



# NEWSLETTER | 9/12/22



## Superhero Day in Reception

In Reception this term a favourite book that ran in conjunction with Friendship Week was Supertato by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet. Over the week we asked the children to be Friendship Superheroes in and around our school. In the classroom we enjoyed activities such as making a card for a special friend, designing a Superhero with friendship powers and saving the evil pea who was trapped in jelly.

We discussed our Windlesham values of kindness and care towards others, however unkind they might be. We explored a mix of objects and materials and had a go at designing something that might be able to help save the peas. Each child then had a 1 minute time limit to use their idea to try to free one of the Evil Peas from the jelly.

Finally at the end of the week the children had lots of fun dressing up as superheroes themselves. In the classroom we designed our own Superhero as a group and thought of Friendship Superpowers such as "glitter that sprinkled care", "holding hands for support" and "sharing and playing together".

Reporter: Mrs Gomez



We all know that nothing influences people more than a recommendation from a friend. We would be really grateful if you could 'like' and 'share' our posts on Facebook & Instagram. To find us, just search for Windlesham School or click on the icons here.

Google reviews also raise our profile tremendously and help us to continue to be the best school we can be. So please do get involved in liking, sharing and reviewing!



## Headmaster's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a delight to run a full 'normal' calendar of events for the first time in several years. It has been even better that these events should culminate in the wonderful performances the children have offered us for their nativities and Christmas service. These have been such a gift for us to enjoy, and yet another symbol of the power of the good working relationships between staff, pupils and parents.

I thank you all for your ongoing support to the best school in the world, and wish you a very happy family Christmas holiday.

See you all on the 4th January.

Best wishes  
John Ingrassia  
Headmaster

# GENERAL NEWS



## Prefects for this part of the term

2F	Zoe & Rosie
3S	Isabella & Carla
3C	Theo & Simona
4S	Henry & Bea
4CM	Jing Shuen & Felix
5OD	Marley & Florence
5FL	Harriet & Matthew

## Merits

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at Monday 5th December):

## Lower School

Jude, Luke, Jack, Mia, Lottie, George, Jessica, Anais, Lucas, Seb, Ariana, Lewis, Nicole, Matilda, Lucy, Darcey, Afie, Maddie, Feliksand Sophia

## Upper School

Jamie, Isabella, Charlotte, Bobby, Kyra, Tia, Elodie, Georgie, Aram, Lex, Belle, Isabella K, Yulia, Mia, Alia, Marley, Stratos, Milo, MJ, Sulaiman, Henry, Jonty, Hermione, William, Arabella, Delilah, Zachary, Max F, Amelia, Josh, Eleanor, Guin, Phoebe, Maisa and Jayden

## Year 6 Positions of Leadership

Each year, our Year 6 pupils are appointed to positions of leadership, in order for them to be responsible, gain confidence and share their passions with younger pupils. This year we have introduced several new roles including Positive Playtime Prefects and Wildlife & Sustainability Prefects.

Over the half term holidays our Year 6 students considered job descriptions for various positions of leadership, including Science Prefects, Charity Reps and Sports Captains. They used the job descriptions to complete an application form, applying for three different positions. They shared their reasons for choosing each role and explained what skills and experience they had that made them suitable. All applications were considered by staff before decisions were made.

We would like to congratulate all pupils on their new positions of leadership.

Role	Representatives
Art:	Isabella, Hugo and Otis
Charity:	Elias, Teddy and Abdullah
Computing:	Jackson, Jayden, Bobby and Ellie
Positive Lunch Time Leaders & EDI:	Josh, Jude and Zak
Humanities:	William, Joshi and Stratos
Library:	Sophie, Charlie and Ray
Music:	Ava and Kai Jing
Science:	Arthur, Oscar and Annan
Sports:	Milo, Belle, Maisa and Freddie
Wildlife & Sustainability & Eco:	Daniel, Arabella and Sophia
House Captains:	Arundel: Ray & Belle Bodiam: Kai Jing & Jackson Lewes: Maisa & Ava
Head Pupils:	Charlotte & Arthur



## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 14th November the school took part in 'Odd Socks Day' to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week 2022. This was an amazing opportunity for the children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique! Mrs Mills held an assembly on this year's theme 'Reach Out'. We spoke about what bullying is and how we can tackle it, both in school and in the wider community. We looked at ways we could 'Reach Out' to friends, family, teachers and ourselves - how talking about worries and concerns is the best way to deal with unkind issues.

