



Lulworth & Winfrith CE Primary School

Belief, Fellowship, Harmony
Matthew 31:32 - 33



Autumn 1, Week 3 Newsletter



Dear Families,

It has been a wonderful start to the term, and it has been lovely to see children settling so quickly into their new classes and routines. Pupils are continuing to engage well in lessons, showing enthusiasm for their learning and a positive attitude across the school. Our younger children have also begun learning through our new phonics programme, Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS), and we are already seeing them respond enthusiastically to the clear and structured approach.

You may also find that your child comes home talking about penguins, bears and meerkats - if you're lucky, they may even demonstrate the poses! This is because all classes are now taking part in Kinetic Letters; an approach to handwriting that focuses on developing the core strength, posture and fine motor skills children need in order to write fluently and confidently. The programme is already proving popular with pupils, and we are excited to see the impact it has on their handwriting development. More information can be found on our school website, and later this term we will also be running information sessions for parents.

One of the things we value most is the strong partnership we share with our families. We regularly receive messages from parents asking how they can best support their child's learning at home, and we are always grateful for this shared commitment to helping our pupils to thrive. Home learning is one of the key ways in which families can support learning beyond the classroom. While it can certainly help reinforce academic understanding, it also provides children with opportunities to practise important skills such as independence, organisation, perseverance and resilience. It allows them to revisit and apply learning from the classroom, and many children take great pride in sharing their efforts and achievements with the adults at home.

Over the coming weeks, classes will begin setting home learning tasks that are appropriate for each year group. However, the most important expectation for all children remains regular reading and ideally every day. Reading together provides invaluable opportunities for developing vocabulary, comprehension and a lifelong love of books. Just as importantly, it offers precious time to cosy up with a trusted adult and enjoy a story together. With younger readers, taking turns to read can help build confidence and fluency. Even if your child is not yet reading independently, spending time reading aloud to them and talking about the pictures, characters and what might happen next in the story can have a hugely positive impact on their language and literacy development.

As part of home learning, children in Years 1 to 6 will continue to receive weekly spellings. Staff will now be sticking weekly spelling test mark sheets into homework books so that families can see how their child has got on and celebrate their progress at home. Older children may also be given additional home learning tasks linked to their English, mathematics or wider curriculum topics. Teachers will ensure they communicate clearly when tasks are set and when homework books should be returned to school.

Thank you in advance for your support with home learning. By working together, we can help children develop both the knowledge and the learning habits that will serve them so well throughout their education. Each family is different and some prefer to carve out some time for home learning tasks at the weekend whilst others

like to do this during the school week. Whatever you decide to do we would just encourage you to establish a routine as this really helps children as they get older. As always, if you have any questions about home learning or how best to support your child, please do speak to your child's teacher.

Finally, we would like to draw your attention to the diary dates included in this week's bulletin. We know how helpful advance notice can be for busy families, so we have tried to be proactive in sharing a number of key events and activities planned for the term ahead. Please take a few moments to review the upcoming dates and add them to your calendars where possible.

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Griffiths.

Arbor Information Check

To help us ensure we can contact families quickly in the event of an emergency, please take a few moments to check the information held on your Arbor app. We ask that all parents and carers ensure they have **at least three emergency contacts recorded**, and each with up-to-date telephone numbers. Please also review and update any other personal details, including home addresses, email addresses, medical information and parental contact details, if these have changed. Keeping this information accurate is essential for safeguarding and helps us communicate effectively with families. Thank you for your support



Parking and Road Safety Reminder

We kindly ask all parents and carers to take extra care when driving near both school sites at drop-off and collection times.

At **Lulworth**, please do not park in any way that obstructs the turning circle, as it must always remain clear and accessible.

At **Winfrith**, there are no pavements near the school entrance, so drivers should be especially vigilant. Please drive slowly and watch carefully for pedestrians entering and leaving the site, sometimes walking between parked vehicles. Please also ensure that your car is not parked in a way that obstructs other road users.

Where possible, it is often safer to park a little further away from the school and walk the remaining distance. Thank you for helping us keep all members of our school community safe.

