



## NEWSLETTER | 29/5/23

### Rock Bottom hits Dizzying Heights

On Wednesday May 17th Year 6, supported by Year 5, delivered two spectacular performances of 'Rock Bottom' by Craig Hawes. Many months of hard work and rehearsals had gone on behind the scenes to deliver this outstanding performance.

We are so proud of each and every performer. All children delivered their lines with great expression and character. They sang and danced their hearts out. I am sure that the children will have gained a lot from the experience.

Parents loved all the cheesy jokes and it was a laugh a minute from start to finish.

Congratulations and thanks go to the whole team for making this such a special memory for Year 6 to take away with them.

It was a long journey - but well worth it!

Reporter: Mrs Gallant



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!



Windlesham School  
& Nursery

### Headmaster's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

There is an almost infinite number of things to admire about Windlesham School, but perhaps among the greatest is the principle of recognising effort over achievement, effort being one of our fundamental values.

Whilst we are rightly proud of the Excellent ISI inspection report, this week I am particularly proud of our Year 5 and 6's hard work to learn lines, songs, understand timing, remember props and overcome fears to perform in front of a large audience.

Regardless of our recent accolades and all the certificates of achievements we have been awarded, this issue is dedicated to the efforts of staff and pupils to make learning successful. Well done everybody.

Enjoy a safe half term.

John Ingrassia

Headmaster



Preparing children for life

# GENERAL NEWS

## Prefects for this part of the term

2DJ	Thomas & Justin
3S	Simona & Sulaiman
3C	Mia & Isabella
4S	Yulia & Griffin
4CM	Max & Nikola
5OD	Benicio & Marley
5FL	Oliver & Matthew

## Merits

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at Thursday 25th May):

## Lower School

Matilda, Lara, Taigh, George, Noyan, Eli, Jude, Feliks, Sophia, Zayn, Zyva, Lewis, Anaïs

## Upper School

Mark, Tia, Zaad, Eve, Belle, Sophia, Zak, Seb, Aram, Ray, Hugo, Olive, Yulia, Guinn, Jonty, Arthur, Isabella, Eleanor, Akira, Jack, Max F, Matthew, Stratos, Jude, Henry, Georgie, Oliver, Daniel, Teddy, Ethan, Joe

## Spring Term Owls

Nico, Eddie, Genevieve, Sandy, Archie, Sorrel, Freya, Ethan, Edward, Daniel, Matilda, George, Afie, Ariana, Lucy, Felix, Lara, Levi, Fifi, Sophia, Alex, Kyra, Lucas, Mia, Tia, Simona, Theo, William, Elodie, Letty, Zaad, Mia, Heidi, Dylan, Timothy, Nikola, Maisie H, Jackson, Maisie E, Anastasia, Rosie

## Our Work in Print

Exciting news reached the school recently as we discovered that a number of our Year 5 pupils' poetry had been selected for publication in a national poetry anthology. Congratulations to the children whose poems will appear in print in the Young Writers 'Winter Wonderland' anthology. We look forward to receiving a copy of the book to keep in our school library and celebrating the talents of these budding poets.

Alia, Aram, Benicio, Cyrus, Florence, Harriet, Hermione, Lois, Lucia, Maisie E, Maisie H, Matthew, Phoebe, Rafael

Reporter: Mrs Croucher



## Windlesham Equestrian Team

Well done to Arabella, who represented the Crawley & Horsham Pony Club at the National Horse Care Quiz Finals in the 10 & under team last month.

It was a lovely opportunity to meet pony clubs from other areas. A total of 23 teams participated, from as far as Orkney & Northern Ireland.

The team had already won the South East heat to qualify and they went on to come 6th overall!

Arabella also won the 75cm NSEA showjumping as an individual and qualified for National School Championships in Addington in October.

Arabella is looking forward to representing Windlesham in October for the final time.

What an amazing achievements!





# GENERAL NEWS

## Before-School Arrangements

While it is always good to see children arriving at school early eager to start their day of learning, it is also important to remember that until the gates open they should remain under the close supervision of parents.

