



Wincle CE Primary School

Wincle School provides an enriching and outstanding rural education. We nurture the whole individual: body, mind and soul, inspiring rounded, happy, courageous children who shine in all that they say and do. Our children exhibit a passion for learning, a confident faith, a loving concern for community and an inclusive respect for all.

Wednesday 13th March 2024

A message from the Headteacher, Mrs Smith:

Dear Parents,

The spring term is going very well and the pupils are all working very hard in their classrooms. We are very much looking forward to the Shang Dynasty catwalk on Friday where the Jupiter children will be able to showcase the end results of their recent design and technology project. Hopefully, this will inspire the other children in school with their up-and-coming design projects over the summer term. We hope you can join us for Celebration Worship in church.

As we move towards the end of the term, the teachers are now completing summative assessments for each child and identifying their current attainment levels and targets for moving forward. Data letters will be shared with parents before the end of the term and all families are welcome to come in on Thursday 28th March to look at the children's work. Parents will also be able to speak to class teachers regarding their child's progress at this time if they have any queries or concerns.

The staff and governors of Wincle School are continually working together to move the school forward and make it a wonderful place for everyone, where all can shine like stars. Recently, we have been refining our school vision to ensure that it is easy to read, but still represents everything that we aim to do. Please see the confirmed new vision above. Staff and pupils have also been working hard focusing on our core Christian value of compassion: taking action to care for others. We have been discussing how important it is for our pupils to have a voice and this has led us to encourage our pupils to 'stand up for what you believe in and take action' which has now been added to our STAR acronym used throughout school.

S	Service	★ No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." Aesop ★ We are all unique and have different strengths and weaknesses, we must help and serve each other be the best we can be.
T	Theology	★ We are loved by God: he stands with us each day and night, in everything that we do. ★ As we learn about our faith, act as Jesus would want you to act.
A	Attitude	★ Try, try, try, try, try! Display a growth mind set - you CAN DO IT! ★ When things are challenging, persevere and not give up. Stand up for what you believe in and take action .
R	Relationships	★ Respect every living creature and show compassion . ★ Be polite and show humility . Be kind.
S	Shine like stars	★ Be the best that you can be in your work, your behaviour, your attitude and your relationships with others: have hope for a bright future! ★ Shine like stars!

Best wishes,
Sarah Smith

General Information

Attendance Update

Please find below our recent attendance figures which includes attendance up to and including Friday 1st March. Attendance is high on the agenda for the school's governing body and it is regularly discussed and analysed at each governor meeting.

Good attendance is having an attendance of 96% or above. Pupils will make good progress with attendance at this level.

Attendance between 90% and 96% requires improvement and it is highly likely that pupils' attainment and progress will be affected.

If a pupil has an attendance of lower than 90%, they are classed as a persistent absentee and will have gaps in their learning from lessons missed. These children are identified by the local authority and discussed at attendance reviews with the school, each term.

Parents will receive their child's individual attendance in their end of term data letter.

Whole School Attendance	
94.59%	

Mars Attendance	Saturn Attendance	Jupiter Attendance
94.96%	94.54%	94.09%

Attendance of...	Number of pupils	% of whole school
96% +	29	43%
attendance between 90-96%	30	45%
persistently absent with attendance lower than 90%	8	12%

Number of families taking term-time holidays	7
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Total number of minutes late for the whole school
949

Minutes late in Mars	Minutes late in Saturn	Minutes late in Jupiter
424	255	370

Please note that pupils arriving late in bad weather is not included in the above data.

How many days of learning have I lost?	
Attendance (%)	Number of days absent from school
98	4 days
95	10 days (2 weeks)
90	20 days (4 weeks)
85	30 days (6 weeks)
80	40 days (8 weeks)

What about being late?	
How late? (every day)	What's it mean?
5 mins	3 days lost!
10 mins	6.5 days lost!
15 mins	10 days lost!
20 mins	13 days lost!
30 mins	19 days lost!

