



Newsletter



Friday 2nd October 2026

A Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that I have now been in post as Head of School for four weeks! I wanted to take this opportunity to say how grateful I am for the warm welcome I have received from children, families, staff and the wider school community.

One of the greatest pleasures over the past few weeks has been getting to know the children. I have been so impressed by their enthusiasm, kindness and the way they support one another. Whether teaching, visiting classrooms, spending time with children at break and lunchtime, or sharing together in worship, I am beginning to get a real sense of what makes our school such a special place.

I have also been incredibly proud of the commitment of our staff team. There is a genuine desire throughout the school to ensure that every child feels happy, safe, valued and able to achieve their very best.

Over the coming months, I am looking forward to working alongside our children, staff, families, church and local community as we continue to build on the many strengths of our school. Central to this will be ensuring that our Christian vision and ACE character values are not simply things we talk about, but are visible in the way we learn, behave and care for one another each day.

Our children have already been thinking about how they can make a positive difference to their home, their school community and the wider world, and I am excited to see this develop throughout the year.

Four weeks in, I can honestly say that I feel very fortunate to be part of this school community. There is much for us to celebrate, plenty for me still to learn and lots to be excited about as we look ahead.

Thank you to everyone who has stopped for a chat, offered words of encouragement or simply made me feel welcome. Most importantly, thank you for trusting us with your children. It is a privilege that I certainly do not take for granted.

With very best wishes

Cara Gilmour White

Head of School

Safeguarding



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We care about everyone at Winsham CofE Primary School.
If you have any worries or you are concerned about someone else, please come to speak to one of the adults in your class or one of the adults in this poster. We are all good listeners and will do everything we can to help you.

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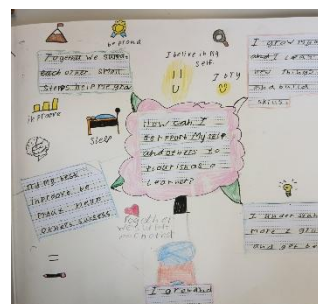
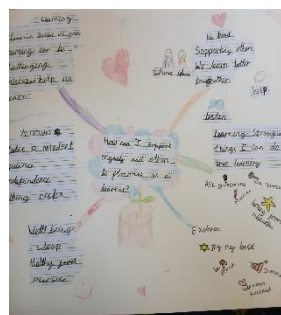
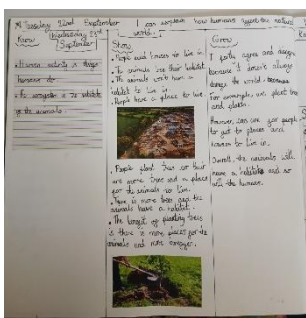
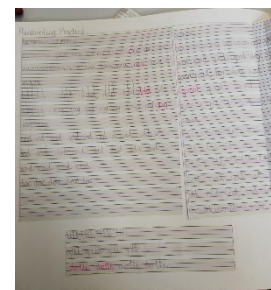
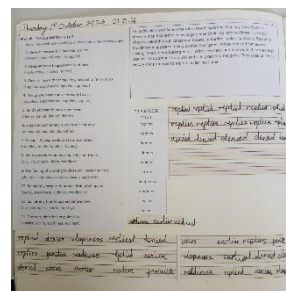
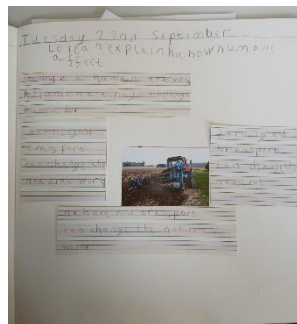
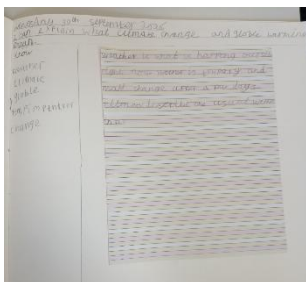
Rose Class

It has been a busy and exciting start to the year in Rose Class! Over the past four weeks, the children have been exploring our enquiry question, "How can we make a positive difference to our world?" We have thought carefully about the impact that people can have on the natural world, considering issues such as climate change, habitat loss, plastic waste and deforestation, as well as the positive actions individuals and communities can take. The children have particularly enjoyed discussing how even small changes can make a difference and have impressed us with their thoughtful and compassionate responses.

Our enquiry has also inspired much of our English learning. The children have been developing their vocabulary and descriptive writing, before moving on to persuasive writing. They have explored features such as expanded noun phrases, rhetorical questions and persuasive language, considering how writers can encourage others to think or act differently. There have been some fantastic ideas about how we can persuade people to look after our planet and make more sustainable choices.

