



# NEWSLETTER | 18/10/24

## Harvest Festival

Thank for your kind donations towards our Harvest Assembly.

Eve, Luay and Selin represented the school, when they helped to deliver the Harvest food to the members of The Food and Friendship Club in Hove. Generous donations enabled them to distribute a sweet and savoury item to everyone. They also got involved calling out raffle numbers and handing out prizes.

They were a credit to our school, and it was really lovely to hear that everyone thought they were extremely friendly, polite and well mannered.

Our trip to The Food and Friendship Community was amazing. Here is what we did! First, we gave food out that our school had donated for Harvest celebration. We gave them 2 items each to take home. It was lovely to see their smiling faces when they received their food. That made us hungry, so we ate mash potato, cabbage and quiche and then lemon ice-cream and jelly for dessert. Then we helped with the raffle. We had a great time talking and we know they enjoyed themselves too. Thank you Food and Friendship club.

Reporters: Ms Groves, Luay, Eve and Selin



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!

## Headteacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

This newsletter tells the story of a very busy half term at Windlesham with lots of fun and learning evident throughout the school. I hope you enjoy reading about all of the activity and am certain that you will feel as proud as we do of the progress and achievements of your children.

As always, thank you for your support. The family feel of our school is very special and is a testament to the commitment of our parents and carers as well as the investment of our wonderful staff team and the energy and enthusiasm of the children. I am sure we are all ready for a break in which we can recharge our batteries. We look forward to welcoming you all back after a well-earned rest. Enjoy!

Katherine Croucher

Acting Headteacher



# GENERAL NEWS

## Merits

The following children are to be congratulated for their tremendous effort or positive attitude (as at Wednesday 16th October 2024):

## Lower School

Paolo, Kitty G, Carles, Alfie, Halle, Sorrel, Lotta, Seb, Kitty HG, Eddie H, Indy, Archie

## Upper School

Elodie C, Siyoo, Willow, Edison, Delilah T, Siena, Michael, Eleanor, Phoebe, Dylan, Toby W, Zoe, Joe, Alex, Felix B, Reuben B, Afie, Rosie, Rumi, Griffin, Letty, Eve, Georgie, Annie, Zayn, Toby P, Feliks, Carla, Simona, Jay, Carmen Delilah H, Mark, Timothy

## Autumn Term Owls

Harry, Ezra, Seoah, Seohwi, George, Benjamin, Osian, Aidan, Elodie, Luna, Felix PG, Nico, Will, Mona, Ayda, Reuben H, Ethan, Ivy, Indi, Freya, Toby P, Feliks, Matilda, Siyoo, Jude, Willow, Lucy, Jessica, Jack B, Marina, Delilah T, Essi, Thomas, Michael, Theo, Simona, Rosie, Jay, Alex, Selin, Jing Shuen, Zak, Michael, Phoebe, Theo T, Abe, Henry

**Level 1 & Level 2  
CYCLE TRAINING**  
at Preston Park and Hove Park

Level 1 is where you will learn to control your bike.  
Level 2 is where you start with real traffic, but sticking to quiet roads.

Monday 28 – Thursday 31 October  
10am – 12.30pm each day

Ages 9 – 15  
Levels 1 & 2 together is £45 per person.

Concessions available.  
If the course is not fully booked, then course length could be shorter.

Riders must be able to ride independently with confidence and without stabilisers.  
Progression to level 2 training is subject to achieving level 1 standard.  
Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

To book your place, please visit <https://cycling.envelope.hove.gov.uk/>  
or email: [east.central@hove.gov.uk](mailto:east.central@hove.gov.uk)

**Level 3  
CYCLE TRAINING**  
at Preston Park and Hove Park

Level 3 is where you learn to cycle safely on busy roads within the city.

Monday 28 – Wednesday 30 October  
13.15 – 15.15 each day

Ages 11 – 15  
Level 3 costs £50.00 per person

Concessions available.  
If the course is not fully booked, then course length could be shorter.

Training includes overtake, traffic lights and filtering.  
You must have completed levels 1 and 2.

Day 4 is an assessment of Level 2 activities. Progression to level 3 is subject to achieving Level 2 standard.

Places are limited and on a first-come first-served basis.