Recently we have had to intervene on a number of occasions when children have entered the front garden to stop them chasing each other.

I respectfully remind you to please not leave your children unattended at school and make sure you supervise children until the gates open and they are able to enter.

Thank you for your help on this matter.

John Ingrassia



## Football Success

Dylan & Isaac are delighted to share this photo with the school and tell you how their football team, Patcham United U10's, became the Mid Sussex League champions today!

The boys and their team have worked so hard this season, battling against some strong opposition, so it was wonderful for them to see their hard work and dedication come to fruition this afternoon.

They're super excited to have now been invited to represent Sussex in a nationwide tournament in Nottingham this June!

Further congratulations to Isaac, who participated in the Rusthall Football Tournament last weekend with his team Patcham United.

They played 10 games in total, winning them all and Isaac scored a last minute winner in the final resulting in a 1-0 victory.



## Rugby Success

Well done to Lucia and the Hove under 10's rugby team for achieving the overall top of the group winners at the Tigers Challenge Rugby in Bognor Regis this year.

Despite being the only girl in a team of boys, Lucia endured some tough battles, a bashed arm and being studded a few times but she fought on to win in the end.

Very inspirational and remarkable news!







## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Science in Year 2

Year 2 have been exploring states of matter, we enjoyed conducting our science lesson outside where we discussed colloids and how cornflour and water demonstrates properties of both solids and liquids.

The children worked collaboratively to hypothesise, analyse and reflect on how this experiment has helped them learn about different states of matter.

Reporter: Miss Dorricott-Juniper



### Volcanoes in Year 3

Year 3 have been learning all about volcanoes this week and to top it off, they even made their very own!

They are now paper-mached and painted ready to explode on our Explorer Wow day after half term. Watch this space!

Reporter: Mrs Smallwood



### When I Grow Up day in Owlets

The Owlets joined in with a variety of activities for their "When I grow up day". The children dressed up as a range of vocations from a palaeontologist to princesses.

They enjoyed a treasure hunt looking for pictures of different occupations, sang songs about jobs and growing up in music and made crafts such as puzzles and 3D cone people.

Reporter: Mrs Older







# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## Year 6 Fiver Challenge

Once again, it's that time of year and our Year 6s are embarking on their Fiver Challenge which will run from Monday 22 May to Friday 9 June.

We kicked off the planning session, by inviting Dave Berman, a governor and an entrepreneur, to come in and talk with children about setting up a successful business.

The children listened carefully, asked many questions and were inspired to go forward with their own ideas.

At the time of printing this newsletter, you will have already seen many of their stalls and hopefully spent your pennies and your pounds supporting their business endeavors.

Thank you for your support.

Reporter: Mrs Martin



## Year 1 WOW Day

Year 1 celebrated the beginning of a new topic about London with a Wow Day.

The children began the day with a magical bus tour of London.

They enjoyed creative activities including producing a collage stamp with the Kings head, and they also made crowns and union flag bunting.

A lot of fun was had by all!

Reporter: Miss Jarman





# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



## Oviparous Animals in Reception

Reception have been very busy this term learning all about 'Oviparous' animals after we discovered a mystery egg! The children have been researching the many different types of animals that lay eggs. They have hatched real hen eggs from Middle Farm, examined life cycles, tested eggs in the 'Egg Drop' challenge, explored changes in materials by frying eggs, we also learned that dragons hatch from eggs so we went to see the performance of 'Zog' at the Brighton Dome. The children have also immersed themselves in stories of our feathered friends 'The Little Red Hen' and 'Rosie's Walk'. These books inspired so much creative learning in the wider Reception classroom environment. The children loved pretending to be the Cat, Dog and Rat to steal The Little red Hen's bread during a maths lesson on subtraction! They have had such a fun time learning new skills and independently applying them.





## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



### Charity Reps' visit to St Dunstons

On Friday 12th May, we went to visit the charity Blind Veterans UK, to present them with £445 which Windlesham raised over the Christmas period.

They are based in Ovingdean and the art-deco building was built in the shape of a Lancaster Bomber aeroplane. We were welcomed by Jo, their Community Engagement Lead, who gave us a tour of the building. We started at the top and saw amazing views over the English Channel.