The Anti-Bullying Alliance's call to action:

- Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless. But it doesn't have to be this way. If we challenge it, we can change it. And it starts by reaching out.
- Whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, let's reach out and show each other the support we need. Reach out to someone you trust if you need to talk. Reach out to someone you know is being bullied. Reach out and consider a new approach.
- And it doesn't stop with young people. From teachers to parents and influencers to politicians, we all have a responsibility to help each other reach out. Together, let's be the change we want to see. Reflect on our own behaviour, set positive examples and create kinder communities.
- It takes courage, but it can change lives. So, this Anti-Bullying Week, let's come together and reach out to stop bullying.

The children at Windlesham School set a positive example all week exploring issues within PHSE lessons and answered the call to tackle bullying in all its forms.

Reporter: Mrs Mills



### Autumn Walk in Dyke Road Park

Year 1 had a lovely Autumn walk on Thursday afternoon. The children enjoyed exploring the wooded area looking for Autumn treasures. We discussed the different signs of Autumn and completed a checklist. We even managed to stay quiet enough to see a squirrel!

Reporter: Mrs Delaney





# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



## Lower School Nativities

The Owlets were pleased to present "Humph The Camel" on Tuesday 29th November to a proud audience of family members and friends. The children performed brilliantly, singing a variety of songs including "cataclap" in French and dancing as camels, kings, stars and Mary and Joseph.

With thanks to Mrs Gallant for accompaniment and The Owlets staff for props and direction.

Reporter: Mrs Older



Everyone loves making snowmen, but what happens when there isn't enough snow?

This year Reception performed A Snowman at Sunset, a delightful kids Christmas musical containing a valuable message about the importance of teamwork.

The children loved learning the seven irresistibly catchy songs, lines and actions to this fun and moving Christmas musical that gave them a taste of what it's like to perform.

Reporter: Mrs Gomez



Year 1 and Year 2 performed a Christmas Nativity called 'Hey Ewe!' It told the Nativity story through the eyes of a curious sheep. Year 2 portrayed the different characters in the story while Year one supported with singing and dancing. The children learned all their lines and words to songs and performed a truly amazing show.

Well done to all the children who took part!

Reporter: Miss Jarman







# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## Charity Update

Many thanks to all who supported our Crazy Hair Day in aid of Children in Need. Staff and children looked great with their hairstyles. Maybe, next time we hold such an event the children who participate but 'forget' to bring their money could try a little harder to remember that the donation side is part of the deal. We raised £165, which is a magnificent amount.

We have been selling our Windlesham School Tote Bags which everyone seems to like. The children are keen to spot themselves and eager for their families to purchase one. All the profits from the sale of these bags will also be going to Children in Need. If anyone would still like to buy one or extras for presents, please see Ms Groves. They cost £5 each.

Finally our Christmas Appeal is to support Blind Veterans UK, formerly St. Dunstons. This charity was selected by our new Charity Reps, Abdullah, Elias and Teddy. We had collections at the end of performances by Nursery, Reception, Y1 and Y2 and have so far raised nearly £200.

In the New Year, we hope to visit Blind Veterans UK and learn more about the work they do.

For now, on behalf of the Charity Reps and myself, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Reporter: Ms. Groves





# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## Maths Week

The whole school from Reception to Year 6 did the catwalk to the pulsating beat of a modern tune as they showed off their Maths-themed costumes. It was quite a spectacle to see the children in their Maths-themed costumes for our 'Measures and Puzzles' Maths Week. Pupils were selected randomly to give a brief account of their costumes and it was obvious that they clearly enjoyed making the costumes from their quick answers to how their costumes related to the theme.

Winners of the Costume Parade were as follows:

**Owlets:** Lila and Suri **Reception:** Aina, Edward and Toby

**Year 1:** George, Lamaan and Maddie. **Year 2:** Nicole, Rosie and Sophia. **Year 3:** Isabella, William and Theo. **Year 4:** Heidi, Indy and Georgie. **Year 5:** Hermione, Lois and Lucia. **Year 6:** Elias, Ellie and Sophia.

