



Winterbourne News



Winterbourne Earls Church of England Primary School, Summerlug, Winterbourne Earls, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP4 6HA

Autumn - October 2024

A Message from Mrs Carter - Things to celebrate

Through our partnership with The Rocketship Bookshop, on Tuesday 15th October we welcomed Annabel Steadman (known as AF Steadman), the author of the Skandar Series of adventure books. She explained a little about how reading a wide range of books as a child inspired her to write, creating her first book in 2022. After a short quiz, Annabel then asked us to help create a new unicorn that *could appear in the final book in the series. Having transfixed the children and engaged their imagination with her spell-binding story-telling, she then retired to the library where she signed copies of her new book, the fourth in the series- Skandar and the Skeleton Curse. There are a few signed copies left available in the office to purchase.



Salisbury Foodbank

The manager of the Salisbury Foodbank collected your generous harvest donations and expressed his thanks for your support of their charity. Our charity rep, Evelyn, pictured with the donations, is already planning events for Children in Need on 15th November.



Thanks from Kilimanjaro

The friend of mine who helps support the school in Kilimanjaro was overwhelmed by the number of clothes you donated. He has sent some photos and wrote:

'I am writing on behalf of the board of the Kilimanjaro Children's Foundation to extend our gratitude for the amazing generosity of your students and parents donating clothing for the children at our school in Moshi, Tanzania. The clothes were handed out during our recent visit and there was great excitement amongst the children, parents and the teachers.

With best wishes and many thanks to all.

Chairman

Kilimanjaro Children's Foundation.

<https://kilimanjarokids.org/>



Congratulations

Congratulations and welcome to our new School Leaders

Head Girl



Evelyn

Head Boy



Lucas

Deputy Head Girl



Kiera

Deputy Head Boy



Oscar

<u>Headteacher's End of Term Awards</u>		<u>Citizenship Awards</u>	
YR	<i>Kobie & Evie</i>	YR	<i>Lillian</i>
Y1	<i>William & Elijah</i>	Y1	<i>Iris</i>
Y2	<i>Lily & Isabelle</i>	Y2	<i>Rory K</i>
Y3	<i>Joshua & Ella</i>	Y3	<i>Daisy</i>
Y4	<i>Jesse-James & Daisy</i>	Y4	<i>Aiden</i>
Y5	<i>Fred & Fola</i>	Y5	<i>Monty</i>
Y6	<i>Charlie & Emily L</i>	Y6	

Well done to all those who were awarded certificates, cups and badges!

Dates for your Diaries:

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| Wed, 23rd October | - | Last day of term 1 |
| Mon, 4th November | - | First day of term 2 |
| Mon, 4th November - Fri, 8th November | - | Yr6 Braeside Residential |
| Mon, 11th November | - | Remembrance Service |
| Friday 29th November | - | Year 6 Class Worship and Bake Sale |
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| Fri, 6th December | - | FoWES Christmas Fayre |
| Tues, 17th December | - | School Christmas Lunch |
| | - | Christmas Jumper Day |
| Thurs, 19th December | - | Christmas Service at St Michael's Church |
| Fri, 20th December | - | Last day of term 2 |
| Mon, 6th January 2025 | - | TD Day (Staff only in school) |
| Tues, 7th January | - | First day of term 3 |

Year R — Oak Class

Oak Class have settled really well during their first term at school and it has been a pleasure to welcome 16 new families into the Winterbourne Earls School Community. The term has mainly been about feeling settled, safe, new routines and learning what starting at 'big school' is all about. The children have enjoyed making new friends and also spending time with their Yr6 Buddies. They really enjoyed making Harvest pictures together and show-cased these at our Harvest Festival Service at St Michael's Church.

As we approach the end of their first term in school, there is a real sense of the children gelling as a class. Staff have loved hearing the developing conversations between the children who are also learning the skills involved in turn taking, caring for each other and responding to our school values.