Wraparound Care

We are running All Stars on a Friday evening this half term as a trial to see if it will be financially viable to run moving forwards. Miss Kershaw will be running the session and normal costings apply.

Our first week was very busy but no one required the session last week. If you feel that this will be a benefit for the school, please do support the trial to ensure that it can continue.

Bad weather

Due to our remote location, we can sometimes struggle to get to school in bad weather, particularly snow. In the last two instances, where there has been a significant snowfall, it has started to fall at an inconvenient time.: drop off time. This has made bringing your children to school very stressful!

To make the decision whether to open or close the school, Mrs Smith liaises with the chair of governors, speaks to local residents and also looks at the weather forecast. A decision is also made based on whether all ways to Wincle School are blocked. Barlow Hill can be notoriously dangerous and so it is advised that coming to Wincle via Swythamley, or continuing on the A54 and turning right further down, may be safer.

Parents are aware of their own car's capabilities in bad weather and we all feel differently about driving in the snow or not. As the school is situated in the valley and usually, all staff are already in school, it is difficult for school staff to advise individual parents on whether to travel as they are unaware of road conditions higher up. This decision must be made by each parent. Sometimes, it may be best to wait a while and to show understanding, we are not formally recording lates on snow days.

Play therapist

Wincle School does have access to a Play Therapist from 'Turn the Page' counselling. To warrant a visit from the therapist, we require at least two pupils to book sessions. We have one family interested in using this service and are looking for at least one other family to book sessions. If you would like to find out more, please see Mrs Smith or contact the school office.

Why choose play therapy?

Play is a fun, enjoyable activity that elevates our spirits and brightens our outlook on life. It expands self-expression, self-knowledge, self-actualization and self-efficacy. Play relieves feelings of stress and boredom, connects us to people in a positive way, stimulates creative thinking and exploration, regulates our emotions, and boosts our ego (Landreth, 2002). In addition, play allows us to practice skills and roles needed for survival. Learning and development are best fostered through play (Russ, 2004).

Wincle Fete

This year, the Wincle Fete will take place on Saturday 8th June and all of the pupils from Reception to Y6 will be involved with the opening ceremony.

The fete committee would like the school to organise and run the children's games, and so we are looking for parent helpers for the following times:

*The day before to help set up the fete

*Help on the day to run the games

*Help afterwards to tidy up.

Over the last two years, the school has greatly benefitted from the Wincle Fete, receiving over £10,000 in funds.

This money has been used in a variety of ways, for example, to take the whole school to the pantomime in December 2022, it has paid for the Lego Day recently held in school for Saturn and Mars as well as being used to pay for the transport to the forthcoming Winmarleigh residential.

Please do help us support this local event. If you are available to help, please let the school office know.

If your child is NOT able to perform in the opening celebrations of the fete, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Macclesfield Town Football Competitions

Many thanks to all parents for responding to Mrs Smith about the football competitions.

We have outlined below whether we have enough players for a team or not. If your child would like to play, please confirm before Friday 15th March.

	Y5/6 Boys TEAM CONFIRMED	GIRLS YEAR 5&6	Y3/4 Boys TEAM CONFIRMED	GIRLS YEAR 3&4	MIXED YEAR 2 TEAM CONFIRMED
TERM 5	24th APRIL	1st MAY	8th MAY	15th MAY	22nd MAY
TERM 6	12th JUNE	19th JUNE	26th JUNE	3rd JULY	10th JULY

Please note that we have three Y3/4 girls wanting to play and they are allowed to join the three Y5/6 girls on their dates, **but we need one more girl**. Please let us know if your child would like to play.

School competitions

We are currently running two competitions in school. Please encourage your child to enter both the Sustainable School competition for Mrs Wilson and the Ow/Wow/Now competition for Mrs Smith.

Easter Activities

Decorate egg competition

It is nearly time for our annual Decorated Egg competition. We would like to invite all pupils to take part and decorate an egg in an imaginative way. All entries are to be brought to school on Wednesday 27th March where they will be judged by the school staff. The winners will be announced in worship that afternoon. Look out on Facebook for photographs.

