

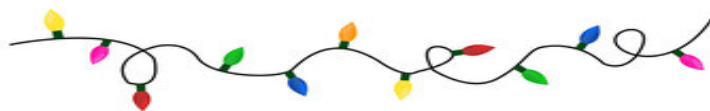


# Winterbourne News



Winterbourne Earls CofE Primary School, Summerlug, Winterbourne Earls, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP4 6HA

## Message from Mrs Carter, Head Teacher



Dear Parents

I would like to start by sharing the fantastic news that that Miss Wright and her partner are expecting their first baby in May. I am sure you would like to join us in congratulating them both and wish them well for the coming months. In order to ensure the transition for Year 1 children will be as smooth as possible, we will be recruiting for a maternity cover teacher in the New Year.

Further good news is that on 16<sup>th</sup> December, the DfE approved our proposal to join the Pickwick Multi-Academy Trust. We have had many meetings with the CEO and Director of Education and are convinced that committing to this family of schools will be of great benefit to all staff and children of Winterbourne Earls. We are very excited about the new adventures that lie ahead!

Thank you for your support through what has been a very busy term, especially in the run up to Christmas. I am sure you will agree that the staff have worked extremely hard to provide some very memorable experiences for all of the children.

We came back after half term to the Year 6 residential trip, which was a huge success, challenging the children to develop new skills like climbing, canoeing and cooking on an open fire. Children cemented friendships, built on positive relationships with staff and learnt more about their peers which has been extended and further developed in class. Thank you to Mrs Rawnsion, Mrs Longhurst and Mrs Morgan-Tranter who gave up a week with their own families to offer the best care for your children.

Right throughout the term, it has been evident that song is a key foundation of our school, with numerous opportunities to celebrate and perform: The choir has been very busy, singing at St Thomas' Christmas Tree Festival, The Christmas Fayre, Salisbury Radio Song for Christmas concerts (our song was recorded and can now be downloaded ) and at The Winterbourne Churches Together Carol Service last Sunday. We are all looking forward to being part of the 8000+ massed Young Voices choir at the O2 in January.

Our Bourne Forces children excelled by leading both the readings and the singing at our school Remembrance Service, which was enjoyed by all our special military guests.

The Year 1/2 Nativity was performed at the Glebe Hall with much laughter and enthusiasm and the songs at the Christmas Church Service showed how our community comes together through the joy of music. Thank you to all those staff who gave up their time to commit to all these performances.

If you know of any families looking for a school place for September 2025, please pass on your recommendations. The deadline for applications is January 15<sup>th</sup> 2025.

All of our Winterbourne staff would like to wish you a Happy and Peaceful Christmas. As you know, our admin e-mail [admin@winterbourneearls.co.uk](mailto:admin@winterbourneearls.co.uk) is closely monitored over the holidays if you have any concerns of a safeguarding nature. Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January is a TD day and school will be closed, so we look forward to seeing the children again on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

<u>Headteacher's End of Term Awards</u>		<u>Citizenship Cups</u>	
YR	Louis, Madi	YR	Elliot
Y1	Skylah-Mae, Ted	Y1	Noah
Y2	Elissia, Chester	Y2	Euan
Y3	Logan, Katie	Y3	James
Y4	Margot, Oscar	Y4	Ronnie
Y5	Seb, Maggie	Y5	Stanley
Y6	Verity, Harry	Y6	Abby
Congratulations to Rowan Class for the Tidy Class Award for the Autumn Term 2			

# Faith in Focus

A new Faith Committee was formed at the beginning of the new school year with two representatives from each year from Year 2-6. The Faith Committee work alongside our RE Lead Mrs Tucker and our School Chaplain Georg Knights. They were recently presented with their 'Faith Committee' badges during Worship which they wear with pride.

Georg has been having weekly sessions with Year6 pupils where they conduct short bible studies. These sessions are structured around linking the bible to everyday living such as thinking about forgiveness and how we should treat each other. Each Year6 pupil has their own bible which is a great asset to their learning.

## Remembrance Service

We were once again, delighted to welcome so many visitors to join us for our Service of Remembrance in November. We were especially pleased to welcome our uniformed parents and veterans, some of whom stayed on afterwards to talk with children in their classes about their own experiences of serving in His Majesty's Armed Forces.

