had chosen to dress up as, as well as the reasons why they needed to bring certain equipment for their travels. They enjoyed writing postcards from their chosen destination as well as creating some beautiful collages to represent different environments.

Reporter: Miss May



## Important Spring 2018 Dates - To Half Term

### MONDAY 29TH JANUARY

Year 2 Roman Day

### WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY

Years 1 & 2: Maths Curriculum Workshop for Parents and Carers

8.30 - 9.30

### THURSDAY 1ST FEBRUARY

Years 3 & 4 Rugby: U8 & 9 V Lancing Hove (Away)

14.15 - 16.15

### WEDNESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

Years 5 & 6: English Workshop - Reading Support for Parents and Carers

8.30 - 9.30 (School Hall)

Year 6 Netball and Rugby: U11 V Our Lady of Sion (Away)

14.30

### THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

Years 3 - 6 Swimming: U8 - 11 V Brighton and Hove Prep (Home)

16.00 - 17.00

Last day of half-term for pupils

## Windlesham School Term Dates 2018/19

### Autumn Term 2018

#### Staff Inset days

Monday 3rd and  
Tuesday 4th September

#### Term starts

Wednesday 5th September

#### Half term holiday

Monday 22nd October –  
Friday 2nd November inclusive

#### Term ends

Friday 14th December

### Spring Term 2019

#### Staff Inset Day

Monday 7th January

**Term starts:** Tuesday  
8th January

#### Staff Inset

Friday 15th February

#### Half term holiday

Monday 18th February –  
Friday 22nd February inclusive

**Term ends:** Friday 29th March



### Summer Term 2019

#### Easter Monday

Monday 22nd April

#### Staff Inset day

Tuesday 23rd April

#### Term starts

Wednesday 24th April

#### Bank Holiday

Monday 6th May (school closed)

#### Half Term Holiday

Monday 27th May –  
Friday 31st May inclusive

**Term ends:** Friday 12th July



### Facebook

Don't forget to check out our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/WindleshamSchool](https://www.facebook.com/WindleshamSchool) which is regularly updated with news of the latest events and activities.



# Friends of Windlesham

## A big thank you ...

to everyone who supported our Christmas Fayre. We had a record number of volunteers and had lots of positive feedback on all the wonderful year group stalls. We are very grateful to Taj the Grocers and Blockbusters Contacts Ltd for sponsoring the main prizes in the raffle, as well as to all the other individuals and companies who donated raffle prizes.

**The estimated profit for this event is £1,476. 88.**

## How to get involved

### Join the FOW Committee

The Committee meets a minimum of 6 times per year (once per half term). Being on the Committee requires an average of 2 hours per week of your time.

### Be a year group rep

Year group representatives help FOW communicate with parents and carers of a specific year. They are involved in helping to design and plan activities for parents and carers of that year group. Being a year group rep will require an average of 2 hours per month of your time.

### Commit to plan a one-off event

All events and activities will be published at the beginning of the school year. Parents and carers can sign up to help plan and deliver specific activities as their time permits.

### Volunteer at events

Every event and activity needs people to set up, run stalls and clear up afterwards. All help is welcome. Volunteering at events requires an hour of your time for any specific event. Please contact [chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk](mailto:chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk) for more information and to get involved in any way that you can.

## Key dates

**TUESDAY 20th MARCH**  
**Family Bingo evening, 16.00 - 18.00**  
**Tickets to go on sale soon**  
**Adults £6, Children £4**

**FRIDAY 23rd MARCH**  
**Easter Egg Hunt for the whole school**  
**Details TBC**

**Please come and join the fun, meet other parents and help the Windlesham community**



**Want to get involved or simply join in the fun?**  
**Please email [chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk](mailto:chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk)**

# Achievements

## Merit Badges

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at 26th January):

### Lower School

Teddy, Subhan, Rowan, Elias, Summer, Willow and Charlie.

### Upper School

Michael O, James T, Faris, Sami, Ben K, De Angelo, Harry S, Amber, Molly, Lola, Henry, Rhea, Daisy, Tilly, Ruby and Christian.

## Owls Awards

Ihsaan, Nathaniel, Jackson, Emily, Jayden, Claudia, Jem, Penny, Alex A, Max B, Shayan, William G, Ben K, Michael M, Ted, Jakob, Harry U, Nathaniel, Reuben, Zac, Noah, Subhan, Rowan, Joel and Raphael.

## House totals for the autumn term

### House Christmas totals

Arundel	£31.50
Bodiam	£48.50
Lewes	£66.50

### House points totals

Arundel	1406
Bodiam	1277
Lewes	1450

Congratulations to all members of Lewes, the overall winners for last term. Lewes was rewarded with a non-uniform day last Friday.



## The Prefects for this part of the term are as follows:

2K Fawn  
Noah

2S Primrose  
Elliot

3JM Penny  
Cameron

3M James  
Lila

4CM Buckley  
Lola

4F Ollie  
Fiontan

5CC Billy  
Ben

5CF Katie  
Jakob

## The School Councillors are as follows:

Year 6 Amber, Daniel, Roco and Sam

Year 5 Ted, Astrid, Katie and Emma

Year 4 Elsa, Faris, Ollie and Amelia

Year 3 Penny, Michael, Max  
and Marina

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