Easter Café

We would like to warmly invite parents into school on Thursday 28th March at 2.15pm for our Easter Café. Here, you will be able to sit with your child/children and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a tasty treat before going into the classes at 2.45pm to look at their work. Please bring loose change to purchase your goodies.

REQUEST - donations of cakes/biscuits would be greatly appreciated. We are a nut free school.

Confirmation

Vicar John and Curate Anna are looking to holding a confirmation service at St James Church Sutton on Sunday 28th July at 10.45am. Bishop Mark will be taking the service. Is your child interested in finding out more about getting confirmed? If so, please get in touch to notify your interest.

Confirmation classes would be held in advance and more details will be sent out once we know numbers.

Support for parents

I wanted to let you know about a service called Navigate that we have recently been made aware of. Navigate provides online emotional support for parents and carers of children with additional needs or who are on the pathway for a diagnosis.

https://www.scope.org.uk/family-services/navigate/?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=paidsocial&utm_campaign=navigate&utm_content=lorna&fbclid=PAAaZXRIKPBE5NOM6OqQ9IYHDxIkW-CnEetLn00kgQotIxeYr649xNkABYGbw_aem_AQheU-k-00i54Q7-pxuG9I70wtyQi60or5BACoR_ifZyUKXDQp9CES8aR59QkcjdgD_UDW9afztf4aqipaJzjjV2

Navigate is a programme of up to 6 sessions with a personal adviser, who will help you to talk about your feelings and concerns.

The service will help you with:

Organising your thoughts and feelings

Practical advice and suggestions

Coping strategies and insights

Taking positive actions and helping you with emotional wellbeing

Your personal adviser

You will get weekly catch-ups with your adviser online and by phone. Your adviser will work with you on a one-to-one basis, helping you to: explore your needs and personal goals, agree your action plan, and provide you with support, if you need it. You complete a form online.

Parents Forum

Mrs Smith would like to warmly welcome all parents to a Parents Forum on Tuesday 16th April at 2.30pm. She would like parents to come and bring their ideas and thoughts about how we can further improve school. It would also be good to gain feedback on everything that we do here. There will be delicious refreshments and this is a great opportunity for you to have your say about your child's education. Please do join us if you can.

Class Information

Preschool:

Waterproofs for Forest School

Forest School takes place every Thursday at 9.15am. Please send your child with appropriate clothing each week, in a named carrier bag.

Preschool parents to lunch

This will take place on Tuesday 19th March. Bookings must be made, and paid for, **before Friday 15th March**. Unfortunately, we will be unable to take bookings after this date.

Mars:

Mars parent to lunch

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Spring Walk - Thursday 21st March

Please send children into school that day with warm outdoor clothing in a named carrier bag. Please send in wellies, waterproof trousers and a coat with a hood. We will be leaving school after lunch and return for 3.30pm. We will be walking through the local area spotting signs of spring and gaining a better understanding of how we can look after God's world. No snack or bag is needed and this trip is free of charge.

Macclesfield Trip - Wednesday 17th April

Please note the change of date for this trip.

All of Mars Class (reception, year one and year two) will spend the day in Macclesfield consolidating their geography and history knowledge. This term, our focus has been on shopping and in geography, the children have been using their map skills to draw maps of Macclesfield. In history, the children have been learning about how shopping has changed over time.

Please may we ask parents to drop off their child in Macclesfield at 9am. The drop off point will be announced soon and we strongly advise parents to buddy up with other families to reduce the number of cars coming into town. If you have siblings due in school that day, you are welcome to drop them off in Breakfast Club.

We ask that parents collect their child from Macclesfield library at 3pm and again, team up, especially if using the All Stars provision.

More information will be coming in the next newsletter.

Back Dane Trip

On Thursday 27th June, the Y2 pupils will be walking to Back Dane after school. They will then take part in a number of outdoor activities as well as make their own tea. The pupils will sleep over and be joined by the children in Reception and Y1 the following morning.

