



Lulworth & Winfrith CE Primary School

Belief, Fellowship, Harmony
Matthew 31:32 - 33



Spring 2, Week 3 Newsletter



Dear Families,

It has been another busy and productive week in school. We have had some great feedback from the wonderful concert Bindon Class took part in last Friday and I would also like to congratulate our Year 6 pupils, who completed their mock SATs assessments this week. These practice papers are an important opportunity for the children to experience the format and structure of the tests in a supportive environment. I was very impressed with the positive attitude, resilience and maturity that the children showed throughout the week.

The purpose of these mock assessments is not only to help prepare pupils for the formal tests later in the year, but also to help teachers identify areas where children may need additional support. This allows staff to plan carefully for the weeks ahead so that every child feels as confident and prepared as possible. I also want to thank lots of you for encouraging your child to attend the Year 6 after school sessions as these also help familiarise the pupils with aspects of the test they will later need to complete independently.

Over the coming summer term, several statutory assessments will take place across different year groups in primary schools. These include:

- **Year 1 - Phonics Screening Check**
- **Year 2 - Phonics Screening Check Retakes** (for pupils who did not meet the required standard previously)
- **Year 4 - Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)**
- **Year 6 - SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests)**

In addition to these national tests, pupils in other year groups will also complete end-of-term assessments. These are used by teachers to help evaluate progress and to inform future teaching and learning plans so that lessons continue to meet the needs of every child.

While assessments are a normal part of school life, we are very mindful that they can sometimes feel daunting for children. Please be reassured that our staff work hard to ensure the process is calm, supportive and positive. We place far greater emphasis on effort, progress and wellbeing than on any single test result, and we will continue to do everything we can to ensure that pupils feel confident rather than pressured.

To help support both pupils and families, we will also be offering several opportunities for parents and carers to come into school over the coming weeks. These sessions will provide the chance for teachers to share information about the statutory assessments and answer any questions you may have. I know lots of parents/carers often ask what they can do to best support their child at home and this will also be covered in the meetings in the hope you will feel well informed, and so we can work together to support the children in the best possible way.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the school and your children's learning.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Griffiths

Winfrith Site/Play Area

Thank you to Jan and Clive Goddard for all their hard work this week in creating a new digging and potting area for the children in the Winfrith garden.

The space looks wonderful, and we're excited to see how the tyre will look in full bloom this summer.



Speed Aware

We have received several reports that parents are driving too fast when approaching School Lane on both sites. Please be mindful of your speed, especially at Winfrith, where there is a lack of pavements near the school



Science Corner for Children

Last week we asked: How are fossils made? What do fossils tell us about living things long ago? Fossils are formed when dead organisms—usually hard parts like bones, teeth, or shells—are quickly buried by sediment (mud, sand, ash). Over thousands to millions of years, this sediment turns to rock, while groundwater seeps in, replacing organic material with minerals in a process called petrification. Finally, erosion exposes the fossil.

To Delve Deeper: Fossils provide a tangible, chronological record of life, revealing how organisms evolved, adapted, and interacted with prehistoric environments over billions of years. They offer evidence of ancient species' size, shape, diet, and behaviour, while also demonstrating the, often dramatic, changes in Earth's climates and landscapes.

Next week's question: Where does electricity come from? How do we use it every day?

Certificates and Achievements

Lucian Watkins for demonstrating our school value of **COURAGE** by always willing to have a go and try new things.

Nova Shanley for demonstrating our school value of **RESILIENCE** during assessments this week.

Olivia Wilkins for demonstrating our school value of **ASPIRATION** for her fantastic effort and behaviour at the concert last Friday

Lucas Howard-Paynter for demonstrating our school value of **ASPIRATION** for his excellent diary entry

Mina von Fersen for demonstrating our school value of **ASPIRATION** for her fantastic progress in learning

Elsie Kennedy earnt herself star reader award. She has chosen a book to read at her leisure.



Well done to all those who have earnt themselves an award this week!

Upcoming Dates

MARCH

Tuesday 17 th	Tadnoll & Blacknoll: Book Share Afternoon - come see your children's work	14.30 - 15.00
Friday 20 th	Red Nose Day: Wear Something Funny for Money!!	
Friday 20 th	KS2 Parent Work Share - come see your children's work	2.45 - 15.15
Tuesday 24 th	HAMBURY: Saxon Farming Workshop (in school)	13.00 - 15.15
Thursday 26 th	Easter Service: Holy Trinity Church, Lulworth. WHOLE SCHOOL	14.30 - 15.00
Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April	Easter Holiday	

APRIL

Monday 13 th	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)	
Tuesday 14 th	Summer Term: Pupils return to school.	
Tuesday 21 st	Phonics Screening Workshop. Year 1 Parents ONLY	14.30 - 15.05
Friday 24 th	NCMP Nurse Visit - Reception ONLY	09.00 - 09.30
Wednesday 29 th to Friday 1 st May	Leeson House: Year 4 ONLY	

Upcoming Dates (cont)

MAY

Friday 1 st	RNLI visit. KS2 ONLY	13.30 - 14.00
Monday 4 th	May Bank Holiday	
Wednesday 6 th	Fraser Portraits. Class Photos	All Day
Monday 11 th to Friday 15 th	Year 6 SAT's Week	
Friday 22 nd	Sports Day. WINFRITH	(Timing TBC)
Monday 25 th to Friday 29 th	Half Term	

JUNE

Monday 1 st	Inset Day	
Monday 1 st	Year 4 Only: Multiplication Tables Check	(Timing TBC)
Friday 5 th	Science in School: Winfrith AM & Lulworth PM	All Day
	Science Community Event. Lulworth Main Hall	15.30 - 16.30

JULY

Wednesday 1 st to Friday 3 rd	Brenscombe. Year 6 ONLY	
Thursday 7 th	School Transition/Transfer Day	
Thursday 14 th	Year 6 Leavers Service. Swanage	09.00 - 12.30
Tuesday 21 st	Last Day of Summer Term	
Wednesday 22 nd	Inset Day	
Thursday 23 rd	Summer Holidays	