Year 1 - Cherry Class

The children have really settled into Yr1 and had a very exciting half term! They have taken to their new surroundings very well and have managed the transition from Reception class to Yr1 in their stride. We have enjoyed learning about our new environment and have also been on our first trip with Yr2 when we explored Salisbury together. The experience of travelling on a bus into the city was great fun!

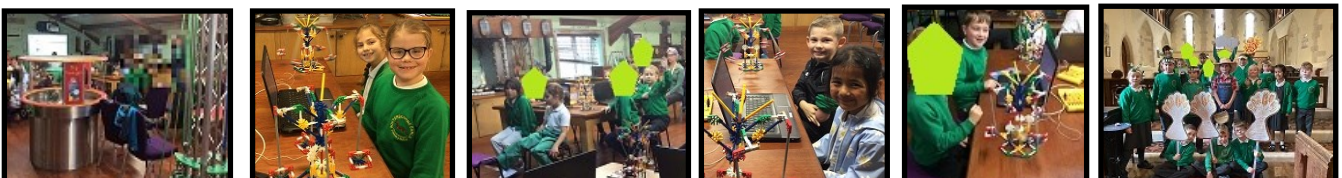


Year 2—Silver Birch Class

It's been all go in Yr2 as we have settled in to our new classroom and moved up the school. There has been a lot to take in but the children have enjoyed the change and are fully engaged with their in-depth work. We have spent a lot of time on our Maths and English and also learning new ways of working together. We had a great time during our trip to Salisbury with Yr1 which will form a big part of our work for the next term.

Year 3 - Rowan Class

Rowan class have had a fantastic start to KS2. As part of our Geography topic on 'The Sunshine State', we visited Paulton's Park to learn more about the impact of theme parks both locally, and in Florida. We compared and contrasted what we learnt and made our own theme park ride. We really enjoyed taking part in the Harvest Festival too.



Year 4 - Beech Class

Y4 have had a very busy half term with lots going on! In the first week of term our 'Beyond the Magic Kingdom - Florida' topic got off to a fantastic start with our trip to Paulton's Park. It rained for 6 hours but we had a great day! The children have written an opinion piece to have their say on the development of a new Universal Studios theme park in the UK. We have laughed ourselves silly when reading 'The Exploding life of Scarlett Fife', tested how 'fat' acts as an insulator in cold water in science and just this week we have built our own working carousel rides!

We have had children represent the school at Tri-Golf. The children enjoyed the wide range of chipping and putting challenges they were faced with at the golf course but our football tournament has been postponed until next term.

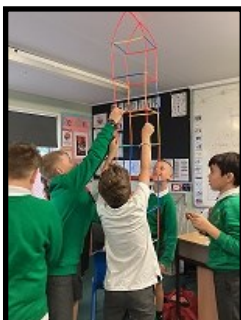


Paulton's Park - Years 3 & 4



Year 5 - Willow Class

Yr5 have had a very positive and exciting start to the year! Our topic has been 'What is a river?'. We visited two locations on the River Bourne to compare how they differ. We measured the river velocity and depth, as well as carrying out sampling in order to see which creatures were living there! We continued our learning back in the classroom, thinking about estuary wildlife, the human impact of flooding and different types of river erosion. In English, we have stretched our river learning in our writing. We created powerful poetry using figurative language as well as narrative pieces on the life of a water droplet going through the water cycle. In PE, we have worked really hard to understand the importance of good sportsmanship and honesty when competing in football and netball. Yr5 played with integrity and used great teamwork whilst putting the different ball skills they have learned, to good use. Connecting back to our river topic, we investigated different bridges in DT and worked in teams to build our own out of spaghetti using a strong, tessellated structure. Competing against each other for the strongest bridge, we then used weights to find where our prototypes were weakest in structure. We plan to use these findings to help with our wooden bridge building after half term. We have loved our start to Yr5 and are looking forward to continuing our learning after the break!