Our cheque was presented to Jo, watched by some of the residents, including friends Margaret and Ken, both centenarians. Margaret used to work at Bletchley Park and wrote an autobiography during lockdown. We were given a copy to assist our education about WW2. They all had fascinating stories to share with us, Mr Ingrassia and Ms Groves.

Everybody was extremely grateful for our donation and as the charity will soon be moving to a new home in Rustington, West Sussex, they hope to purchase some new gym equipment with the money. We really enjoyed ourselves and came away with interesting knowledge about the work carried out by Blind Veterans UK.

Reporters: Abdullah, Elias, Teddy. Y6 Charity Reps.

### Gardening Club

With Spring in the air, the Windlesham Gardening Club pupils have picked up their trowels and rolled up their sleeves ready for a busy and hopefully bountiful season in the school garden.

Each week, the children have planted a new crop which will be harvested and passed on to the school kitchen to use as an ingredient in our school lunches. So far, the lower school pupils, cheerfully assisted by our Head Pupils Charlie and Arthur, have planted green beans, strawberries, spring onions and a number of varieties of lettuce and herbs.

We have even made our own watering cans to use in the garden. It's been exciting to track the growth of our seeds and seedlings and we are hoping that Chef Rob will be delighted with our produce!

Reporter: Mrs Croucher







## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Coronation Crown

To celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III, each class was given a large cardboard section of a crown to decorate with recycled materials. When completed, we assembled the finished crown on the lawn.

As a man who is very conscious of recycling, the King would no doubt approve!

Reporter: Mr Hall



### Special Interest Assembly

This term, we welcomed Suzanne Cheal (an ex-parent), to share her experience of working for Dementia Singing Experience Sussex.

Suzanne used a wonderful book to share what it might be like for a child when someone they love develops dementia. She talked about the power of music, movement and singing to lift someone's spirits and bring them joy.

She then led the children, and a few brave staff volunteers, in a sing-a-long to the YMCA! It certainly brightened up our day!

Reporter: Mrs Mack



### Reception celebrate the King's Coronation

Reception had a great time celebrating the Coronation. They thoroughly enjoyed the novelty of eating their lunch at the street party in the playground, especially sitting with their buddies and older year groups. They enjoyed trying new foods such as coronation chicken sandwiches and scones!

In the afternoon they made decorations to take home for the Coronation weekend such as finger print Union Jack flags, sparkling crowns and had fun using the Coronation themed selfie booth!







## SCHOOL TRIPS

### Year 5 Residential to Carrotty Woods

The Year 5 residential trip to Carrotty Woods took place on 19th April, where the children experienced 2 action-packed days in wonderful weather.

After settling into their rooms, the children were split into 2 groups and set off for their first activities of Geo-Caching and Blind Football. That night, the group welcomed a warm shower and a hearty meal and settled down for an early (ish) night.

In the morning the children enjoyed a delicious breakfast and were responsible for working together to tidy up. The staff had planned a surprise by celebrating Harriet's birthday with some cake and a song before heading off for some more fun activities.

Both groups had the opportunity to take part in raft building, where they were challenged to use their creative thinking and practical skills. They also took part in swimming, peddle carting, low ropes and archery.

The children were incredibly exhausted after the day's exertions and settled down for a good night sleep, ready to return home.

Reporters: Very Happy Year 5 Children







## SCHOOL TRIPS

### Year 4 Residential to Lodge Hill

On May 4th, Year 4 went on a residential to a place called Lodge Hill in Pulborough. We did lots of fun activities such as absailing, tunnelling, climbing, orienteering and wide games.

At Lodge Hill there was lots of wonderful nature all around. We saw a range of animals, plants and even woods carvings! The food was great, there was plenty of savoury and sweet foods to fill our bellies and the hotel rooms were cosy and homely.

Year 4 enjoyed it there and everyone came back with a smile on their face. I would love to go again!