Head Lice Reminder

We have received a couple of reports of head lice in school. We kindly ask all parents and carers to check their child's hair regularly for signs of head lice or eggs (nits).

If you do find that your child has head lice or eggs, they should continue to attend school as normal while treatment is being carried out. Prompt treatment and regular checking help to prevent the spread of head lice within the school community. Thank you for your support.

Job Vacancy

At half term, Mrs Hutchings has made the difficult decision to leave her role at Lulworth & Winfrith Primary School and begin a new chapter engaging in a different venture. While we will be sad to see her go, we would like to thank her for all of her hard work and dedication to our school community and wish her every success for the future.

As a result, we now have an opportunity for a new member of staff to join our team, supporting our wraparound care provision by undertaking minibus driving responsibilities. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in this role, please do take a look at the details via the link below.

[Minibus Driver at Lulworth & Winfrith CE Primary School in Lulworth & Winfrith - Dorset Council](#)

Certificates and Achievements

Tadnoll: School Values: Gracie Haensel for demonstrating resilience in our bean bag throwing PE lesson.

Tadnoll: Learner of the Week: Alanna Clucas for always working hard and being an excellent role model to others.

Bindon: School Values: Freya Gordon for being increasingly aspirational with her work

Bindon: Learner of the week: Jack Hanna in his creativity in his descriptive writing

Worbarrow: School Values: Scarlett Haensel for demonstrating our school value of BELIEF by being a resilient learner

Worbarrow: Learner of the Week: Lucas Howard-Paynter for his hard work, enthusiasm and excellent attitude to learning

Golden Ticket: Lucas Howard-Paynter



Well done to all students. You have worked so hard this week!

Upcoming Dates

SEPTEMBER

Monday 21 st	Year 1 – Trees for Dorset Visit	(Daytime)
Monday 21 st	Year 3/4 – Practice at Wool Primary for Singing Project	08.50am – 12.00pm
Tuesday 22 nd	Budden's Trip – Invite Only	09.00am -3.00pm

October

Monday 5 th	Yr 3 & 4: Leeson House Residential meeting for parents. Lulworth	2.45pm – 3.15pm
Thursday 8 th	Harvest Festival, Holy Trinity Church. Lulworth (Whole School)	2.00pm – 3.00pm
Monday 12 th	Open Morning (Both Sites) for Prospective Parents of Children who will be Reception age in September 2027	09.00am – 12.30pm
Tuesday 13 th	SEND Parents/Teacher Consultations. Bindon/Worbarrow	08.40am – 4.00pm
Thursday 15 th	Carey Camp (Invite Only)	09.30am – 2.30pm
Tuesday 20 th	Parent/Teacher Consultations (All meetings to be held on Lulworth Site.) More info to follow	3.30pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 22 nd	Parent/Teacher Consultations (All meetings to be held on Lulworth Site.) More info to follow	3.30pm – 5.30pm
Friday 23 rd	Inset Day (Closed to pupils)	All Day
Monday 26 th to Friday 30 th	Half Term Break	

November

Monday 9 th	Winfrith Class: Learning Snapshot for Parents of Years R,1&2	2.30pm to 3.00pm
Thursday 12 th	Bindon and Worbarrow Class: Snapshot for parents of Years 3-6	2.30pm to 3.00pm
Thursday 26 th	Year 5&6: Brenscombe Residential Meeting for Parents	2.30pm to 3.15pm

December

Wednesday 2 nd 3.30pm	SEND Drop In for Families: Lulworth based	2.30pm to
Thursday 3 rd	Pantomime Visit: Whole School, Lulworth	9.00am to 12.00pm
Thursday 3 rd	PTFA Christmas Fayre. Lulworth	After school
Wednesday 9 th	Nativity Performance for Parents/Carers. Year R,1&2, Winfrith	2.15pm to 3.15pm
Friday 11 th	Christmas Jumper Day	All Day
Wednesday 16 th	Christmas Celebration for Parents/Carers. Year 3-6, Lulworth	Time TBC
Friday 18 th	School finishes for Pupils	1.15pm
Monday 21 st to Friday 31 st	Christmas Break	

January 2027

Monday 4 th	Pupils return to school	
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