



## Windermere Primary School Newsletter 14th February 2025

### A word from the Headteacher

As we come to the end of the half term we reflect on what we have learned and achieved in this busy block of 6 weeks. The time has flown by and we have all learned a lot, built on our knowledge and developed our skills. It was great to see so many children at the discos last night, wearing their best party outfits and dancing away in the glow of the lights. A great time was had- a huge thank you to the PTA for organising this treat and to all parents who came to help.

Wishing you all a good half term.

Sarah Gilliver

### Assembly Theme and value: Perseverance

This half term we have been focusing on perseverance in our assemblies- the ability to keep on going and push through challenges when things become difficult. We explored making a commitment, using our resilience, ways we stop ourselves succeeding, stepping out of our comfort zone and staying calm when things go wrong. We have celebrated children who: use kind and gentle words to bring calm and peace; those who work to overcome their own feelings of discouragement; those who have used their resilience to try something new; and those who have shown perseverance throughout this half term. As shared in our assembly, even though some have received certificates on this theme, doesn't mean they will stop trying, nor should any of us.

### Pupil Voice

Pupil council have led discussions with their classes on how they can develop our school community, and have made suggestions on books and authors they would like to see in the reading reward books on offer.

### Every day Counts!

While monitoring attendance regularly, schools are required to alert the Local Authority (Herts County Council) to children who have, or are likely to have 15 days of missed school due to illness in the academic year. This may be 15 consecutive days or cumulative days. While we know there are times when some illnesses are more prevalent, a light cough or snuffle are not reasons to keep a child off school. We would encourage you to send your child into school if a little under the weather having given suitable medication. Children can also come in later in the school day if they improve. 15 days of absence means more than 70 hours of lost learning which impacts progress, can lead to learning gaps and reduce chances of success.

We will always monitor carefully, administer further medicines if needed (and with written permission), and send children home if we feel they are too unwell to stay and access learning. If your child is experiencing repeated illness, please consult your GP, or we can refer to the school nursing team for further support.

### Headteacher Hot Chocolate

The following children joined me for hot chocolate, celebrating their efforts this half term: Nellie, Amrit, Aimee, Kai, Islam, Gideon, Josiah, Leah, Seerat, Jack, Darcey, Henry, Aston, Tillie. Well done all!

### Dates for your Diary:

10 <sup>th</sup> to 14 <sup>th</sup> March	British Science Week
13 <sup>th</sup> March	SEN coffee afternoon
18 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 visit to Kew
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Rocksteady Concert
4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of term 2pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> April (Tues)	Summer Term begins

### Attendance September to 14.02.25

92.4% whole school

### Ask your child about their learning

Reception- Can you create your own superhero- give it a name, power and special skills. Can you draw it?

Year 1- What do you know about Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Elizabeth II?

Year 2- What do you know about Sylhet??

Year 3- Can you tell me 3 facts about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age?

Year 4- What happened with the mystery of the missing books?

Year 5- Give two facts about adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators

Year 6- What are the similarities and differences between how light and sound travel?

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