## Christmas Church Service

Children across the school took part in a whole school Christmas Service in St Michael & All Angels Church at the end of term with many parents/grandparents in attendance. It was wonderful to be all together to celebrate the Christmas Story and to hear the children sing and perform with such enthusiasm. Special mention must go to Year 6 pupils who escorted their Year R Buddies to church and helped them with their contribution to the service. Well done everyone.

# Bourne Forces

Bourne Forces is an initiative where we support children with parents serving in His Majesty's Armed Forces. We provide the children with emotional support and a protected space where they can share their experiences of being a military child. Each child benefits from our group get-togethers where we give them time to talk and be heard if they need it. The children are always excited to come and take part in the activities we have planned for them and they behave with absolute respect, kindness and readiness to throw themselves into the fun. The support and help that the older children give to the younger ones during our activities is lovely to see.

Ahead of the school Remembrance Service, the children joined together to make poppies which they then dedicated during the service.

Recently the children have made Christmas decorations that they took home. The younger KS1 children made decorations using beads whilst the KS2 children coloured wooden decorations.



# Lights, Camel, Action

Year 1 and Year 2 worked extremely hard learning this year's Nativity Play "Lights, Camel, Action" which was performed to parents and family members at the Glebe Hall. They danced and sang and read their lines with great enthusiasm and really enjoyed showing off their acting talents. An extra big THANK YOU and WELL DONE for a great production must go to Miss Wright and Mrs Bravery who were ably assisted by Miss Townsend and Miss Kerley.



# SCHOOL CHOIR



The commitment and talent from the 55 KS2 pupils in Choir has been impressive. They have rehearsed tirelessly and have undertaken four varying public performances as well as recording their 'Song for Christmas' for Salisbury Radio which can be found on Salisbury Radio's website.

A Sponsored Sing Event, lasting two weeks, resulted in the Choir raising all the funds required for the expensive coach to take them to perform in the O2 Arena. This life-memorable trip will be happening in January 2025. Thank you to every pupil who has been dedicated to our school Choir and our wider school community who have supported our various

fundraising events- you make a huge difference!

## Year R — Oak Class

This term has seen the children grow and develop their skills through play and learning. Our regular Wellie Walks have been great fun when we discovered crunchy leaves and hiding places. Our music lessons are great fun and an opportunity for the children to develop their creativity through singing and movement.

Georg our School Chaplain, came in to visit with a session called Colours of Christmas where she talked about the different colours that we see at Christmas and linked them to the nativity story.



## Year 1 - Cherry Class

Year 1 have had a very busy and exciting term! In November, we started learning about famous explorers and have learnt about the achievements of various famous people such as; Christopher Columbus, Amy Johnson, Ranulph Fiennes and Amelia Earhart. The children have written a recount based on the text 'Journey' and a biography about Amelia Earhart's life. In Maths, we have been learning about Addition and Subtraction within 10 and also 2D and 3D shapes. In Science, we have been learning about the seasons in the UK and the different weather types and temperatures each season has. We have been exploring attacking and defending in PE and learning how to control the ball whilst moving. In our RE lessons, we have learnt about the Christian story of Christmas and have been investigating why Christmas is so important to Christians. We cannot talk about this term without mentioning our wonderful Nativity – Lights, Camel, Action! The children have worked so hard to make it a wonderful performance and we are sure you will agree, it was amazing!

The children have been engaged and enthusiastic about all of our learning this half term and have made such wonderful progress. Wishing them and their families a wonderful Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you back in the New Year!



## A message from Mrs Pittaway (PE Lead)

I would like to say a huge **Thank You** to all of the parents who have volunteered or accompanied us to the various sports events this term. Without you we wouldn't be able to take part in the varied activities offered. The children enter these events with great enthusiasm and the experience and skills they learn are invaluable.

## Year 2— Silver Birch Class

It has been another busy half term in Year2 with much to celebrate and be proud of. We have really enjoyed learning about the roles that animals played in WW1 and WW2 which inspired us to write letters of thanks as well as to use our imaginations to combine fact and fiction when writing diary entries.

