



INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

Our vision is to inspire all with a life-long love of learning.

Mrs Moore would like to say.....

Dear Parents and Carers

Last week was so busy; it flew by. One of the highlights for me was at the start of last week delivering our Key Stage 2 assembly. We were thinking about the pros and cons of artificial intelligence 'Does AI control us or do we control AI?' - all thought provoking and fascinating!

Another highlight for me was teaching in Malala class. We were talking about Jewish Ghettos, and I learned so much - the children were so engaged, and they were all eager to join in discussion and articulate their thoughts.

The reception classes have got lovely new tables and chairs; now the classrooms feel restful and engaging environments which are conducive to irresistible learning. The next step is to have new flooring laid and have new blinds - hopefully this will be in the Christmas holidays.

Finally, I visited year 1 on Thursday and watched a lesson where the children were writing instructions on how to wash an unusual animal. They were acting out how to put on their protective clothing e.g., 'sliding on their shiny helmet'. The writing was amazing!

It's these things that make my job so worthwhile!

For your information.....

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are now open for booking. The video consultations will be held using the parent evening system which most parents will already be familiar with.

Please find below a link to a short guide for parents explaining how to attend the appointments over video call: **Guide for Parents - How to attend appointments over video call**

Please visit <https://windhill.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to book your appointment.

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Windhill21 Monday 14th November 2022

Cake Sale at 3pm today!

Please pop along to the Year 6 mobile Classrooms where they will be selling cakes to raise money for Diabetes UK.



The poster is for World Diabetes Day on November 14th, 2022. It features a dark blue background with a white ribbon symbol and a pink cake with a cherry on top. The text includes: 'WORLD DIABETES DAY', 'LIKE ANYONE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE YOU ARE EATING A HEALTHY DIET, BUT LIVING WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES DOES NOT MEAN YOU NEED TO CUT SUGAR OUT COMPLETELY!', 'November 14th 2022', 'YEAR 6 CAKE SALE 3PM', and 'LET THEM EAT CAKE, LIFE IS A BALANCE!'. There are also logos for Windhill21 and a small globe icon.

Bike Donations

If you have a bike you would like to donate please contact the school office on admin@windhill.herts.sch.uk to arrange.



The poster is for bike donations. It features the Hertfordshire logo (a stag) and the Herts Disability Sports Foundation logo (a blue bird). The text includes: 'Bike Donations', 'Hertfordshire County Council and Herts Disability Sports Foundation are working together to help children and adults in deprived areas of Hertfordshire get on a bike to get cycling.', 'Do you have a bike you no longer need and would like it to go to a new home? If the answer is yes, we will take it, service it and pass it on to a new home that needs it.', 'We can accept children and adults bikes in any condition.', 'On the last day your school has Bikeability training please bring your bike in and we will arrange for it to be collected.', 'Final day for donations at your school is: Friday 18th November', and 'If you would like further information please contact us at: cycle.training@hertfordshire.gov.uk'. There is a small photo of a person with a bicycle.

Christmas Bazaar

The Windhill21 School Association is organising a Christmas fundraiser on Sunday 27th November to be held at the school.

As well as Father Christmas and his elves joining in their Grotto, there will be all manner of fun and games on stalls run by each year group, great gifts to purchase, a raffle, uniform sale, book sale, toy sale and much more. Plus, hot food and drink.

As with all our events, we desperately need volunteers to help make it a success. If you are able to help out, even if just for an hour, please message Saira on 07717 341529 or email wsa@windhill.herts.sch.uk

They are also in need of donations! They are looking for:

- Raffle prizes for both children and adults
- Books
- Uniform
- Toys
- Children's fancy dress / Christmas jumpers

Please drop them into the school office or pass to your teachers with a note saying they're for the WSA Christmas fundraiser.

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Children in Need this Friday!

As always, Windhill21 will be supporting the worthy cause of Children in Need this year. To that end, we urge you to donate £1 (or more if you would prefer!) and this will allow your child to don a Children in Need accessory or some wacky socks to show respect for the charity. The £1 can be given to their class teacher on Friday morning.



Years 5 & 6 Basketball Festival

We are so proud of our Windhill21 Athletes that competed at the Basketball Festival at Birchwood High School last Thursday 10th November. The teams competed with a fantastic attitude and demonstrated some great team skills – well done to everyone involved!



White Rose Maths

We highly recommend the White Rose Maths app for our KS1 and KS2 children – A 1 minute maths app to help your child build greater number confidence and fluency. It's all about targeted practice in engaging one-minute chunks.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/resources/1-minute-maths>



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No Nuts Policy

A reminder that as a school we have a **strict no nuts policy**. Within school there are a number of children who suffer from severe nut allergies and are at risk of anaphylactic shock should they have any contact at all with nuts. It is therefore imperative that **no products containing nuts** are brought onto the school site or included within pack lunches or snack items. Thank you for your continued support with this.



