



*We are all created unique and special.
He made us all perfect having our own uniqueness.*

1 Peter 4:10-11 "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week I attended the launch of a new Windsor based charity [Well Windsor](#) whose aim is to improve the mental wellbeing of local school aged children. It was interesting to hear their messages and statistics about the common challenges schools are facing with supporting children and young people with their mental health. This is a key theme of our school improvement plan and we are looking forward to sharing more information with you over the coming year about this.

After reading 'The Anxious Generation' by Jonathan Haidt over the summer, one topic that I would encourage parents to consider further is the impact of social media and smartphones on children's mental health and wellbeing. This isn't just something to consider for older children, find out more information here: [The Anxious Generation - Free the Anxious Generation](#) and [The problem — Smartphone Free Childhood](#) and consider [joining](#) the growing movement of parents across Britain who believe that childhood is too short to be spent on a smartphone.

Wishing you a lovely weekend, Emma Stanford-Smith (Headteacher)

LEARNING SNAPSHOTS

Year 1 have really enjoyed their learning this week! The children have been re-enacting The Three Little Pigs focusing on story language. The children have then been rewriting the story. The children have also enjoyed learning how to use the < > and = symbols in Maths. In Geography, the children have been learning about the continents and oceans.

Ask me: To name some continents.



Year 2 This week in maths mastery, children have learnt about the composition of the number 8. In English, we have started a new text, Fantastically Great Women who changed the World, and we have been learning about significant female figures such as Frida Kahlo! In science, we have been learning about the woodland habitat and the different creatures that live there.

Ask me: Why is Frida Kahlo significant?



Year 3 have been working really hard in English this week, learning about direct speech and adding inverted commas to their sentences. They have all had a try at their 'gig' on times table rockstars and have got much better at using place value counters in maths to help with their addition and subtraction. Last week, they filled their marble jar for working as a class to demonstrate the school values and have chosen to have time in the garden and on the scooters this afternoon!

Ask me: What trick did we learn to help us to remember how to use speech punctuation?



Year 4 finished their place value module and were challenged with a problem solving activity. Working in pairs they worked through the 'farmer's field' problem with a good level of resilience and perseverance. I have included a picture from the tree felling last Friday. The Year 4 children took it in turns to watch the tree come down. Finally, Year 4 have enjoyed learning about the digestive system. On Thursday the children watched a practical demonstration, of the digestive system, involving some food, milk and a pair of tights.

Ask me: What is the journey of food through the digestive system?



Reception have continued some of their learning surrounding The Zones of Regulation. We have discussed some of the keys terms used such as regulate, wellbeing and emotions. The children could name several different emotions and the started getting used to the different colours used to help them sort emotions into different categories. Later in the week we introduced the Worry Monster. The children can write or draw a picture of things that are worrying them, put them into the monsters mouth for him to eat. The adults spent time chatting to the children about their worries and then we waited for the monster to finish eating them.

Ask me: What are the four coloured categories for the Zones of Regulation?



FORTHCOMING DATES

17th October	Express Event All Years 2:50
22nd October	Spooky Party 4:45-6:15
8th November	Individual School Photos
14th November	Eton Christmas Light Switch On (Year 3 and 4 to sing in the Chapel)

Spiritual Spotlight

This week Miss Beaumont led the assembly all about Harvest. She spoke to the children about how we should be thankful for all that we have and how we can help other people with our donations. We are extremely grateful for all of the very generous donations that we will be giving to Windsor Foodshare which will help lots of people. In need.

Here we have a prayer from two of our year 4 children Holly and Pranaya

Dear God

Harvest has come to an end and Christmas is on its way. Thank you for all the donations you brought because they are not for us but for people who need it more than we do.

Amen



500 Words is finally open for entries, it's time to get writing! [Submit your stories here](#) before 9pm on Friday 8 November 2024.

There are two age categories: **5-7 and 8-11 year-olds**. All children need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 Words or less.

Sparkly Green



CELEBRATION

The results of this week's celebration awards

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Reception: George and Jameela
Year 1: Thomas and Maddi
Year 2: Aliza and Evie
Year 3: Dylan and Olivia
Year 4: Nawat and Freya

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Reception: Safiya
Year 1: Ruqayyah
Year 2: Natalie
Year 3: Yavi
Year 4: Alice

**A huge well done to all of these children.
We are really proud of you.**

Key Dates 2024/2025

September

3rd and 4th INSET days

12th Y1&2 coffee morning and curriculum 8.50am

13th Y3&4 coffee morning and curriculum including residential information 8.50am

23rd EYFSP Parent info 2:45pm

October

17th Express Event all years 2.50pm

22nd PTA Spooky Disco



November

4th INSET day

6-11th Book fair

8th Individual school photos

14th Eton Christmas Lights switch on
Yr3 and Yr4 sing in the chapel

19th & 21st Parent consultations

December

3rd Y3 Express event at Antiquities museum-2pm

4th Festive Wreath Event 7-9pm (Adults only)

9th Express event R,1,2,4 2.50pm

10th Pantomime

12th at 2:15 Christingle service at Lower Chapel

January

Swimming starts Year 4



February

6th Express event all years 2.50pm

14th INSET day

March

18th & 20th Parent consultations

25th Express event Y1-4 8.50am

26th Express event R Time TBC

April

Swimming starts Year 3



May

14th-16th ~~Griffleton~~ residential Y3 & 4

23rd Express event all years 2.50pm



June

Sports day and summer fair TBC



July

Transition day TBC

11th Express event all years 8.50am

16th Yr4 leavers meal evening

18th Yr4 leavers assembly and picnic



Please note that these dates are subject to change. We aim to give as much notice as possible to any changes.

Wreath Making Evening at Eton Porny

Wednesday 4th December 7pm-9pm



Come and enjoy an evening of wreath making. All resources will be supplied and you will take home your beautiful creation.

Guiding you through the process will be Catherine - an experienced florist.

BYO drinks and nibbles.

£35 per person - to secure your space please pay cash to the school office. All are welcome.

Diwali Fun Day

at Windsor Castle Learning Centre

Tuesday 29 October 2024
10:00am – 2:00pm



Join us from 10:00am – 2:00pm on **Tuesday 29 October** for a fun-packed day celebrating **Diwali** at Windsor Castle Learning Centre!

Solve the clues in our Diwali-themed **treasure hunt** around Pug Yard...



Get crafty and make a Diwali card, rangoli pattern or even a colourful diya in our craft area...

... and finish off your visit with **delicious celebratory meal**, kindly provided by Mango Lounge Windsor

Book your free tickets now at
<https://tickets.rct.uk/product/11/5474>