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**ACTIVITIES 4 KIDS  
OCTOBER HALF-TERM**  
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024

Balfour School, Brighton  
Includes Swimming  
Open Daily 8:30am to 4:30pm

Windlesham School, Hove  
Includes Swimming  
Open Daily 8:30am to 4:30pm

Bookings are open for October Half-Term Camp 2024

## We are a nut free school.

Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

Please can you ensure that snacks do not contain peanuts or nuts of any kind.

We would encourage you to double check ingredient lists on cereal bars in particular.

## PLEASE



**NO PEANUTS  
OR  
NUT PRODUCTS**

**Come join us for a spooktacular week with lots of activities planned.**

**To book your space use our QR code on the ad to get to the booking form on our website at [www.activities4kids.co.uk](http://www.activities4kids.co.uk)**

**Venue: Windlesham School, Hove  
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November 2024  
Open Daily 8:30am – 4:30pm  
Includes Swimming**



# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



## Healthy Day in Owlets

The Owlets finished off their topic on "Ourselves" by holding a "Healthy Day".

The children enjoyed a Drama session acting out a story about not liking vegetables and playing a shopping game. In cooking, they created faces using different fruits which the children enjoyed for snack. They also played a game matching up jobs such as dentist or dancer to the objects they use as well as colouring in pictures about staying healthy.

Reporter: Mrs Older



## Settling in to Reception



We have been having lots of fun in Reception since the beginning of term. The children have settled in, made new friendships and are flourishing. We have come together as a class and are aware of school expectations and routines. The children love initiating their own learning as well as enjoying teacher led activities.

Our Learning Journey this term has been 'Knock Knock Here I Am' and this has been the central theme to all our learning and discovery. We began the term with finding out more about our friends and families and shared treasure boxes, made maps of our hearts, painted portraits, created paper doll families, talked about celebrations and our likes and dislikes. We found out that we were both similar and different.



The children have enjoyed weekly interaction with their Year 5 Buddies and now have the confidence to play, explore and learn with them. They are always eager to share their discoveries with their new older friends and relate their knowledge to the Learning Powers. This half term has been so busy!

Reporter: Mrs Mills



# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## Dinosaur Art in Year 1

The children in Year 1 have been exploring our Dinosaur topic in Art. They created amazing dinosaur sunset pictures.

First the children created a sunset by adding white to orange. Then they cut out dinosaur silhouettes and stuck them onto the backgrounds.

Reporter: Miss Jarman



## Year 2 trip to Pizza Express

Year 2 loved their trip to Pizza Express as part of our topic 'Brighton & Hove'.

The children went on a 'behind the scenes' tour of the restaurant, which they found very interesting, especially going into the huge walk-in freezer. They then got prepared to make their own margarita pizzas. We saw some great kneading the dough action and spreading of the special Pizza Express tomato sauce.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their pizzas for lunch when they returned to school.

What a fun morning!

Reporter: Mrs Jeffery





## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



### Year 3 Buddies

Year 3 had a lovely trip to the Year 2 classroom recently to spend some time with their buddies. Unfortunately, the weather was too bad for us to have the buddy walk to the park as planned.

Instead, the children decided to spend some time reading books to their buddy and having a nice catch up!

Reporter: Mrs Smallwood



### Year 4 Tudor WOW Day

What a fantastic wow day we all had all about the Tudors!

The children took part in lots of different activities including:

- Making their own strawberry jam tarts and decorating them with 5 red strawberry slices to represent Lancaster house.
- Recreating their own Tudor rose using salt dough and painting them, 5 white petals to represent York house and 5 red petals to represent Lancaster house.
- Creating their own Tudor ruffs
- Designing and making their own Tudor self-portrait.

Reporter: Miss DJ





## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Year 5 St Peter's Workshop and Church Visit

We were lucky enough to have Gabby reach out to us from The Churches Conservation Trust. We started with an in-school workshop where Gabby led us through a variety of maps of Brighton across the years. We spent time looking at the changes that have taken place over time as well as working on our map skills. It was particularly interesting to learn about how the area around Windlesham has developed. Did you know Dyke Road park used to be a Rifle Range?