Perhaps the thing I have been most proud of, however, is the way our KS2 children are growing together as a class. They are learning to encourage one another, challenge themselves and recognise that making a positive difference begins with the choices we make each day. It has been a pleasure getting to know them over these first four weeks, and I am already very proud of all they are achieving.

Mrs Gilmour-White



Lily Class

Lily class have had a fantastic start to the academic year. They are always showing they are ready to learn, listen and join in with all the activities in the class.

Every day, they are all showing this term's character gateway of citizenship, through the compassion they have towards others and the drive they have to complete their work.

We have had Tracey from Somerset County Council visit to give a road safety talk, which they thoroughly enjoyed, and were fully engaged with.

In maths, we have looked at place value within 20, and this week have moved onto addition and subtraction within 20. The whole class are showing me fantastic number bonds knowledge, and are all getting quicker at remembering their number facts.

Our first learning enquiry of the term was geography, and our enquiry question was 'Why is Winsham a special place to live?' To start off the enquiry, we had a walk around the village to see what buildings and green spaces are in Winsham, and then categorised these into human and physical features. They all decided their reasons why Winsham is special, and these have been turned into a class book, which you are welcome to come in and look at!

This week we have started an art enquiry, and the question we are looking to answer is 'How is texture used in art?' We will be producing artwork and poems to finish off the enquiry, and we are using Vincent Van Gogh as inspiration for our pieces.

Mrs Parker



Forest School

For Forest School this term so far, we have been focusing on our Character Gateway: Citizenship, through showing compassion, empathy and drive in the way we are within our school and wider community. It has been lovely to observe the children looking out for and supporting each other during the tasks set for them. The older children really nurture and support the younger ones and that is one of the qualities that makes our school so special.

We have had a visit from our School Field Fairies again and they challenged the children to build dens suitable for the stormy weather. The children really embraced this and made some fabulous structures that are still standing and they enjoy playing in them during their lunchbreak.

They have also enjoyed bug hunting, again showing consideration and respect for living creatures within our environment. Some of the children were keen to create habitats for the creatures they had discovered.

We have explored what is available in our school field in order to create art with, the children enjoyed crushing berries and adding soil etc. in order to make paint. We heard some great vocabulary during this.

The children then used their imagination to create stick people, we had some fanatic creations. They then enjoyed incorporating these characters into their role play.

Being outdoors and amongst our beautiful surroundings is something we really value at Winsham, we are so lucky to have such wonderful grounds to explore and learn within.



Little Shoots Nursery

Well, what can I say, it has been a marvelous term so far in Pre-School. It was lovely to welcome back the children that were with us last year, and to welcome some new children into our school family. Watching how well the children have settled and how well they have made friendships within the group has been so lovely.

This half term we have been focusing on those foundation skills of developing social interactions, and being empathetic towards others. Our environments offer children lots of choice and opportunities to explore through awe and wonder. We have been developing their creative skills and knowledge and understanding of the world around them through our enquiry question 'Where will my wellies take me?'. This has sparked lots of exploration of our local environment using natural materials in order to create marks and textures.

The children have enjoyed exploring different materials and how they change when things are added and mixed together. We have enjoyed various stories such as The Gingerbread Man, Three Little Pigs and Going on a Bear Hunt. Some of the children can retell these stories off by heart. We have also learnt some new songs and enjoyed singing simple nursery rhymes, singing is a huge part of our day.

The children have enjoyed problem solving, counting and exploring adding and taking away as part of their play. We were kindly donated some Conkers and they have been a great resource for rolling them down pipes to measure how long it takes for each one to get to the end.

The children have huge imaginations, and we have observed lots of play together as a group. This play has included areophane journeys, ice cream shops, puppet shows, sand construction sites and so much more.

We look forward to welcoming even more new starters to our family in the next few weeks for more fun, curiosity and adventures.



Other News

Stockland Cross Country:

Our First Winsham Runners

It was a real privilege to take some volunteers from Rose class over to Stockland Primary on Wednesday for a x-country event. The girls were an absolute credit to themselves and represented the school brilliantly.

'When we left school on Wednesday afternoon, we felt a little bit nervous but excited at the same time. We were quite surprised at how many people were at Stockland school for the x-country. Our nerves continued to build as we walked the course, but we were all still looking forward to running the race. When we lined up at the start, our legs felt like jelly but once we started running, we realised it wasn't so bad. The best part of the race was running through the stream - it cooled us off.'

We were really glad the back marshals were with us because they encouraged us and showed us compassion. At the end of the race, we felt happy, relieved and very, very proud of ourselves for sticking at it and finishing it. We can't wait to go back for the second race in three weeks' time and are looking forward to taking more of our friends from the class with us.'

Isla, Jessica and Paige (Rose Class Runners)



We would like to say a HUGE Thank you to Lynette and Peter from The Bell at Winsham. They held a Charity games night and donated £20.00 to our school; we will use the money towards new Chromebooks for our wonderful children