



Windermere Primary School Newsletter 18th September 2026

Welcome back to the new school year, and welcome to the children and families new to Windermere. Children are beginning to settle well into their new classes and routines, getting back into the rhythm of learning. We are focusing on our expectations and behaviours for self, learning and community, linked with our key words of Ready, Respectful, Safe. Clubs for this term have begun. If your child has missed sign up, check with the office for spaces available. Class information about the term is available in the class letters on the website, under class pages. Some additional information is on class windows. Please keep contact details up to date so you don't miss communications from us and keep us informed of any changes or events at home that may impact on your child's wellbeing and learning at school so we can work together to support them.

Dates for events are being added to the calendar on the website and will be listed below in addition. Please see also the attached flier about children's wellbeing workshops for parents and carers.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Miss Gilliver (Headteacher) and the Windermere Team

School developments (see photos below)

Over the summer, we have revamped our Reception class courtyard with fresh resources, paint and plant life. Children are really enjoying the activities within. We have also worked on our Sensory Space- our calm quiet space children can access with adult support to re-regulate, calm, and reset. The bubble tube, lights and calming music are very enticing and effective. Children have reacted positively to these changes.

Reception 2027 Open Morning and Tours

For children who will be starting Reception in September 2027, we are offering flexible dates for tours of the school and will have an Open Morning on Saturday 17th October, 10am-12noon for parents and children. Please contact the school office to book in. Please share with other families in the area who may be looking at schools to also come along.

Assembly Themes

This year we are taking a different approach to our assemblies, linking them with our PSHE lesson themes. This half term our topic is Being Me in My World. We have begun by exploring the word 'welcome', its origins and meaning- 'the guest I wished would come is here' and awarded our first weekly certificate to those children who have helped others to feel welcome. We have then thought about our school community and how we are all a part of that and ways to improve it, celebrating those children who try to make the community a better place.

Dates for your Diary:

28 th September	Individual photos
1 st October	Rocksteady re-launch assembly
17 th October	Reception 2027 open morning
Week of 20 th October	Parent Consultations
23 rd October	INSET day- staff only
26 th -30 th October	Half term holiday
2 nd November	Term restarts
30 th November	Occasional Day- school closed

Ask Your Child...

This is a way to start to discuss your child's learning. You are not expected to know all the answers.

Reception- What are the names of your new friends?

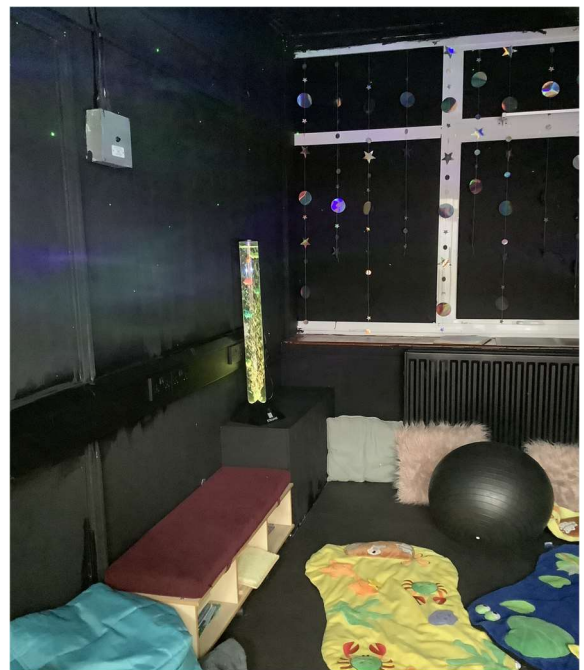
Year 1/2- What is the weather like in St Albans?

Year 3- Can you describe what the skull and the rib cage are for?

Year 4- Can you explain what an adverb is?

Year 5- What is mythology?

Year 6- How do you use inverted commas correctly?





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Children's Wellbeing Practitioner Workshops October - December 2026

Workshops are open to all young people & parents/carers of children and young people who attend a school or are registered with a GP in Hertfordshire. A referral is not needed to access a workshop.

All workshops are currently being delivered online via Microsoft Teams. For more information about what each workshop covers and to book a place onto a workshop, visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hct-childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-33494371787>



Workshop	Date & Time
Emotional Wellbeing (For Young People 11-16) A workshop focused on adolescents managing their own emotional wellbeing and things parents/carers can do to help.	Tuesday 3 November 6-8pm
Supporting Adolescents with Self-Esteem A workshop focused on adolescents improving their self-esteem and what parents can do to support.	Monday 23 November 6-8pm
Supporting your Child's Self-Esteem and Resilience A workshop focused on parents/carers supporting their child to improve their self-esteem and resilience.	Wednesday 14 October 6-8pm Tuesday 8 December 10am – 12pm
Supporting with Sleep Difficulties This workshop focuses on supporting children and adolescents with managing their sleep difficulties and things parents/carers can do to help.	Tuesday 29 October 6-8pm Monday 14 December 6-8pm
Developing your Child's Emotional Literacy A workshop focused on parents supporting their child with developing emotional literacy.	Wednesday 21 October 10am-12pm Tuesday 10 November 6-8pm Wednesday 16 December 10am-12pm
General Emotional Wellbeing and Regulation Tips for Parents/Carers A workshop focused on parents supporting their child's general emotional wellbeing and ability to emotionally regulate.	Tuesday 6 October 6-8pm Wednesday 18 November 10am-12pm Tuesday 1 December 6-8pm

To access the recorded Emotionally Based School Avoidance Webinar please visit:
<https://www.hct.nhs.uk/service-details/service/childrens-wellbeing-practitioners-21/>