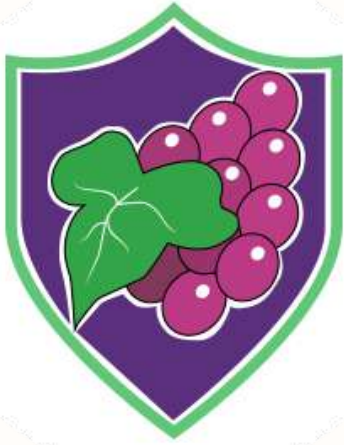
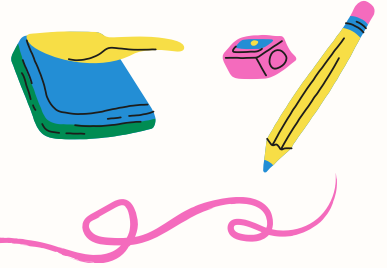




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2025/26 - Term 6 - 21.07.26

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another academic year draws to a close (where does the time go??!), I would like to say a **HUGE 'Thank you'** for all the support and kindness from our **Wincheap parents and families** this year. The messages of support throughout the year, but especially during our recent Ofsted inspection, have really helped us get through a challenging year and a tough week.

I would also like to say a heartfelt thank you and goodbye to any Year 6 parents leaving us this year. And to all of our wonderful **Year 6 pupils**: we are so very proud of each and everyone of you and know you will go on to do amazing things! Enjoy your new chapter at secondary school - you've got this!

I would also like to say a big 'Thank you' to all of the wonderful and dedicated **staff** at our school - please read on to find out about some staff changes this year, as we are sadly saying goodbye to some very valued and long-standing staff members.

We are also very grateful to all of our **governors** for their ongoing support and hard work.

This year has been busy, fun and challenging and we fondly look back on lots of wonderful events, such as our Carrotty Wood trip, Sports Day, The Festival on the Field, lots of sporting events and so much more! This year we also saw the purchase of our very own minibus, which has already made such a difference to our school and our ability to attend events offsite. Looking ahead, we are excited about the introduction of the OPAL play scheme and what it means for our children. We are also going to say 'hello' to some new staff members - some will be familiar faces to you all.

I hope that all of our Wincheap families, pupils, staff and governors are going to have a well deserved break and a wonderful summer and we are looking forward to seeing you in September 2026 to do it all again!

With best wishes,

Nuala Danson



Appeal for preloved kit and parent volunteers

Should any of your children have grown out of their **footy boots/astros, socks or shin pads** we'd be grateful of any donations to our spares. Also, should any parent/carer/ family member be involved in a sports club that would welcome some children for an Enrichment activity or be willing to run a 'taster' session or after school club in school next academic year, please do get in touch with Miss Heckley.



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National School Sports Week

We celebrated **National Sports Week** across the school with a variety of activities which included: A Year 5 rugby session with Alice from CRFC, some inter class rounders, active starts to the school day, Wimbledon and Water safety activities and our very own Wincheap World Cup. The year 6 teams all played brilliantly with Team Chile winning the 'cup'! **Thank you to Steve Cleare** for supporting us with our Wincheap World Cup and to Chartham FC for our donated Y3/4 kit and club footballs; the Year 4's definitely looked the part in their game V Wingham. It was a great game which resulted in a win for us!



OPAL Play



A big thank you to everyone who has supported the launch of our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) project so far. Although we're only at the very beginning of our journey, we have already received a wonderful selection of donations from our generous families. The excitement has been infectious, with children eagerly peeking at the growing collection and imagining all the exciting ways they will be able to play from September. Every donation, no matter how small, is helping us create richer, more creative and inclusive play opportunities for all our children. We can't wait to see our playgrounds come to life—**thank you for helping make it happen.**





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Sports Day 30th June 2026



Despite postponing our planned **Sports Day** due to the extreme heat, the event went ahead successfully and saw the Green team lift the house trophy. The children competed with enthusiasm and we were all very proud of them! Particular highlights included: the Year R track events (a first for them) the overwhelming number of year 5/6 children who took part in the optional final laps and the new Vortex throw which proved VERY popular. We wanted to **thank you all again for your support** and to our wonderful staff and Year 6 sports crew who helped make the event a success.

