



Windermere Primary School Newsletter 16th May 2025

A word from the Headteacher

This half term is flying by and we are ready for the excitement of our Sports Week next week. For details please see the second page. We still have a vacancy for a parent governor. This is a great way to get involved in supporting the strategic direction of the school. If interested, please email chair@windermere.herts.sch.uk or come and talk to me about what it involves.

A reminder that next week is 4 days for the children with INSET on Friday 23rd before the half term break and INSET on Monday 2nd with children returning to school on Tuesday 3rd June.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Sarah Gilliver

Assembly Theme and value: Talents and service

As we continue on our theme, children have explored what it is to serve and to be kind- doing things for other people that would help them without needing something for ourselves. Children marked VE Day 80th celebrations in assembly and we have also revisited British values and what they look like in school situations. We have celebrated children who appreciate the service of others and those who can describe and model British values.

A fond farewell.

On Monday 19th we will bid a fond farewell to Mrs Garner who has been a Teaching Assistant at Windermere for the last 14 years. She has supported many children through their learning journey over the years and we thank her for all she has done. Now is time to take a well-earned rest and spend some quality time with family. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike.

Attendance Matters: Daily reminders

School starts at **8:50** when the registers are taken which is why the gates are open from **8:40** to give time for everyone to arrive. Please make sure children arrive in school promptly so they can settle into important practice tasks. **Late** after registers closed is recorded as an **unauthorised** absence. Did you know that if you do not **report absences daily** then these may be recorded as **unauthorised**? You must keep us informed- if we do not hear from you we may ask for a police welfare check as part of our **safeguarding** duty.

Pick up protocol

A reminder to all families: if someone other than the contacts you have given us is picking up from school, you must inform the office. It is our safeguarding duty to ensure we release pupils to those named, so we will call if we haven't been given this information. If you have new people collecting regularly then please let us know details so they can be added to our system.

Well done Year 6!

We have to say a huge WELL DONE to our Year 6 pupils who have taken their National Curriculum Tests (SATs) this week. They have remained calm throughout, approaching each paper with determination, and have tried their best. Some even cheered as the papers arrived in class! We are all really proud of you.

Dates for your Diary:

19 th - 22 nd May	Walk to School Week & Sports Week- kit needed all week
23 rd May	INSET (school closed to pupils)
2 nd June	INSET (school closed to pupils)
9 th June	Virtual athletics competition
5 th July	PTA Summer Fair
9 th July	Sports Day

Attendance September to 16.05.25

92.3% whole school

You are receiving this newsletter because you are a parent or carer of a pupil at Windermere Primary School

Ask your child about their learning

Reception-What is the difference between a slug and a snail?

Year 1- Can you name the characteristics of a fish?

Year 2-Who is your favourite famous nurse and why?

Year 3-Name 2 different ways to control a Sprite.

Year 4-How did the Romans build roads?

Year 5- Name three characteristics of mammals.

Year 6-How do you feel now the SATs are complete?

Sports Week Monday 19th May to Thursday 22nd May

Monday: Wheelpower assembly

Monday: BMX workshops Year 5 and 6 (Must have long trousers/leggings/joggers, trainers and long hair tied low or in a plait)

Monday: Reception and KS1 inter- house rounders

Tuesday: BMX workshops Year 3 and 4 (Must have long trousers/leggings/joggers, trainers and long hair tied low or in a plait)

Wednesday: Boogie Bounce- all classes

Thursday: Cricket- all classes

A huge thank you to Mrs Baker for organising all of this for us.