We worked hard with our maths to master formal methods of addition and subtraction to allow us to solve problems and check our answers. This was followed by a unit looking at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes - what better way to end than by making our own with cocktail sticks and delicious marshmallows!



We were delighted to welcome Mrs Brown into our class in support of our 'Living things and habitats' science unit. She was able to help us learn more about our local rivers and its wildlife – Oscar and Flat Stanley the otters were a big hit!

Our PE lessons have also been really enjoyable especially as we had the benefit of coaches from Astrella to help us learn more invasion game skills.

One of the highlights of the term has to have been performing our nativity, 'Lights, Camel, Action!' at three sell-out performances! We all had speaking parts which we learnt and delivered beautifully as well as singing fantastic songs with actions.



We ended our term with a lovely Christmas dinner and some fun, festive activities.

## Year 3 –Rowan Class

As part of their History topic on The Stone Age, Year3 spent a morning visiting Salisbury museum where we were given a tour of the museum and acted as archaeologists for the morning. We got to handle real life artefacts and learnt about The Amesbury Archer and Old Sarum.

After lunch we jumped back on the bus and headed for a blustery walk up around Old Sarum where we explored the landscape.



# Classroom News

## Year 4 - Beech Class

Year4 have had a great half term learning about digestion in science. We completed several experiments - testing the effect of different liquids on teeth and making our own model of the intestines were both equally loved by the children.

We also visited Fishbourne Roman Palace as part of our Roman history work. We have been learning about how the Roman invasion of Britain had a lasting impact that we still see today.



## Year 5 - Willow Class

Year5 have thoroughly enjoyed this half of the Autumn Term! With art days, bridge building, hockey matches and Christmas carolling, we have barely had time to stop!

Our topic has been on The Battle of Britain which has involved the children learning all about why it was such a pivotal conflict in 1940 and all the factors that contributed to Great Britain's success - including Salisbury's Secret Spitfire building! From this learning, Year5 created some persuasive letters addressed to the women of Salisbury in 1940, to encourage them to join the war effort in Spitfire construction, as well as using all their knowledge to write an informative non-chronological report on the Battle of Britain.

Year5 have loved creating their own watercolour sunset paintings set in WWII, using acrylic paint to add a Spitfire or two on the horizon.

We also used our teamwork and communication skills to play hockey matches against one another, having learned all about open-stick tackles, attacking, and defending in PE.

Finally, the children thoroughly enjoyed their time manning their own Christmassy activities at the Christmas Fayre, whilst sneaking a sweet or two for all their hard work!



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## Year 6 - Sycamore Class

This half of term started off with an incredible residential week to Braeside in Devizes. The children challenged themselves, supported each other and learnt so many essential life skills. We shared our trip with the whole school and parents in a special Celebration Worship.

Last week, Year 6 helped spread Christmas kindness and joy as they helped out with the local community at the Glebe Hall sing Christmas songs and serve tea and cake to visitors.

Year 6 have written personalised Christmas stories for their Reception buddies. They developed the skill of writing for a target audience and ensuring that their story created a feeling of magic in the reader.



# FoWES News

It has been another busy start to the new school year for FoWES! Please see below a breakdown of the events you have kindly supported and how much we have raised so far. We couldn't have run these events without your help and support and are most grateful for everyone who has donated and volunteered their time.

**THANK YOU.**



## Fundraising Update

So far This year:



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for all your support so far this year. The amount raised has been incredible. We are again funding the pantomime and in the New Year we are looking to support the school to purchase an activity den for break times. We continue to subsidise trips and look to help the school anyway we can.

**2025**

9th Feb 2025 - School Disco  
 13th Feb 2025 - Wear What You Love Day  
 26th April 2025 - Figsbury Challenge TBC

Things slow down a little after Christmas but the FoWES team will continue working behind the scenes planning events including the annual Figsbury Challenge! Anyone is welcome to attend one of our meetings and if you think you might like to join the FoWES Team, please feel free to speak to one of us or email us on [fowes@winterbourneearls.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:fowes@winterbourneearls.wilts.sch.uk).