The following day, we visited St Peter's Church in Preston Park (which is the oldest building in Brighton!) and learnt about various valuable symbols, paintings and ornaments that have evolved over time. We finished with a debate on how the church should be conserved and how it could be used effectively in the future. The children asked fantastic questions and really showed off their enquiry and investigative skills.

Reporter: Mrs Lilley



### Window Display at The Church of the Good Shepherd

The Art Prefects had a wonderful time designing, creating and installing a window display recently.

The window is to celebrate Harvest Festival at The Church of the Good Shepherd on Dyke Road.

The three pupils, Selin, Indy and Eve worked hard and were thrilled to see the sunshine through their beautiful designs.

Reporter: Mrs Farnell





## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Home of Life Charity Update

As part of our Harvest celebration, we linked the theme of 'sharing' to our friends at the Home of Life in India. Some of you may recall that we purchased them a projector last year. They sent us some drawings and photos which are displayed in the Lower School cloakroom.

Reporter: Ms Groves

### World Mental Health Day

On Thursday 10th October at Windlesham, we celebrated World Mental Health Day by embracing the theme 'A problem shared is a problem halved.'

We took a walk with our buddies, shared how we manage our emotions, and got to know someone from a different part of the school. We also enjoyed lunch together with our buddies. I was so impressed by how the older children embodied our Windlesham value of kindness and care—it was truly heartwarming to see!

Reporter: Miss DJ



### Dentist visit in Early Years

The children in Owlets and Reception really enjoyed meeting Dentist Vanessa and Dental Nurse Florence.

Oral health is an important element of the EYFS curriculum. We learned that we must brush our teeth at least twice a day; fruit, vegetables, milk and water are excellent in supporting healthy tooth care and we discovered that dentist are really nice people and not scary at all!

Reporter: Mrs Mills

# SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

## Year 6 Head Pupils and Roles of Responsibility

During the first half term of this new school year, our Year 6 pupils have taken part in an application process to be awarded roles of responsibility. These positions are intended to help our pupils to develop leadership skills and allow them to give something back to the subject or causes which take their interest. The roles cover different areas across the school, with opportunities for our Year 6s to contribute in various ways, including working with our younger pupils. The positions awarded are detailed below:

Art Prefects – Selin, Eve, Indy  
Humanities Prefect – Phoebe  
Library Prefects – Guin, Elodie, Georgie  
Music Prefects – Reuben, Jing Shuen, Luay  
Pastoral Positive Lunchtime Prefects – Ernie, Felix  
Science Prefects – Griffin, Timothy, Letty  
Sports Prefects – Nathaniel, Theo, Jack, Dylan, Henry  
Computing Ambassadors – Zane, William, Louis,  
Maths Ambassador – Abe  
MFL Ambassador – Rebecca



The pupils are already fulfilling their new responsibilities. For example, our Art Prefects helped create a Harvest window for the Church of the Good Shepherd, our Computing Ambassadors and Music Prefects have assisted with technology in assemblies, our Humanities Prefect delivered an assembly about Black History Month, our Science Prefects are busy thinking about ideas for a club and our Library Prefects are off on an author visit next week!

Last week, we heard speeches from our pupils who were keen to take on a Position of Leadership. After a democratic process, where pupils and staff from across the school voted, I am delighted to announce that Reuben and Selin were appointed as our new Head Pupils! Our final positions of leadership, our House Captains, will be decided in the final week of term. After half term, our new leaders will begin assisting with morning gate duties, helping to welcome our pupils into school.

We are delighted to announce the following pupils were voted as House Captains:

Arundel- Georgie & Eve  
Bodiam- Henry & William  
Lewes- Timothy & Letty

Reporter: Mrs Mack





# SCHOOL TRIPS

## Year 1 trip to Drusillas

Year 1 had a wonderful visit to Drusillas to enhance their learning. They took part in a super education session where they learnt more about the different types of dinosaurs and as an added bonus, got to stroke a real life snake, cockroaches and a chinchilla.

The children loved exploring the zoo and especially enjoyed the Jurassic jungle experience, where some of the children ended up in a dinosaur's mouth!!! Before we set off back to school, we all enjoyed a ride on the train around Drusillas and even managed a quick ride on the Rainforest carousel.