Classroom News

Year 6 - Sycamore Class



The pupils have made a fantastic start to Yr6. All of them are keen to be the young leaders of our school and Prefect roles have been started with enthusiasm and commitment. They have been particularly impressive with helping support their Reception Buddies settle into the school. It was very special to see them working together in the Harvest Festival.

They have enjoyed stretching their learning in all areas of the curriculum. We have explored how we learn and how to get the best out of our brains! As a result, the learning in the classroom has been exciting and impressive making it 'Cool to Learn'. Our main project this term was 'Rivers' with the focus being on field-work. We spent a morning down at the local river investigating river channels, velocity of the water and the invertebrates living in the river.



We have loved exploring the power of language this term. Poetry inspired us as we learnt about figurative language and painting a picture with words. We have then expanded this idea to write stories that really engage a reader and 'mind control' them to think in a certain way

about a character or a situation through our careful and precise use of vocabulary. The author AF Steadman came in to inspire us as we were drafting our stories- the need to write our creative thoughts down took on even more urgency as the pupils could see what we have been learning about in action. The results of these narratives are lengthy and impressive. They should be very proud of what they have achieved.

Winterbourne Choir

Anyone around on Monday straight after school will know how the school fills with voices and the joy of sharing the magic of music as it spills out through the school making anyone who hears it smile. Over 50 committed pupils are practising hard to learn all the songs for our various concerts.



We are going to perform at the O2 Arena in January as part of Young Voices where we take part in the largest children's choir in the world! This is an enormous experience so we need to be well prepared. Bake Sales by Yrs5 & 6 will help raise much needed funds for this trip.

Not satisfied with just performing in London, the Choir has three other Christmas related events to prepare for. They will be performing in Salisbury and on Salisbury Radio, so there will be many opportunities for you to enjoy their talents as they bring us all much festive cheer





In other News

Attendance Clarification

Attendance is a key focus; we do not want children missing out through unauthorised absences, having to catch up on return to school and requiring intervention. The absence procedure is to call or email the office on every morning of a child's absence. However, following a parental query, I would like to clarify that if we are monitoring your child's attendance because it has dropped below 90%, for absences of more than 3 days, we may request a photograph of prescribed medication like antibiotics. We can often make arrangements to administer medication ourselves if your child is well enough to attend school, with forms completed in the office. We are **not** expecting anyone to request evidence from doctors.

School Lunches:

The new school lunch menus for November 2024 through to April 2025 are all now live on School Money including Christmas Lunch. The date for Christmas Lunch is Tuesday, 17th December.

Packed Lunches:

The MDSAs have asked that parents/carers be reminded that only chocolate lunch bars i.e. Kit-Kat, Penguin etc. should be included in pupils lunch boxes and not whole chocolate bars.

Reminder:

Parents/carers are reminded that the school has a 'nut free' policy; no nuts or anything containing nut products are to be brought into school. If sending in grapes as a snack, could parents/carers please ensure that these are cut up. Whole grapes can be a choking hazard!

FoWES News

Friends of Winterbourne Earls School (FoWES) have a number of events planned for Term 2, please be sure to make a note on the calendar:

Do you know about FoWES? FoWES makes an invaluable contribution to the life of the school not just with fundraising, but also by promoting the school as part of the wider community and reinforcing strong relationships between school and parents. The FoWES committee includes representatives of both parents and staff, and also local residents. If you have any fundraising ideas or skills that could help with future events, please get in touch. Nothing is off the cards!!

FoWES are always happy for ideas, support and an extra pair of hands! If you are you interested in being part of the FoWES team, please contact fowes@winterbourneearls.wilts.sch.uk for more details.

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| ● Saturday, 2nd November | - | Fireworks Night (<i>entry by ticket only</i>) |
| ● Friday, 6th December | - | Christmas Fayre (<i>details to follow</i>) |
| ● Tuesday, 17th December | - | Christmas Jumper Day |