The Owlets combined Maths Week and Christmas festivities: they enjoyed sorting camels inspired by their Christmas production character 'Humph the Camel'

Entries for the Board Game competition were awe-inspiring. Form 5O played the games and presented the games in a whole school Assembly. All entrants who must be commended for their superb efforts. The winners were: Maisie 5FL with her elaborate Times Tables game, Lucia 5FL with her imaginative 'Professor Cheese' board game, Isaac 5O for his carefully crafted circular Measure game, Indy 4C for a compact and artistic aptly named pair facts game 'Measurey'. Eve 4CM for her exciting 'Boat' board game focussing on miles, time and speed, Abraham 4C for his 'Maths Hammer Game' and Felix 1J for a fabulous effort at creating 'Maths Theatre Board Game'.

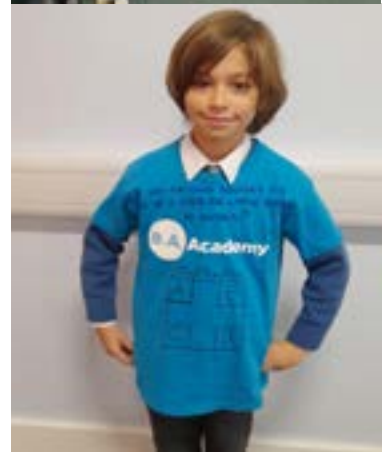
The annual Maths House Competition was run in Years 4, 5 and 6.

The winners were: Year 6 Lewes, Year 5 Lewes and Year 4 Bodiam.

The Primary Maths Challenge 2022 was enjoyed by a number of pupils in Year 5 and 6. We await to hear who will be called to the Bonus Round. Highest scores were achieved by Kai Jing in 6T, Jayden 6T Aram 5FL and Otis 6T.

A huge thank you to all the parents of Windlesham School who continue to encourage and support their children for our annual Maths Week event.

Aisling O'Dowd  
Maths Co-ordinator







# SCHOOL TRIPS

## Year 3 trip to Brighton Museum

In spite of rain and windy warnings, Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed a day out at The Brighton Museum in support of our Humanities topic, Ancient Egypt.

We took part in a mummification workshop where the children travelled back in time to become embalmers! They learnt all about the mummification process, practising each step with replica mummies and tools. They learnt about the rituals, beliefs and afterlife that were so central to the Ancient Egyptian world. They were lucky enough to have the chance to handle actual artefacts (donated to the museum by a local Brightonian in 2015). They decided what each item could have been used for and what it teaches us about the Ancient Egyptian culture. We spent some time exploring the two atmospheric Egyptian galleries too.

In the afternoon, we looked at the other galleries and the children chose their favourite exhibits to sketch and shade. They were encouraged to find out about their exhibit, draw it carefully and include all the intricate details.

A busy day of hands-on learning and fun, this was definitely a day to remember!

Reporter: Mrs Coego



## Year 4 trip to Michelham Priory

Year 4 had a super trip to Michelham Priory in November. We were lucky enough to have a day which immersed us in Tudor life as part of our Humanities studies.

We took part in an interactive drama workshop retelling the story of Henry VIII and his wives. The children dressed up in Tudor outfits and fully took on the character's roles.

Then we explored Tudor kitchens and had a go at grinding spices and finding out about Tudor feasting and banquets.

We finished off our day playing in the beautiful grounds of Michelham Priory. It was a fantastic day, thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Reporter: Mrs Card





## SCHOOL TRIPS

### Owlets trip to The Booth Museum

The Owlets had an interesting visit to the Booth Museum, the children were able to touch the fur of the leopard rug and they noticed how soft it felt compared to the sharp teeth and rough tongue.

The children were invited to use binoculars and magnifying glasses to explore the different artefacts. They discovered a drawer full of amazing butterflies and spotted birds up high and starfish beneath their feet.

The children recognised many of the birds and noticed the eggs in their nests. When the children looked at the bones we found a human skeleton and noticed that all the types of skeletons had a skull, but that they were all different sizes.



Reporter: Mrs Older

### Year 5 Trip to South Downs Planetarium

Year 5 have recently visited the amazing planetarium in Chichester – it was legendary. First we went to the auditorium and sat in circular rows of seats, looking up at the dome above our heads. The lights began to go down and the talk began.

John, our tour guide, spoke about space, the stars and constellations, planets and our Sun. This talk ended with a question and answer session where we all asked lots of questions – John knew loads!

