



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

Easter - April 2025



From Mrs Carter, Headteacher

Thank you so much for your support in a particularly busy term; we have welcomed a large proportion of parents in for our annual spring parent workshops and the feedback from our Online Parent workshop was positive. If you think we could further improve our partnership with parents, I would be grateful if you could send me your ideas.

We said 'Goodbye' to Mrs McEwan in a special Celebration Worship. We invited in Summer Paddock, an ex-pupil now in Year 10 who has blossomed into a talented musician. When she was a pupil here, she had a particular bond with Mrs McEwan and her song 'We're Going to be Friends' moved most of the staff and wowed a number of the children. We celebrated the impact Mrs McEwan has had since she started in 2012, considering what we can learn from her loving, caring inspirational approach, encouraging us all to find the light within us. We will be interviewing current staff after Easter so that the pastoral work she so brilliantly led will continue.

It is an exciting time for Miss Wright, who is likely to be going on Maternity Leave mid-May. The plan to cover her class is in hand and we will let parents know the week back after the holidays.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a very restful break and a Happy Easter. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 22nd April.





Winterbourne News



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Headteacher's End of Term Awards

YR *Oliver, Elodie*
Y1 *Harper, Arla*
Y2 *Isla, George*
Y3 *Tabitha, Reuben*
Y4 *Freya, Emi*
Y5 *Noah, Lily*
Y6 *Jacob, Evelyn*

Citizenship Awards

YR *Madison*
Y1 *Jack*
Y2 *Sebastian*
Y3 *Henry*
Y4 *Florence*
Y5 *Jack*
Y6 *Emily W*

Congratulations to **Yr4 Beech Class** for winning the **Tidy Class Award**

Dates for your calendar:

Tues 22nd April	—	Summer term begins
Sat 26th April	—	Figsbury Challenge
Mon 5th May	—	May Day Bank Holiday - School Closed
Sat 17th May	—	Mini Marathon Day
May 19th May - 23rd May	—	Science Week
Mon 26th May - 30th May	—	Half-Term including Spring Bank Holiday
Mon 2nd June	—	TD Day - School Closed
Fri 13th June	—	Sports Day
Tues 17th June	—	Class & Team Photos (school sweatshirts/cardigans please)
Fri 20th June	—	Reserve Sports Day
Mon 21st July	—	Yr6 Leavers service in St Michael's Church
Thurs 24th July	—	Last day of term

Year R - Happy Learning!



The children in Oak Class have had a very happy term learning all about Eggs, Spring and Farms. Through their developing skills in Writing and Maths we have focused on writing in sentences using our learnt Phonics and in Maths we have been thinking about Measuring in non-standard units, Doubling and Odd and Even numbers.

We have welcomed our student teacher Miss Adlam into the class. She is enjoying working with our youngest children whilst also learning from the adults in school.

Our busy term culminated in our first class trip to Riverbourne Community Farm where we learnt all about the animals and birds that we saw from Golden Pheasants, Hens and Turkeys to an Alpaca called Athena and a Goat called Eric! Enjoy looking through the photos below. The children and staff had a lovely morning."



Year 1 - Poetry, Numbers and a Fantastic Trip

What a fantastic term we have had in Cherry Class! Although it happened at the end of term, I think we should start by mentioning our AMAZING trip to Longleat in the last week of term. The children had the chance to consolidate all of their learning about Animals including Humans and got the opportunity to see, handle and explore a range of different animals. A fantastic day was enjoyed by all!

The children have worked incredibly hard this term and covered a lot of learning. In Maths we have been Adding and Subtracting within 20, learning about numbers to 50 and exploring length, height, weight and mass. In English, we used the text 'Lost in the Toy Museum' to write our own stories based on the book. In PE, we have been learning how to send and receive accurately, thinking about how to aim and pass successfully to a partner.

We also had book week in the middle of term in which the children explored the poem 'On the Ning Nang Nong' and used it as a template to explore rhyming words and create their own, which are now proudly on display in the library. The children created some wonderful pieces of artwork based on the Easter Story, using oil pastels and masking tape to create some spectacular pictures. They learnt the Easter Story during their RE lessons and even had a special visit from Georg, the school chaplain, who explored the story through a Sounds of Easter workshop.



As you can see, a very busy term for Year 1 and we hope that the children have a well deserved and restful Easter Break with their families. We look forward to another exciting term in Summer 1

Year 2 - Authors, Art & Animals!



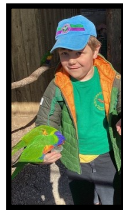
There have been so many memorable moments this half term! We loved having a visit from renowned author Kristina Stephenson, creator of the Sir Charlie Stink Socks series, where we learnt about her writing process and were able to join her in performing one of her stories. As part of World Book Week, we were also treated to a poetry workshop by poet James Carter. This was a high energy, fun workshop that inspired us to write and perform our own poems.



In other lessons we have explored mass, capacity, temperature, length and height in Maths as well as starting to look at times-tables. Science lessons have been focussed on how to stay healthy; we have looked at food and hygiene as well as healthy exercise in our PE lessons including interpretive dance with Dance Six-0. We asked the question 'how do historians find out about past' and focused on evaluating various sources to discover more about the Great Fire of London which we then used in our English writing by creating diary entries and information texts. Have you tried to make sculptures using soap or bread dough? Yr2 did and had great fun trying out different materials and methods.