There will be an information meeting for Y2 parents on Monday 3rd June to explain the set up at Back Dane and a chance for parents to ask questions.

Saturn:

Football competition

This will involve all pupils in Saturn and Jupiter and take place within the school day on Friday 15th March. The competition will involve pupils from Wincle, Pott Shrigley, Kettleshulme and Bosley and take place on the field by Wincle Brewery. All pupils will need warm PE kit (long trousers) on this day with suitable footwear and a coat.

Winmarleigh Residential

Please ensure that all payments are up to date for this residential. February's payment is now overdue.

There will be an information meeting for Saturn and Jupiter parents on Tuesday 4th June to explain the residential, go through the kit list and activities and there will be a chance for parents to ask questions.

Jupiter:

Catwalk

Jupiter Class will be showcasing their fantastic Shang Dynasty costumes in our Celebration Worship on Friday 15th March. We hope you can come and see them.

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Reminders

Science Morning to celebrate British Science week 24

Children will work scientifically in their teams on Thursday 14th March throughout the morning, taking part in different activities following this year's theme on 'Time'.

KEY DATES

- Thursday 14th March - National Science Day
- Friday 15th March - Jupiter catwalk in Celebration Worship
- Football Competition for Saturn and Jupiter
- Tuesday 19th March - Online assembly with Imran Kotwal focusing on Ramadan
- Preschool and Mars parents to lunch 12pm-12.45pm
- Thursday 21st March - Mars spring walk
- Friday 22nd March - the closing date for our spirituality competition
- Tuesday 26th March - Whole school faith day on Holy Week
- Wednesday 27th March - Decorated Egg competition
- Easter workshops for Y2 and Jupiter
- Thursday 28th March - Easter Service led by Saturn and Jupiter
- Easter café from 2.15pm
- Looking at work at 2.45pm
- School closes for Easter
- Monday 15th April - School open
- Tuesday 16th April - Parents Forum at 2.30pm
- Wednesday 17th April - Mars trip to Macclesfield
- Friday 19th April - Brass lesson begin for Jupiter
- Monday 22nd April - Y6 attending Crucial Crew in the afternoon
- Wednesday 24th April - Y5/6 Boys football at Macclesfield Town
- Friday 26th April - Mars Multi Skills event at Tytherington High School
- Tuesday 30th April - Saturn parents to lunch
- Wednesday 1st May - Y3/4/5/6 Girls football at Macclesfield Town
- Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday
- Wednesday 8th May - Y3/4 Boys football at Macclesfield Town
- Monday 13th May - Year 6 SATs week
- Thursday 16th May - Y6 treat in the afternoon
- Friday 17th May - KS2 Archery Competition at Bosley
- Monday 20th May - Year 2 SATs week
- Tuesday 21st May - Jupiter parents to lunch
- Wednesday 22nd May - Y2 football at Macclesfield Town
- Friday 24th May - Inset Day
- Monday 3rd June - School opens
- 3.30pm - information meeting for Y2 parents re the Back Dane trip
- Tuesday 4th June - Information meeting for Saturn and Jupiter for the residential
- Wednesday 5th June - My Bank workshops for Saturn and Jupiter
- Tuesday 11th June - Y1 Phonics Screening
- Wednesday 12th June - Y4 Multiplication Times Table Check
- My Bank workshops for Saturn and Jupiter
- Y5/6 Boys football at Macclesfield Town

Wednesday 19th June - My Bank workshops for Saturn and Jupiter

Y5/6 Girls football at Macclesfield Town

Wednesday 26th June - Y3/4 Boys football at Macclesfield Town

Thursday 27th June - Y2 sleepover at Back Dane

Friday 28th June - Mars Class at Back Dane

KS2 cricket competition at Pott Shrigley

Thursday 4th July - Macclesfield Music Festival

Monday 8th July - KS2 Residential to Winmarleigh

Tuesday 16th July - Whole School RE day: Change the World

Friday 19th July - School closes

Monday 22nd July - Inset Day

Tuesday 23rd July - Inset Day