What a super fun day it was!  
Reporter: Mrs Jeffery



## Year 6 Street Art Trip

Year 6 enjoyed a wonderful morning looking at street art - both legal and illegal under the guidance of a local street artist called Req.

The enthusiasm shown and the wide-eyed wonder at the skills involved will stay with the children for a long time.

Thanks to Enter Gallery for the co-ordination of this trip and for allowing children to view and discuss work in the gallery.

Reporter: Mr Hall





## SPORTS NEWS



### Netball at Shoreham College

On Wednesday 2nd October, an U11 and U10 netball team travelled to Shoreham College for their first netball matches of the year. We took part in several short matches, with some of our players also generously helping out the opposition who were a few players short.

All of our prep work over the last few weeks has paid off, as the girls displayed some super skills on the courts. They passed confidently and worked well in attack to get closer to the post. We got off to a great start, with several quick goals scored in the first match. As the games continued, our defense skills were particularly impressive, with interceptions galore! After 5 mini matches, we ended the afternoon victorious.

Reporter: Mrs Mack

### Football Cup Fixture

Windlesham started with a highly competitive match against Patcham primary school with a narrow 2-1 loss. Despite great efforts from all the players, including a fantastic goal from Dylan, Windlesham could not find a late equaliser. However, it was an epic game that went end to end with some great football on show.

Our second league match was also very competitive against St Luke's Primary School. Dylan scored two, whilst Jack added another and Theo scored from long-range to complete a 4-0 victory. Zane and Nathaniel were terrific going forward and in defence, whilst there was excellent defending from Timothy, Louis and Abraham and superb saves from Henry to ensure a clean sheet.

Our third match was away to Westdene Primary School. Everyone showed superb determination to win the ball back, whilst passing together with excellent composure. Windlesham won 2-0 courtesy of two great strikes from Theo. We have one last game against Woodingdean with everything still to play for!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson

### Netball and Football Festival at Shoreham College

Year 3 and 4 participated in their first festival fixture for Windlesham this half term.

The pupils were very excited to play in the netball and football festival hosted by Shoreham College.

All our pupils competed well and showed great sportsmanship throughout the whole day. Well done, everyone!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson





## SPORTS NEWS

### Festival of Sport at Lancing Worthing

Year 3 and 4 pupils had a fantastic time at Lancing Worthing, participating in a fun-filled festival of sport. The purpose of these events is for the pupils to learn the game through friendly and competitive play.

For many, it was their first time playing netball, and what better way to learn than by facing another team? Scores weren't kept, as the focus was on gaining the experience of a match. I was so impressed with how quickly the children picked up on marking, and responded to coaching during their Games lessons.

I can already see we have some talented netball players ready for more formal competitions against other schools.

Reporter: Miss DJ

### Hockey and Football at Lancing Worthing

The children had a great hockey and football fixture at Lancing Worthing Prep recently with two teams playing for each sport.

The girls dominated in the hockey with big wins for both sides with multiple goal scorers throughout both games. It was really pleasing to see everyone grow in confidence during the games and showcase their passing and control with great impact.

Meanwhile, the boys enjoyed competing in their football matches against Lancing, Worthing and Shoreham College. They worked superbly as a team and showed great determination throughout all the games.

Well done to everyone involved!

Reporter: Mr Wilkinson





# FRIENDS OF WINDLESHAM



## FOW Autumn Term Update

It has been a fantastic start to the year. We were delighted that so many families, including grandparents and staff, could join us for the September Stroll at Stanmer Park last month. We were lucky with the weather and finished the walk with treats at One Garden.

The Upper School children had a great time at Movie Night, coping with the last minute change of film (licensing issues). We will look to arrange a Lower School Movie Night later in the year.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the AGM where our new committee was elected. We are delighted that, in addition to the core committee roles, we now also have Preloved Reps, Eco Reps and The Wonder Project Reps. Thank you also to those of you who've volunteered to help in various capacities - from communication to accounts. If anyone would like to get involved please speak to one of us or email [FOW@windleshamschool.co.uk](mailto:FOW@windleshamschool.co.uk).

Big thanks to George and Kate, our new Preloved Reps, for running sales on both the parents evenings. It's brilliant to see old uniform being rehomed and money being raised. If anyone has uniform to donate for future sales, please let us know.