We finished the term with a fantastic trip to Longleat Safari Park with Yr1 where we had a hands-on workshop learning about different animal habitats and adaptations followed by close encounters with meerkats and even a trip through the safari park to see the larger animals – a great way to conclude our Science topic.



Year 3 - Music & Movement!

It has been an active term in Yr3. We have learnt to play Goalball and enjoyed several sessions with Dance Six0 learning how to tell stories through interpretive dance. We have also been involved in a number of sports activities and tournaments alongside other schools.



We have also been learning to play the junior saxophone as well as French; both are great fun and interesting. In history, we have been discovering about the Bronze Age and played a trading game together:



Year 4 - Baking, Drawing and Sports!

Year 4 have been investigating and learning about electricity in science this half term. They have practised making circuits and tested conductors and insulators. In the first days of the half term, all children made their own biscuits - which turned out a little crumbly. They have been improving their drawing and sketching in our Art unit looking at tonal shading. There has not been a class trip this term, but many children have represented the school in a range of sporting competitions including Gymnastics, Rugby and orienteering!



Year 5 - Ancient Civilisations and Modern Space Science!

Yr5 have packed a lot into this term! Our History topic was on the ancient Maya - discussing how the Maya people lived, worked, ate, and communicated, as well as comparing this to what was happening in Britain at the same time. We even became familiar with a common game they used to play - 'Pok-a-Tok' - a ballgame where only hips, shoulders and elbows can be used to pass and score! From this learning, we wrote some brilliant diary entries from the perspective of the main character in our class book, 'Oh Maya Gods' by Maz Evans.

Art this term led us to design and create hieroglyphic tiles using the Mayan alphabet. To do this we looked at and experimented with bold relief to really make them come to life. Now we had our ancient Maya tiles, we just needed to report on this fascinating excavation! Y5 wrote some newspaper reports on discovering these ancient artefacts in Mexico using direct and indirect speech.



As if all this weren't enough, we also ventured down to Winchester Science Museum where the children floated through space in the Planetarium and took part in a 'Laser Mission' during our Discovery Space workshop to link with our science. Finally, Book Week introduced us to James Carter, a poet who taught us all about how to draft, edit and perform poetry. Using what we were taught, we wrote our own poems where we told our loved ones all the gifts that 'if we could, we would' give to them!



We have had so much fun and we look forward to what Summer Term brings!

Classroom News

Year 6 - Ancient Egypt and Super Singing!

Yr6 have been engrossed in the topic of Ancient Egypt as they learn how to be 'Better Historians' through challenging the validity and importance of sources as well as considering the ethical issues that need to be considered when exploring the past. The classroom has been filled with debates, mummies and death masks! A main focus for the term has been the children striving to master the primary curriculum; they have done this with humour, dedication and team work. We are very proud of them.



Three highlights of this half term have been:

- Songs of Easter morning with our Chaplain Georg
- Book Week where we had sessions with our visiting poet and MC Grammar (many had performed with him at the O2 Arena as part of Young Voices)
- Special sporting coaches in teaching us Tag rugby and Cricket.

In DT and Science, we constructed and tested geared, electric cars.



Bourne Forces

Bourne Forces is an initiative dedicated to supporting children with parents serving in His Majesty's Armed Forces. We regularly meet together allowing the children time to chat and support one another during a variety of seasonal activities. Each child benefits from having the opportunity to share their experiences as a military child during our get togethers and also take advantage of the emotional support and protected space that we share. The children are always excited to come along and readily welcome new children into their 'special group'. The support and help that the older children give to the younger ones during these times is particularly lovely to see.

This term we have played Easter games including a joyful egg and spoon race, putting the eggs in the bucket and an Easter themed obstacle course.



World Book Day

World Book Day was a riot of colour with children and staff dressing up as their favourite book characters. There were a myriad of Harry Potter themed costumes as well as characters from Doctor Zeus, Charlie & The Chocolate Factory and many more. We also had a special visit from the 'Rap Rap Gran' who performed poetry with Mr Ackland.

Each class also got to work with the poet James Carter who visited on our poetry day. All of our amazing work from poetry week is now on display on the walls in the library.



A big THANK YOU to the Rocketship Bookshop who came into school during the week

Well done to all the children who have taken part in the WOW - Walk to School Challenge. They have all been enthusiastic in mixing up their journeys into school and many have taken advantage of the lunch-time walking sessions put on by the Yr6 Sports Ambassadors. We only launched the initiative in mid-March and are delighted with the response. Badges will be presented after the Easter Holidays.



We are delighted to advise that we have received funding to extend the initiative into the new academic year 2025/2026.



Saturday 26th April

1km, 3km, 5km multi terrain run up and around Figsbury Ring

1 km Fun Run for Children in YR, Y1 & Y2

Race starts at 1pm Entry £5/£7

3 km Fun Run for Children in Y3, Y4 & Y5

Race starts at 1:30pm Entry £5/£7

5 km Race for Adults and Children in Y6 onwards

Race starts at 2:15pm Y6 Entry £5/£7 Y7 & above £10/£12

Follow the Figsbury Fox as he runs all races!!

Fancy Dress is optional!!

Entry Forms Available Here:



Winterbourne Earls School

Gates open at 12 noon

Refreshments and

Food available

Early Bird Prices before April 12th

Entries are welcome on the day

Course Details can be found here:

<https://www.winterbourneearls.org/figsbury-challenge/>