Dates for your Diary*

Date	Event	Action
NOVEMBER 2022		
Monday 14th November 2022	World Diabetes Day Cake Sale 3pm outside the Year 6 Mobile Classrooms	Please bring your cake donations in on Monday morning to your child's class
Monday 14 th November	Year 4 Victorian Day	Information email sent 01.11.22.
Monday 14 th November – Friday 18 th November 2022	Year 6 Bike Ability Course	More information to follow
Friday 18th November 2022	Children in Need	Children to wear a Children in Need accessory for a £1 donation
Thursday 17 th November 2022	Open Morning for Reception September 2023 Intake	Contact the school off on admin@windhill.herts.sch.uk to make a booking
Monday 21 st November 2022	Nasal Flu Spray: Reception – Year 6 – Catch up session	For anyone who missed the first session
Sunday 27 th November 2022	WSA Christmas Bazaar	
Wednesday 30th November 2022	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm Reception – Year 6 4pm – 6.30pm 8.30am – 11am Nursery	Information email sent 09/11/2022 Bookings open via school cloud from 4pm on 10/11/22
DECEMBER 2022		

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Thursday 1 st December 2022	Open Morning for Reception September 2023 Intake	Contact the school off on admin@windhill.herts.sch.uk to make a booking
Thursday 1st December 2022	Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 6.30pm Reception – Year 6 4pm – 6.30pm Nursery	Information email sent 09/11/2022 Bookings open via school cloud from 4pm on 10/11/22
Monday 5 th December 2022	Year 2 Fire Fire! Show - Rehearsal	
Monday 5th December 2022	Year 6 Carols by Candlelight at St Michael's Church: Rehearsals – 1pm – 3pm Carol Service – 6.40 – 8pm	Information email sent 11/11/22. Form to be filled in by Wednesday 16th November to confirm your child's place
Tuesday 6 th December 2022	Year 2 Fire Fire! Show – 10am and 2pm	More information to follow
Monday 12 th December 2022	Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal	
Tuesday 13 th December 2022	Reception Nativity 10am and 2pm	More information to follow
Wednesday 14 th December 2022	Nursery Nativity 10am and 2pm	More information to follow
Thursday 15 th December 2022	Year 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal	
Friday 16 th December 2022	Year 1 Nativity 10am and 2pm	More Information to follow
Tuesday 20 th December	Christmas Dinner Day	More information to follow
Wednesday 21 st December 2022	TERM ENDS at 1.15pm	
JANUARY 2023		
Thursday 5 th January 2023	INSET DAY	
Friday 6 th January 2023	INSET DAY	

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Monday 9 th January 2023	TERM STARTS	
Monday 16 th January 2023	Year 6 Young Voices at O2	Child places confirmed. Parent/Carer tickets available from Arbor school shop until 9am 15.10.22
Thursday 19th January 2023	Celebration of Learning Event 3pm – 4.15pm Reception – Year 6	More information to follow
Friday 27 th January 2023	Open Morning for Nursey September 2023 Intake	More information to follow
FEBRUARY 2023		
Monday 13 th February 2023 – Friday 17 th February 2023	HALF TERM	
Thursday 23 rd February 2023	Open Morning for Nursery September 2023 Intake	More information to follow
MARCH 2023		
Friday 31 st March 2023	TERM ENDS	
APRIL 2023		
Monday 3 rd April 2023 – Friday 14 th April 2023	Easter Holidays	
Monday 17 th April 2023	TERM STARTS	
MAY 2023		
Monday 1 st May 2023	May Bank Holiday – School Closed	
Thursday 19th May 2023	Year 6 Crucial Crew	More information to follow
Monday 29 th May 2023 – Friday 2 nd June 2023	HALF TERM	
JULY 2023		
Thursday 20 th July 2023	TERM ENDS	
SEPTEMBER 2023		
Friday 1 st September 2023	INSET DAY	
Monday 4 th September 2023	INSET DAY	

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Tuesday 5 th September 2023	TERM STARTS	
Monday 11 th September 2023 – Friday 15 th September 2023	Year 6 France Residential (Current Year 5)	Information email sent 04.10.22. Deposit due by 15 th October
OCTOBER 2023		
Monday 23 rd October 2023 – Friday 27 th October 2023	HALF TERM	
Monday 30 th October 2023	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 31 st October 2023	TERM STARTS	
DECEMBER 2023		
Thursday 21 st December 2023	TERM ENDS at 1.15pm	
JANUARY 2024		
Thursday 4 th January 2024	INSET DAY	
Friday 5 th January 2024	INSET DAY	
Monday 8 th January 2024	TERM STARTS	
<p>* In Bold – Added new this week. * Please check the school website for updates www.windhill.herts.sch.uk</p>		

Attendance

<p>Windhill21 is working in partnership with parents to improve school attendance.</p> <p>We would like to congratulate the many parents who make sure their children attend school regularly.</p>		w/e 11.11	
	Armstrong	97.58%	
	Jemison	97.67%	
	Seacole	93.79%	
	Nightingale	93%	
	Greta	97.93%	
	Attenborough	87.67%	
	Beatles	99.33%	
	Handel	98.28%	
	Shakespeare	93%	
	Rowling	98.62%	
	Mandela	95.16%	
	Malala	98.57%	
	Da Vinci	94.33%	
Kahlo	98.15%		

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Secret Agents

Secret Agent week ending:

Friday 11th November 2022

AGENT RISK TAKER



Armstrong	Indie
Jemison	Viraj
Seacole	Charlotte
Nightingale	Florence E
Greta	Jospah
Attenborough	Kamila
Beatles	Noah
Handel	Radley
Shakespeare	Franki
Rowling	Riley
Mandela	Evie
Malala	Marcus
Da Vinci	Seb
Kahlo	Sam

House Points

				
Mexico w/e 04/11 155 points	Canada w/e 04/11 161 points 2 nd place	Sweden w/e 04/11 136 points	France w/e 04/11 172 points 1 st place	India w/e 04/11 159 points 3 rd place

A world of possibilities