Next term is looking busy with plans already afoot for the Christmas Fayre on Friday 6th December and the Christmas party and disco on Wednesday 11th December. Please come along to our next planning meeting on Wednesday 6th November at 8.30am at school if you would like to get involved.

Thank you to all the parents, guardians, carers and staff for their support this term, with a special thanks to Mrs Mack for all the work she does.

Clare & FOW Team



# TERM DATES

## 2024 - 2025 Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2024

#### Half Term holiday

Monday 21st October - Friday 1st November inclusive

#### Term ends

Friday 13th December 2024

### Spring Term 2025

#### Staff Inset Day

Monday 6th January

#### Term starts

Tuesday 7th January 2025

#### Half Term holiday

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February inclusive

#### Term ends

Friday 28th March

### Summer Term 2025

#### Staff Inset day

Tuesday 22nd April

#### Term starts

Wednesday 23rd April

#### Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May

#### Half Term holiday

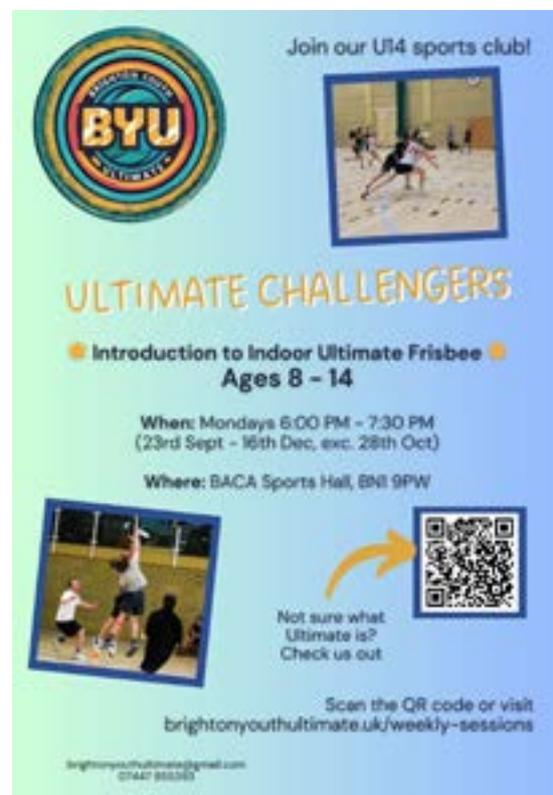
Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May inclusive

#### Term ends

Thursday 10th July

#### Staff Inset Day

Friday 11th July



Join our U14 sports club!

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**ULTIMATE CHALLENGERS**

● Introduction to Indoor Ultimate Frisbee ●  
**Ages 8 - 14**

When: Mondays 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
(23rd Sept - 16th Dec, exc. 28th Oct)

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**Park safely**  
**Park legally**  
**Park considerately**

Consider walking part of the way to school or share the school run with other parents .....

... meaning fewer cars at the school entrance

... making it safer for you and your children.



**If you need to drive your child to school**

For the safety of your child, their friends, and the local community we request that you park safely, legally and considerately. This means not parking on single or double yellow lines, not double parking, not stopping or dropping off on the School Keep Clear yellow zig zags or pedestrian crossing white zig zag lines, not parking on corners or junctions near the school entrance, not blocking driveways.

**What can I do instead?**

**Try 'Park and Stride'** - park away from the school entrance and walk the last 5 or 10 minutes. Walking half a mile only takes between 8 and 17 minutes. How many calories you burn depends on how fast you walk!

**Try a 'Walking Bus'** - organise a small group of parents to share the walk to school and take it in turns with other parents to do the school run. You could even combine this idea with Park and Stride.

Walking to school contributes to the recommended daily physical activity for you and your children. It also helps to reduce congestion around the school and helps to improve air quality, providing benefits for everyone.

**Try Car Sharing** - if you have to drive to school then get together with other parents who need to go by car and take it in turns to drive.

**You could start by doing any of these just once or twice a week.**

**Share the roads, share the responsibility**

To report illegal and dangerous driving scan the QR code or phone Parking Enforcement on 0845 603 5468 (extending option 3)

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