



# Windlesham Information Letter

## 29th October 2021

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Calendar: <https://portal.windlesham.com/calendar/> you can download into your calendar

Sports: <https://portal.windlesham.com/sport/> see matches and team sheets

Please click on the links in the contents list to read the information of relevance to your child or children's year group.

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## All Year Groups

### Return to school

We are looking forward to welcoming children back to school for the second half of the autumn term. We will be expecting boarders between 6.00pm - 7.30pm on Sunday or by 8.05am on Monday. All day pupils should return at their usual time. If you find that your plans unexpectedly change on either the Sunday or Monday, meaning you will arrive outside of the above times, please email [absence@windlesham.com](mailto:absence@windlesham.com).

### Secondhand Uniform Shop and Stationery, 1st November, 8.15am

The secondhand uniform shop and stationery shop will be open at drop off this Monday. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with the second hand uniform shop so that we can open it on a regular basis, we would be very grateful. Please email [aevans@windlesham.com](mailto:aevans@windlesham.com).

### Bonfire Night, 6th November, 6.30pm

This year we will not be having fireworks as the uncertainty over events due to covid meant that we took the decision in the spring term not to buy fireworks. We will however be having a bonfire and hotdogs on Saturday night. It will only be a small event but everyone is welcome. If you would like to come and would like hot dogs please complete this form (please do not include boarders who are in for the night in your numbers): <https://forms.gle/pFH9VwnqVsUyJ6EHA>.

### Remembrance and Poppy Appeal

Parents are welcome to join us on the front lawn for the Remembrance service and afterwards for coffee. Pupils in Year 3-8 should wear Sunday Best (formal dress code).

Each child will be provided with a poppy on the morning of Thursday 11th November to wear during the whole school service of remembrance and a charge of £1 will be added to your bill, which will be donated to charity. If you would like your child to have a poppy to wear prior to the 11th November, poppies will be available to buy from the front office from Monday 1st November. There is also a range of merchandise such as reflectors and wrist bands.

### Children in Need, 19th November

Have you done anything for Children in Need over half term? If so, please let us know by emailing [aevans@windlesham.com](mailto:aevans@windlesham.com). If not, you still have time. For inspiration visit: <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/shows/our-2019-appeal-show/>.

### Christmas Cards, Reception to Year 6

If you have received an email about Christmas cards, or if your child has brought a card template home, please can we remind you that the deadline is on Monday 1st November.

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## Prep School

### Parent Teacher Meetings

Wednesday 3rd November	Year 4	16:35 - 20:30
Thursday 4th November	Year 4	16:35 - 20:30
Wednesday 24th November	Year 8	16:35 - 20:30
Thursday 25th November	Year 8	16:35 - 20:30

*Year 4 meetings can now be booked and the system will be open until 4pm on Wednesday 3rd November. Please refer to the attached document for guidance on how to book appointments.*

### **Pre-Tests & Mock Exams, Year 6-8**

Pre-tests for Year 7 will be on Tuesday 9th November.

Pre-tests for Year 6 will be on Wednesday 10th November.

Year 8 mock exams will commence on Monday 15th November

### **Inter-House music competition, 12th November, Year 3-8**

The inter-house music competition traditionally takes place during prep. The usual post-prep collection times apply but we are aware that some pupils are collected early on Fridays. If your child usually goes home but would like to stay at school to support their house please email [absence@windlesham.com](mailto:absence@windlesham.com).

### **Gum Shields, Boys year 4-8**

A reminder to please ensure boys in Years 4-8 return to school after half term with a mouthguard. Rugby will start after half term and this is an essential piece of kit. If you ordered gum shields through the school they are with the games department.

### **Sport, 6th November, Years 7-8,**

Girls - Inter House hockey starting at 1.15pm

Boys - Rugby Training ALL WELCOME starting 1.15pm

Gum shields will be required. Please let the games department know if your child cannot attend.

### **Boys' Football Team Photos**

To see and order photos please visit [dephoto.biz](http://dephoto.biz) and enter the event code teamwindlesham.

### **Future Schools, Year 4-8**

We are delighted to be holding a private reception at The Independent Schools Show in Battersea, London on Sunday 14th November at 1.30pm where you will be able to meet and talk to Heads and relevant staff from a range of Senior Schools. Please confirm your attendance, and claim your complimentary VIP ticket at [www.schoolsshow.co.uk/VIP](http://www.schoolsshow.co.uk/VIP) using the promo code Windlesham2021

### **Christmas Pantomimes**

On the weekend of 4/5<sup>th</sup> December, the boarders will be producing, directing and performing their own Christmas Pantomimes. We would like a second-hand selection of clothes to enable us to offer a choice of costume for their performances. Afterwards, these clothes will be recycled. If you are able to help, please could you bring the items to the front office in a carrier bag, labelled 'Pantomime Clothes'. Many thanks in advance for your help. Beccy Marchant

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## **Pre-Prep**

### **Forest School Kit**

As the weather gets colder, please make sure that your children have hats and gloves in their forest school kit as we will be going out in all weathers.

### **Great Fire of London Workshop and Boxes, Year 2**

We are looking forward to taking part in a drama workshop in school on Monday 1st November to start our Great Fire of London topic off. Later in the term we will be designing and making Tudor houses so any empty boxes would be greatly appreciated

### **A Christmas for Carol**

Thank you to everyone who has been helping with line learning over the half term break, please keep this up over the coming weeks to support the rehearsals taking place in school. We cannot wait for the show!

### **My “First Class” photo - ORDER NOW**

Each year The Littlehampton Gazette runs a special feature which includes Reception class photos as a way of marking that very important step of starting primary school. This year, our Reception class will feature in this special souvenir edition to be published on Thursday 11th November. You can buy copies of this through the Littlehampton Gazette contact centre on 0330 403 3004 or via their Event partner website [www.littlehamptongazettefirstclass.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.littlehamptongazettefirstclass.eventbrite.co.uk) at a reduced cost of 90p per copy. There are fees applicable to website payments which are controlled by Eventbrite but we have worked hard to minimise these fees if you wish to buy multiple copies. Please make sure you have ordered your copy no later than 7th November. Any copies ordered will be delivered to Windlesham on the day of publication so your child can bring them home.