Enrichment Day

We wanted to thank **Arthur** from **Invicta Volleyball** who offered some taster sessions on Enrichment Day; the children REALLY enjoyed developing their Volleyball skills alongside a specialist coach. Anyone interested in their sessions which run on Mondays from 18:00-19:30 in Canterbury, please see <https://invictavolleyball.com/> . They will also be running some activities throughout the summer.

Some of our year 5/6 children signed up to take part in the **Jag Tag Games** at Simon Langton Boys school too. This was a great opportunity to try a new game based on American football. The children were all AMAZING and showed some great running, throwing and catching skills! They enjoyed receiving a Jaguar water bottle and Annie was also awarded a T-shirt by the organisers for her wonderful sportsmanship.

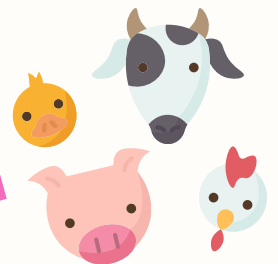




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Class 13 trip to Knowler Farm

Mexico class had a fantastic day at **Knowler Farm** doing amazing activities with 'Bee Free on the Farm'. Thank you so much to Max for showing us all your animals, we have had an experience we will never forget!



Goodbye to our Year 6's

Auf Wiedersehen!

We have been so proud of our Year 6 pupils' performances in Madagascar. They worked so hard to create props, sing, dance, act and bring the stage to life.

Also what a wonderful Y6 Fun Day we had! The children spent all day playing games on the field, on the inflatables and spending time with the teachers that they have had over the years. A well-deserved treat after their busy year! Many thanks to parents/carers who donated so generously towards this, ensuring it could take place.

Finally, as Y6 spend their final days at Wincheap school, we would like to say once again how immensely proud of them we are. They have been a fabulous year group to work with from start to finish and they will be missed! A huge thanks to parents/carers for their support over the years, too!

The Year 6 Team



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More goodbyes 😞

It is with great sadness but also with enormous gratitude that we are saying goodbye to a few of our long-standing staff members. We are so grateful to each and everyone of them for their hard work and dedication over the years and wish them all the very best for their new chapters!

We're waving goodbye to:

- **Mrs Feeney**, Year 6 teacher, who is leaving Wincheap after a very long time of teaching
- **Mrs Rule**, Year 4 teaching assistant, who is starting her hard earned retirement
- **Mrs Burroughs**, Art teacher, who is partly retiring but will also dip her toes into self-employment
- **Mrs Brockman**, SEND and Intervention teaching assistant, who is starting her own business

Meet Frankenstein!



We are pleased to introduce Frankenstein - aka Frankie or Frank - to you! He has been coming to the main school office every day of this term and has been a real hit with a lot of our children. Frankie is an ex racing greyhound who has recently been adopted by our Admissions Office Mrs Valentine. He loves to sleep all day but will always wake up for cuddles and strokes from the children. He has been known to give them the 'paw of more' if they stop providing fuss too soon. He loves coming to Wincheap and soaking up all the attention!



Dates for the Diary

- **Tuesday 21st July**: Last day of term 6 - school will finish at 2pm - no After School Club
- **Tuesday 1st September**: Inset day with no children in school
- **Wednesday 2nd September**: Inset day with no children in school
- **Thursday 3rd September**: First day of school for pupils in Year 1-6
- **Monday 7th September**: First day of school for our new Reception children





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OPAL COLLECTION

TRANSFORMING OUR OUTDOOR
PLAY & LEARNING



ITEMS WE WOULD LOVE:



IMAGINATIVE PLAY

Small zoo/farm animals,
dolls, cars, play food,
buckets



HAVING A
SUMMER
CLEAR OUT???



CONSTRUCTION

Lego (branded or not),
wooden building blocks,
duplo



DRESS UP

Fancy dress costumes,
but also adult clothes
kids can put on/off
themselves, high vis
jackets, hanging rails



ELECTRICALS

Phones, computer
keyboards, torches,
non working cameras,
radios, walkie talkies



WATER/SAND PLAY

Saucepans, frying pans,
plastic mugs, plates,
cupcake trays, buckets,
wooden or plastic utensils,
sieves, colanders, aprons,
buckets, small spades



BACK TO SCHOOL → 3 SEPTEMBER





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Wednesday 5th August

Thursday 6th August

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Ages 5 - 15

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