We then had lunch which was delicious and prepared for a quiz about space. Working in twos we worked our way around different exhibits answering questions – it was really fun. Next we watched a presentation on Satellites – we found out that there will be space launch in Newquay this summer.

Finally before we left, we visited the shop and spent our money on space toys. I would recommend this place to everyone – it was fantastic.

Reporter: Cyrus







# SCHOOL TRIPS



## Year 6 Street Art Trip

This term Year 6, in partnership with Enter Gallery Brighton, had the most enjoyable day exploring Street Art and Graffiti around our local city.

The tour was led by well known street artist Req, who guided the children through The Lanes to see an amazing array of hidden work and he shared stories behind the images. The children were lucky enough to see some Street Art actually in progress and get involved in the process themselves.

As an additional treat, Enter Gallery very kindly provided space for the children to look at further examples of Street Art and contemporary artworks on display in the gallery. Staff were on hand to allow the children the opportunity to discuss and explore various artists and styles from their extensive collection.



The children then had the choice of creating their own graffiti 'tag' or copying works on display.

Opinion was unanimous that it was a fun, interesting and inspiring experience.

Reporter: Mr Hall

Belle offered the following feedback after the trip:

I loved how we got to explore Brighton looking at cool artworks that we walk past every day. The art tour was with Req and he told us the stories behind the pictures and artists. We got to write our names on a wall with scratch paint which was brilliant.

I've given my family a tour to show them all of my favourite works - I will never look at street art in the same way again!





## SPORTS NEWS

### Mowden Cup

Windlesham participated in the first Mowden Cup at Lancing Hove, which was the first mixed gender football tournament our Year 5 & 6s have competed in since I have been here.

It was a fantastic atmosphere and everyone played with great enthusiasm and determination throughout. Across 3 different games against Lancing Hove, St. Christophers and Copthorne, our pupils worked tirelessly and improved so much as the day went on.

Oscar, Lois and Phoebe all had opportunities in goal, and they all made terrific saves. William and Jude defended brilliantly and showed off some terrific passing. Ellie and Captain Charlie demonstrated some fantastic dribbling combined with great determination. Whilst Teddy was our player of the day with some great performances.

Above everything, our team demonstrated incredible sportsmanship all day and had a great time.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

### Girls Football - Lancing Hove

We had a great girls football fixture at Lancing Hove this week. It was a great combination of training followed by round robin games, where the Lancing and Windlesham girls all mixed in together.

Everyone showed great effort and enthusiasm throughout all 4 mini-matches. We saw fantastic goals, great passing and some brilliant saves off the line.

What was most enjoyable was seeing all the girls really enjoy playing football and getting fully involved.

Well done Windlesham!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson







## SPORTS NEWS

### U10 & U11 Football Roundup

#### U11s football fixture at Sompting Abbots,

We played 3 games in total: winning 5-0, 3-0 and losing 3-1.

In the first game, Isaac scored a fantastic hat trick, whilst Freddie and Stratos also scored great goals. Jamie, Freddie and Otis shared the assists. What was most impressive was the passing and selflessness of the team. Most of the goals were almost identical with a player squaring it to a team mate for a first time tap-in.

The second game was very similar, with Freddie scoring two goals and Isaac adding another. As well as our attack being prolific, our defence also proved too strong for the opposition in the first two games. Otis and Zak were rocks at the back, barely allowing a shot at goal. When Sompting did get through, Milo made stunning saves to keep two clean sheets in two games, including a great dive to his top left corner.

Meanwhile, in the third game, Windlesham put in a great effort and team performance to experience a narrow loss. Jonty and Benicio both played in goal, making some great saves, whilst Jackson, Bobby and Ollie made some terrific passes and defended strongly throughout. Lexi scored a great goal, assisted by Marley, who caught the eye of the Sompting PE teacher for his great long-distance passing and shooting.

All of Windlesham did themselves proud with great sportsmanship and teamwork throughout.

#### U10's & U11's at Lancing Worthing

We had two incredibly entertaining football fixtures against Lancing Worthing. Both games had all the drama of the current World Cup with two high-scoring draws.

