



Windermere Primary School Newsletter 16th January 2026

A word from the Headteacher

It's hard to believe we are already a third of the way through the first half of the Spring Term! We hope you have all settled back in to the school routine after the break; the topsy-turvy weather is certainly making that a challenge for us in school. This term we have welcomed Mr Holton to the team in Year 6 as Teaching Assistant, and we welcome Ms Akthar back from her maternity leave, returning to share the teaching of Reception with Mrs Gleeson.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Sarah Gilliver

Assembly Theme and Value

This half term we have been exploring the themes of **Compassion**. We have begun by recapping our school behaviour values of Ready, Respectful, Safe and have started to explore what compassion is and how it links with kindness that we can show every day towards each other. We have celebrated children who have made a positive fresh start to the new year and those who can describe what compassion is.

End of Autumn Term Headteacher Hot Chocolate

The last newsletter was busy and we ran out of room for the names of children who were nominated and celebrated their hard work with hot chocolate or juice with me. We had a lovely chat about their learning and progress. Well done to: Joel, Eliza, Mateusz, Franklina, Robert, Charlotte, Olivia, Ruaridh, Amelia, Sadie and Charlie who missed the last one. Those absent will join the next celebration.

Coat exchange rail

Have you seen our coat rail in the entrance? We have a number of coats that have been outgrown and donated for children and families who need them to make use of. There is no cash donation needed. If you have a good quality coat that your child has outgrown and you would like to donate or swap it, then please pop in and do so.

Attendance Matters

Our Attendance Improvement Officer has visited us to review attendance data for all. She will be visiting again later in the term to review progress. If you have any queries regarding your child's attendance or would like support, please let us know so we can discuss any support available with her.

Parking Restriction Consultation

Herts County Council are consulting on adding yellow zig-zag and School Keep Clear markings on the road in front of our school much like you see in front of any other school. Please support this proposal as we believe it will help to keep our children safe when coming to and from school. Link [here](#) or search Herts County Council consultations.

Dates for your Diary:

5 th Feb	PTA disco
9 th -13 th Feb	Children's Mental Health Week
10 th & 12 th Feb	Parent Consultations
10 th Feb	Safer Internet Day
16 th -20 th Feb	Half Term
19 th Feb	Game On holiday camp
5 th March	Year 6 Cake Sale
11 th -13 th March	Y6 residential
18 th March	Voice in a Million- Choir
20 th March	Rocksteady Concert

Ask Your Child...

This is a way to start to discuss your child's learning. You aren't expected to know the answers but can encourage them to share what they have been learning about.

R- How many times do you brush your teeth a day?

1/2- What are the 5 seas that surround the UK?

3- Can you explain what a force is and give at least three different examples?

4- In maths, what is a factor?

5- Can you name the planets of our solar system in order?

6- At what time(s) of day will a shadow be longest? Can you describe a cockatrice?

Family Lives Online Programme Spring 2026



**Less
Shouting,
More
Cooperation**
(6 weeks)



Tuesday 20th January to 3rd March, 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Do you feel you are constantly nagging or shouting at your child to get what you need? Learn how you can change the way you communicate with your child, respond better, and feel more in control.



Monday 9th February to 23rd March, 9.45am to 11.45am

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**Dads
Together**
(6 weeks)



Wednesday 4th February to 18th March, 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Calling all Dads - join our free online group, come along and receive support from other dads and learn how to change the way you communicate with your child, respond better and feel more in control.



Tuesday 3rd February to 17th March, 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Is your teen feeling anxious or isolated? Are you concerned about their mental health and struggling to get help? You may have an FFA, CIN, or CP in place and need more support. Learn how parents can best emotionally support their teen and feel confident and prepared for whatever challenges might arise.

**Getting on
with Your
Pre-teen or
Teenager**
(6 weeks)

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