Reporter: Heidi







## SCHOOL TRIPS

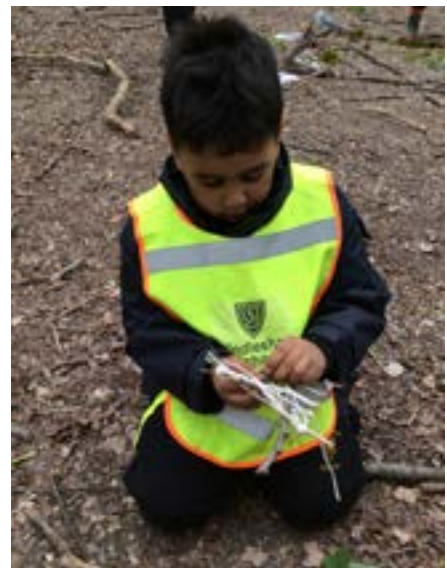


### Year 1 trip to Friston Forest

Year 1 were blessed with lovely weather for their trip to Friston Forest this half term.

We had a wonderfully creative day in the forest with our host Bel from School Without Walls. We made clay sculptures, hapa zome flags, big art and natural weaving.

We spent time collecting our resources from the woods, which we then used to create some beautiful pieces of art. We were allowed to bring our creations back with us to show our families.



Bel commented that she was very impressed with our creativity and outstanding manners!

Reporter: Mrs Delaney







## SPORTS NEWS



### Under 10 & 11 Cricket @ Lancing Worthing

Our first cricket fixture this half term was against Lancing Prep Worthing with both the Y5s and Y6s competing.

Both teams were put out to bat first and gradually gained more confidence as the innings went on. There were some great hits and good work between the batters, generating good runs for the Y5s and Y6s.

We were then much stronger in our bowling and fielding, gaining a few wickets and run outs successfully. There was great teamwork between the Y5s throughout and a special mention of Otis leading and directing his Y6 team with great enthusiasm too.

Both matches were very close and we just missed out on victory, but all the players showed great effort and can be proud of their performance.

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



### Under 10 & 11 Doubles Tennis against Lancing Prep

Freddie, Arthur, Cyrus and Kai Jing competed in Windlesham's first ever tennis fixture

All 4 players were excellent and demonstrated great teamwork in their doubles matches. Freddie and Arthur won their match 6-0, whilst Kai Jing and Cyrus won 6-2.

All players competed with great confidence and technique throughout the games. A huge well done!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson





## SPORTS NEWS

### Swimming Gala against Brighton Girls

We had a fantastic Year 5 and 6 swimming gala against Brighton Girls School this week. It was hugely competitive with some brilliant swimming on display, most notably from Alia (Y5) and Ray (Y6) who swam impeccably throughout. All Windlesham Swimmers did the school proud, with some fiercely competitive individual and relay races.

We actually won 5 out of 6 relay races (freestyle and Medley relays), whilst we also won most of the individual races, which was very impressive to see. A great thank you to Mr Hearne who has been teaching the Y5 and Y6s all year, both in their lessons and the swim squads - the hard work certainly looks like it is paying off!

Well done to everyone involved, it was a truly enjoyable event with very enthusiastic support from parents too!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



### Cricket against Shoreham College

This week Y6 had a highly competitive cricket fixture against Shoreham College. It was our first experience of hardball cricket, meaning the pupils were wearing cricket pads and helmets, whilst playing.

Everyone bowled really well and showed good progress throughout. Otis and Stratos were particularly strong, gaining 2 wickets each. Special mention for Freddie who utilised his goal keeping skills to show great reactions when wicket keeping. There was also great fielding throughout, led by clear instructions from captain Jude as well as the rest of the team. The batting on display was superb throughout. Arthur and Jayden both hit fantastic fours in their overs, whilst everyone's batting improved as the match went on.

After a brilliant and close contest, Windlesham narrowly missed out on the win. I couldn't be prouder of our performance and attitude throughout - well done!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson







## SPORTS NEWS

### Cricket at Lancing Prep

This week we had a fantastic last cricket fixture of the term. For the first time in Windlesham history we took every pupil from two year groups to a cricket festival hosted by Lancing Prep Hove.

