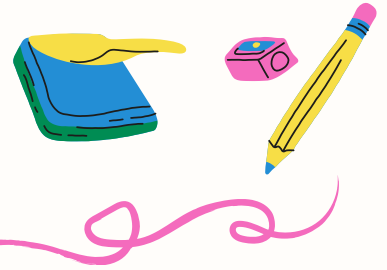


# Wincheap School Newsletter



2025/26 - Term 6 - 30.06.26

## Dear Parents and Carers,

A big 'Thank You' to parents for the encouraging messages you have sent us about the heat and the way we have managed it as a school. I would also like to say a big 'well done' to the children who persevered and continued to come to school, as well as our fantastic staff, who kept our school up and running and the children as cool as possible throughout a very challenging week. Don't forget that the **'Festival on the Field'** is going to take place this **Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July** and we hope to see as many of you there as possible. Tickets for the festival can be purchased through ParentPay or on the gate.

I hope everyone is going to enjoy the last 3 weeks of term and of this academic year, it's always such a busy time.

With best wishes,

*Nuala Danson*

## The Big Summer Sing Event at Canterbury Cathedral

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June, the Wincheap School Choir spent the day at Canterbury Cathedral. It was an amazing event led by the wonderful Helen Brookes (singing partnerships lead at Canterbury Cathedral).

We met other children from local primary schools and spent the morning rehearsing. We sang a mixture of songs, traditional and modern to a fantastic enthusiastic audience!!!

The children behaved beautifully and sang like angels. We were able to have a picnic lunch in the Cathedral grounds, which was a treat.

Well done to the choir for another amazing performance. You should all feel so proud of yourselves!

As always, thank you to parents and carers for your support.

Mrs Royel & Mrs Watt





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## Tuesday 9th June Y4 Cricket event @ Polo Farm

10 children from Year 4 took part in the Dynamos cricket event at Polo Farm. They were very quick to learn the rules and worked very well, supporting each other, as well as showing passion and determination. As a result we performed particularly well in the last game, just narrowly missing a medal. Larisa had her own mini trophy to award us! Miss Heckley was VERY proud of them!



### No parking onsite for parents / carers

We would like to remind all parents that **onsite parking is for Wincheap School staff only**. Parents **MUST NOT** park onsite, even if the gates are open. We kindly ask that parents park in the road for the safety of all children and families. Thank you.



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## Meet Atty, our attendance dog

Atty is awarded to the class with the highest attendance each week and our winning classes take such good care of him. Mrs Lane has a job getting him to leave each week!

Atty will be shortly going on the summer holidays with Mrs Lane, with his many adventures shared via digital postcard in September!

### Wingham Wildlife Park



Every child with 96% attendance and above will be entered into a prize draw at the end of this term to win a family ticket to Wingham Wildlife Park- Good luck everyone!

### Theatre Events

Throughout the year Canterbury Academy provide us with tickets to their wonderful shows at the Gulbenkian Theatre. Children with improved and exceptional attendance have had some wonderful trips to see their shows, with more planned.

At Wincheap, we pride ourselves on holding attendance as a priority when it comes to children's education and attainment. By getting to school on time, children are equipped with skills they will need in the workplace, for appointments and social engagements. Good attendance at school means children do not miss important stepping stones of information in subjects and are not left trying to catch up with their peers, both academically and socially.

We would like to thank parents for your continued support in promoting great attendance amongst our children.

### Please see below for key information about attendance practices at Wincheap:

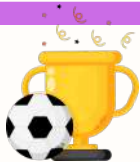
- Medical appointments should be made outside of school hours where possible, but if in school time, must be applied for in advance and will be offered only as a part day absence, not a full day (unless exceptional circumstances).
- When debating whether to keep a child at home for an illness, please consult [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](#) . This is the document utilised to authorise/unauthorise illnesses in school.
- If your child is too ill to come to school, you must email [absence@wincheap.kent.sch.uk](mailto:absence@wincheap.kent.sch.uk) or call 01227 819683 before 9am. Absence needs to be reported every day of absence.
- If your child is late to school, please bring them to the school office where you will be asked to provide a reason for late attendance. Children must not be left at the door without an adult. Repeated late arrival will result in parent meetings and in certain cases can involve the Local Authority and result in penalty notices.
- Leave requests during term time require completion of a form which can be obtained from the office. Holidays during term time will not be authorised unless DfE approved exceptional circumstances are presented in advance (authorised holidays are extremely rare).



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## Thursday 11th June Y4 Minilympics @ Birley's Playing Fields

10 children were invited to take part in a minilympics event hosted by Kings School. Despite the rain we had a REALLY wonderful day. Highlights included receiving a tshirt, enjoying a delicious BBQ lunch and ice cream, playing musical lacrosse and meeting some inspiring hockey Olympians (Sean Kerly and Susie Townsend.)