In the first game, we dominated the first half in terms of possession, chances and corners; but Lancing proved very stubborn in their defence and shut us out for almost the entire half. Chance after chance came and went with Joshy, Abdullah, Cyrus and Daniel all coming very close. Then, against the run of play, Lancing scored on the break to make it 1-0. Windlesham showed great spirit and determination to score an equaliser with Connor scoring a great goal. The second half was just as competitive with Kai jing adding a second for Windlesham, and then in the last minute, 3-2 down, Abdullah scored another equaliser into the top corner to make it 3-3 overall, sparking wild celebrations. Notable mentions also for Max, Hugo and Elias who all contributed to this brilliant result with superb passing and defending throughout.

Meanwhile, the other game was as equally close and dramatic. At half-time, despite also dominating possession and having numerous chances, Windlesham were behind 2-1, thanks in part to a superb goal created by Otis, who also displayed fantastic defending throughout. In the second half, we quickly found ourselves 4-1 down. Despite this, Windlesham did not panic or drop their heads; they displayed incredible positivity and commitment to fight back. Thanks to brilliant play from Stratos and Milo, as well as some great assists from Jamie and Freddie: Isaac scored an unbelievable hat-trick to secure a 4-4 draw. Teddy played a tremendous game in goal, making multiple saves, keeping Windlesham in the game at the most vital moments. It was such a spirited fightback and they even came close to winning right at the end.

I was so proud of both teams in how they continued to remain positive and fight to the end, getting the results they deserved. Well done Windlesham!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

# FRIENDS OF WINDLESHAM

## Windlesham Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre was a huge success so thank you to everyone who supported the event.

Thank you to the wonderful committee who have been working for weeks behind the scenes, thank you to the businesses who offered sponsorship, thank you to the parents and teachers who ran stalls and everyone who donated bottles, teddies, chocolates and prizes for the raffle.

We've had some lovely feedback from people saying how much they enjoyed the fayre. We've also been able to make a significant contribution to the school to further improve facilities.



After the Christmas Fayre we screened the England v USA World Cup match. No goals but a fantastic night! I think it will be the first of many evening events.



## Easy Fundraising

Did you know that Friends of Windlesham are registered with Easy Fundraising? This means that 6000 retailers including Amazon, John Lewis and Marks & Spencers will donate to our school every time we use Easy Fundraising to shop with them. So please consider signing up before you do your Christmas shopping - its completely free and doesn't take long to set up.

## Upcoming Events:

Spring Term

- Sponsored Walk - Saturday 11th March

Summer Term

- Summer Fayre - Saturday 24th June

Friends of Windlesham meet to discuss fundraising priorities, ideas and our events. If you'd like to be involved we'd love to talk to you.

Natasha - [chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk](mailto:chairperson@friendsofwindlesham.co.uk)



# TERM DATES

## 2022-2023 Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2022

**Term ends**

Friday 9th December

### Spring Term 2023

**Staff Inset day**

Tuesday 3rd January

**Term starts**

Wednesday 4th January

**Staff Inset day**

Friday 10th February

**Half term holiday**

Monday 13th February –  
Friday 17th February  
inclusive

**Term ends:** Friday 24th  
March

### Summer Term 2023

**Staff Inset day**

Monday 17th April

**Term starts**

Tuesday 18th April

**Bank Holiday**

Monday 1st May

**Half term holiday**

Monday 29th May –  
Friday 2nd June inclusive

**Term ends:** Friday 7th July

**Friday Finish**

All year groups will finish on Friday 9th December at lunchtimes:

Nursery & Reception: 12 noon

Years 1 & 2: 12.15 pm

Years 3 & 4: 12.25 pm

Years 5 & 6: 12.30 pm

The Spring Term will commence on Wednesday 4th January 2023. Tuesday, 3rd is an INSET day for staff only.

## 2023- 2024 Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2023

**Staff Inset days**

Thursday 31st August, Friday 1st September &  
Monday 4th September

**Term starts**

Tuesday 5th September

**Half Term holiday**

Monday 16th October - Friday 27th October inclusive

**Term ends**

Friday 8th December

### Spring Term 2024

**Term starts**

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

**Staff Inset day**

Friday 9th February

**Half Term holiday**

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February  
inclusive

**Term ends**

Thursday 28th March

### Summer Term 2024

**Staff Inset day**

Monday 22nd April

**Term starts**

Tuesday 23rd April

**Bank Holiday**

Monday 6th May

**Half Term holiday**

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May inclusive

**Term ends**

Friday 12th July