I was particularly pleased with how everyone represented Windlesham on and off the cricket field. There was great cricket on display throughout, with everyone enjoying themselves and trying their best. We saw some enthusiastic fielding and excellent teamwork to help ensure competitive play throughout. I really enjoyed seeing lots of batting and bowling on show, and could see pupils improving as the afternoon went on and confidence grew.

In the only scored game of the afternoon, Windlesham managed to secure a victory of the tightest margins, beating Lancing by 4 runs with the score at 70-66. It was a well-deserved victory and reflected the efforts from everyone who played today.

Well done everyone!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson



Congratulations to William and Ethan for winning under 8s Horsham Football League recently. And well done to Jack for winning the coach's player and golden boot for his team! Superb achievements all round!



### Year 5 Girls Cricket at Lancing College

Year 5 and 6 girls had a fantastic cricket fixture at Lancing College in the sunshine resulting in; Group B winning their match by 5 runs, a narrow loss by Group A and a draw from Group C.

It was quickly apparent that Windlesham girls have greatly improved their fielding skills, working as a team to react quickly to the batting team. We had some brilliant bowling and hits throughout the matches. We even had our first ever 6 runs shot from Ellie Fadeeva which exceeded the boundary lines on the pitch.

Well done girls, you upheld the Windlesham values, worked hard as a team and had fun. It was a joy to watch (as I'm sure the parents would agree!)

Players of the match chosen by Lancing college were: Florence, Ellie, Charlie and Ava

Reporter: Miss Dorricott-Juniper





# FRIENDS OF WINDLESHAM

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are urgently recruiting for FoW help to support our Excellent School.

Whilst our staff do an Excellent job in so many different ways, there is no questions that our parents' association, Friends of Windlesham, add a layer of enrichment to children's experience which is quite special.

Traditionally, support from FoW has been used in a few different ways. One is to improve facilities. Some of the projects they have funded include the AV equipment in the new hall, the large touchscreens in all the new classrooms, the music practice rooms being provided in the Green Room, the outdoor classroom for Reception.

They have regularly funded enrichment days at school, by architects, actors and authors.

They have brought the community together to enjoy Christmas and Summer Fairs and whenever possible, additional experiences like World Cup matches, Movie evenings, Quiz nights etc.

The work of FoW is a key ingredient to a vibrant, unified school and the best thing about being active in the FoW is that there is no ongoing commitment. Parents can help at different levels, and at different times of year, just for specific events or as an ongoing member of the committee.

So if you are able to help, WE NEED YOU! Please contact [fow@windleshamschool.co.uk](mailto:fow@windleshamschool.co.uk) for more information. Wilson or Natasha will be happy to help.

Our next exciting event is the Windlesham School Summer Fair. Please save the date - 24th June between 11:30 and 3:30. All friends and family members welcome.



## Uniform

If you are looking for good quality uniform at second hand prices then do join our Windlesham Uniform Exchange Facebook group. This Facebook group is an easy way to sell your uniform and/or get the next size up.



# TERM DATES

## 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



## Back 2 School June offer

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Our shops are quieter and fully stocked. This is the best time to buy. Don't worry if you think your child will grow as we offer extended returns.



Our shops get busy, especially at the end of July. For items needed for the start of term, please do not leave it later than the 31st July.



Our shops are extremely busy and stocks can take much longer to replenish. Uniform ordered after 31st July may not arrive in time for start of school.

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  - Items purchased in June, July or August can be returned for a refund up to 31st August 2023. Items must be returned in accordance with our returns policy which can be viewed on our website [www.sussexuniforms.co.uk](http://www.sussexuniforms.co.uk). Any return that reduces the original order to less than £50 will lose the £5 discount and this will be adjusted for at the point of refund.
  - The voucher can only be used once per transaction and only once per customer.
  - Voucher valid until 30th June 2023.
  - The voucher can only be used at point of purchase by either entering the code online at payment stage or showing the voucher on a digital device in-store.
  - No refunds for the voucher amount can be made once the payment transaction has been processed.
- Voucher value is 0.0001p. Promoter is: Sussex Uniforms Ltd.

## 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