## District Football Trial



In more sporting news, Miss Heckley nominated Sophia el Bougataouri (Year 6) and Teddie Burke (Year 5) for a district football trial. They were up against some great footballers from local schools and BOTH of them have earned a place in the Canterbury District Team; we're absolutely thrilled for them and are very much looking forward to hearing about their future achievements! Both Sophia and Teddie have also been great role models to our younger players and we wanted to thank them for their dedication and commitment to school football.



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## Well done, Rufio!

Rufio in Year 4 entered the Rotary Young Environmentalist Competition and was presented with an award by Sir Roger Gale for his 'Animal Life Pond.' He received a certificate, a bird box and a family membership to Monkton Nature Reserve. We're very proud of him – well done, Rufio!



## Dates for the Diary

- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:** Class Swap Day & Open Afternoon for parents to meet the teacher
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Festival on the Field
- **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July:** Parents Evening
- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July:** Parents Evening
- **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July:** Author visit for Years 4, 5 & 6
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** Assessment letters & EYFS letter for Reception parents come home
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 Performance
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 Fun Day
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July:** Enrichment Day
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** Last day of term 6 - school will finish at 2pm & there won't be After School Club



Kent Fire and Rescue Service offer free Home Fire Safety Visits for anyone who:

- is aged 70 or over
- is living with dementia
- has a long term health condition
- has young children or is pregnant
- is a smoker



If yourself or someone you know is eligible, talk to the team and book a visit by:

- visiting [www.kent.fire-uk.org/hfsv](http://www.kent.fire-uk.org/hfsv)
- scanning the QR code
- or calling 0800 923 7000





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Never miss an issue of Families Magazine! Sign up for our e-newsletter: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/>

Parent support groups and services

If your child has special needs, support groups and charities can help you.

[Parent support groups and services - Kent County Council](#)



## Tiny Triumphs

Kent Family Hub are pleased to share that the Tiny Triumphs video series is now live and available to watch on YouTube.

Tiny Triumphs is a series of short, warm animations that help families spot and celebrate these everyday moments. Told through a child's voice, the videos gently show how talking, playing and listening together support children's growth, confidence and wellbeing.

You'll see animated family moments brought to life, reminding us that:

- Small steps really matter
- Connection helps children grow
- Everyday interactions build confidence and skills

They've been thoughtfully co-designed with one of our young parents' groups to feel meaningful, inclusive, and simple to incorporate into everyday conversations with parents and carers.

Please take a look, give it a watch, and share it with teams, partners and families who may find it helpful. You can [watch the series on YouTube](#) by searching for Kent Family Hub - Tiny Triumphs

**NHS**

## FEEL WELL THIS SUMMER

1

In hot summer weather stay out of the sun, particularly between 11am and 3pm, wear a hat and light clothing to cover up, and use sunscreen of at least Factor 15.

2

Avoid strenuous activity and remember to drink plenty of water and avoid excess alcohol, caffeine and hot drinks.

3

Ensure food is not left out in warmer weather, and that it is cooked thoroughly at a barbecue to avoid food poisoning.

4

If you're planning to travel outside the UK, seek travel advice at [www.travelhealthpro.org.uk/country-information](http://www.travelhealthpro.org.uk/country-information). You may also need to be vaccinated against infections you may come into contact with while travelling.

5

Be a good neighbour and look after those who may need a helping hand in hot weather, such as the very old, the very young and people with chronic conditions.

6

Choose Well and use the correct health service, at the right time.

For more summer advice, visit [www.nhs.uk/summerhealth](http://www.nhs.uk/summerhealth)



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Show us what you've got!

Showcase Your Awesome Project.  
Join fellow Innovators and Inspire your peers.

To enter, all we need to know is:

- What you have researched /investigated/ experimented
- How you carried out the project
- What you learned  
(You can include pictures or a short video if you wish)

Whether you've built a robot, designed an app, conducted experiments or created something entirely unique, we want to hear about it!

Closing Date:  
31st July 2026

Scan for more details & entry



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## HOLIDAY CAMPS

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THE ARCHBISHOP'S SCHOOL  
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# OPEN EVENTS

The Archbishop's School invites you to become part of our vibrant, caring, and supportive Christian Community.

**OPEN MORNING: Saturday 26 September 2026**  
10:00am-1:00pm

**OPEN EVENING: Thursday 01 October 2026**  
4:00pm-7:00pm

**SCHOOL TOURS**  
05 - 07 October 2026  
09:15am-10:00am  
10:00am - 10:45am



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