

Newsletter ~ May 2026

The Windmill Primary Federation



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Dear Families,

As we come to the end of another busy half-term, I would like to congratulate all of our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, determination and resilience they have shown throughout the year and during the tests themselves.

Across the school, the children have continued to enjoy a wide range of learning opportunities across the curriculum this half-term. From exciting Science investigations to Art, Music, Sports and Computing - it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, curiosity and confidence growing in the classroom each day.

This half-term has also seen the completion of both Round One and Round Two of our Spelling Bee competition in school. We wish the finalists the very best of luck for the final, which will take place at Heacham Junior School after half-term.

We are also looking forward to a number of exciting events taking place after the break, including the WNAT Photographic Competition Final, the Soroptimists International Public Speaking Competition at the College of West Anglia, the Vocal Celebration Evening at Springwood and the Dance Festival at Springwood.

Thank you for your continued support this half-term. We wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable half-term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on 1st June.

Emma Hunt & Kelly Farthing
Exec Headteacher & Head of School

Hedgehogs Class

Reception have been very busy learning about life cycles, including frogs and butterflies. We were very excited when a surprise parcel of caterpillars arrived in class! The children are patiently waiting for the metamorphosis stage to finish so that we can watch the beautiful Painted Lady butterflies emerge from their chrysalises.

In maths, the children have been exploring longer and shorter and enjoyed investigating which toy cars travelled the furthest down a track. They have also been learning about odd and even numbers.

In English, the children have been learning the story *The Enormous Turnip*. They have enjoyed innovating the story and are now writing their own versions.

Everyone has made superb progress in phonics this term, and this is really shining through in their writing. Well done, Reception!

Year 1 and 2 have had a fantastic term full of exciting learning opportunities.

In English, we have been reading *The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark*, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. In maths, the children have been learning about fractions, including wholes, halves, thirds and quarters. Their counting skills have improved greatly, and we are looking forward to starting the 4 times tables next half term.

Science lessons have certainly been electrifying! The children have built circuits, experimented with static electricity and investigated which materials are conductors and insulators.

In art, we are completing our beautiful class mural this week. The children have explored tile printing, printing with natural materials and are very excited to add weaving to their artwork.

In geography, the children have been learning about Northern Europe and have produced some wonderful travel brochures to showcase their knowledge. So, if you fancy a holiday in Northern Europe, just ask the Hedgehogs class for recommendations!

The children have also enjoyed learning to play the glockenspiels this half term and have shown great enthusiasm as they developed their musical skills.

Kind regards

Mrs Else



Owls Class

Owls Class have really settled into a fantastic learning routine this term, and it has been wonderful to see the children working so positively and enthusiastically across all areas of the curriculum.

In Maths, Years 3, 4 and 5 have been developing their understanding of decimals, as well as mass and capacity. Year 6 have shown great determination and resilience during their SATs booster sessions and have now officially completed their SATs — a huge shout out and well done to them all!

In English, all children have thoroughly enjoyed our topic on personal recounts and diary entries linked to WW2, inspired by our class text *Rose Blanche*. The children have produced some thoughtful and engaging writing, so keep an eye out for our hot writes being posted on Class Dojo.

Continuing our theme of war, the children have learnt a great deal about WW1 in History and have shown real curiosity and interest in the topic. In Science, we explored the human body, while in Geography we focused on Australia, producing some lovely work along the way.

The children have especially enjoyed Music lessons, where they have been creating their own beats using YuStudio. In Art, they explored Impressionism using paints and pastels, producing some beautiful pieces of artwork.

There have also been lots of exciting opportunities outside the classroom this term, including our spelling bee, dance events for Years 3 and 4, archery competitions and much more.

We are now looking forward to the final sunny half term of the year and continuing all of the hard work and enthusiasm shown by Owls Class!

Miss Clark





The Friends of School would like to thank everyone for all their support this term – it is hugely appreciated.

We were delighted to provide SATs treats for our Year 6 pupils after their exams, including cupcakes, chocolates and other goodies to help celebrate all their hard work.

Please note that Tuck Shop will stop after half term and will be replaced with Milkshake Monday and Frozen Friday, which we hope the children will enjoy!

We are also pleased to have contributed towards the Year 6 leavers' hoodies.

Finally, if you would be interested in having a prom this year, please do get in touch, as this is still undecided and will depend on parent interest and involvement.

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Diary Dates

COMING SOON!

- 1st June – Term Starts
- 1st – 5th June – MTC Checks for Year 4
- 8th – 12th June – Phonics Screening Check for Year 1 & Year 2
- 17th June – Reading Café's or Owls & Hedgehogs Class
- 18th June – Year 6 Public Speaking Competition
- 22nd to 24th June – Residential Trip to Hilltops for Year 5 & 6
- 25th June – Sports Day
- 6th July – WANT Music Workshop at Springwood High School
- 7th July – SATs results
- 8th July – Afternoon Tea for Owls & Hedgehogs Class
- 14th July – Year 6 SATs meeting
- 16th July – Marshland High School Taster Day for Year 5

Uniform Reminder

We kindly remind all families that trainers should only be worn on designated PE days.

On all other school days, children are expected to wear black school shoes as part of the school uniform. Thank you for your support with this.

