



Windlesham Information Letter

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All Year Groups

- Parent portal: <https://portal.windlesham.com/> No password.
- Calendar: <https://portal.windlesham.com/calendar/> you can download this into your calendar. No password.
- Sports: <https://portal.windlesham.com/sport/> see matches and team sheets. Password TeamWindlesham.

Phase Leader Letters

We hope that you all received the Phase Leader letters with information such as key dates for this term. If you did not receive them please let us know by contacting whsoffice@windlesham.com. The letters will be on the Parent Portal from tomorrow under [Weekly Info and Communications](#).

Holiday Reading Challenge

We hope that you and your children have managed to read a wide variety of authors this holiday. Please do encourage your children to bring back their completed Reading Challenge sheet and to bring it to the library. I have spare sheets if they need one. The Reading Challenge will continue until half term, when we hope to be awarding lots of certificates for great reading.

As always please do refer to Accelerated Reader (AR) and encourage your children to complete quizzes on the books they read. Pupils with iPads have AR as an icon on the iPad. If you have any questions about AR please speak to or email your child's form teacher.

Appointment of a School Counsellor

Helen Crosby, our new school counsellor has joined us this term. Helen specialises in creative arts and play therapy and has a wealth of experience from working in schools, as you can see [here](#). Whilst there will be a robust referral system in place to identify any child who might need specific support, please feel free to contact Jon Farrer directly if you would like to discuss this further.

Parent Tennis

Please contact Rich Harrison rharrison@windlesham.com or 07368486227 if you are interested.

Parent Swimming

Unfortunately there will be no parent swimming this week but we hope to resume next week.

Spare clothes for forest school

We would love to have spare clothing for our forest schoolers over the winter. If you are throwing out any of the following items of clothing over the next few months, please could you send them our way:

- Warm/woolly hats
- Gloves
- Fleecy jumpers
- Waterproof clothing
- Thermal socks

Qualifications in Children's Mental Health

The Aim Group has a number of free courses relating to children's mental health. If you are interested in knowing more or enrolling please contact whsoffice@windlesham.com.

Below are some of the most popular courses they offer:

- **Understanding Autism** (learn how individuals process sensory information, understand characteristics, understand conditions, learn how speech, language and communication differ in people with Autism)
- **Understanding Children and Young Peoples' Mental Health** (Understand factors which may affect Young Peoples' mental health, the impact that they have and how to support them with these issues)
- **Understanding Behaviour That Challenges** (supporting positive behaviour, effective communication & how to manage challenging behaviour)
- **Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties** (understand characteristics of ADHD, ADD, Dyslexia & Dyscalculia, importance of early diagnosis, assessment methods available to diagnose learning difficulties)

For more details and how to enroll, please email whsoffice@windlesham.com.

Prep School

American Flag Football - Every Saturday

Over the last two terms the children in the junior part of the school have been getting to grips with the exciting game of Flag football, the 'tag/non-contact' version of American Football. Thanks to the expertise and passion of Mr Adams, the children have learnt the basic skills and rules and they have begun to run their own 'plays.' Flag football is now going to take place on a Saturday morning and will commence on Saturday 15th January when there will be two sessions: one for Years 3 and 4, and one for Years 5 and 6, which will fit into the Challenge programme. This term we will hold a competition to name the Windlesham team as we prepare for matches in the future. As we would like as many children as possible to play, everyone who attends the Windlesham Challenge will be playing in the first week of term. It is a perfect mixed sport so we encourage both girls and boys to join in.

Weekends - Boarding at Windlesham

Please find below an outline of the activities for boarders this term. We will provide more details each week. Please see below for this weekend.

At the start of last term you kindly filled in a form to let us know whether your children would usually be in or out for the weekend. We will assume that this remains the case unless you let us know otherwise. If your plans change at any time, we would be grateful if you could let your child's House Parents know and copy in whsoffice@windlesham.com. If you are new to Windlesham we will contact you about your child's weekend plans.

Date	Sports fixtures (see https://portal.windlesham.com/sport/ for details)	Theme/Events
Saturday 15th January	Highfield - Netball, Rugby, Hockey	New Year Party (Dinner/Disco)

Sunday 16th January		Horsham trip for Year 8, Murder Mystery game and ultimate spotlight tournament.
Saturday 22nd January	Windlesham U13 Netball tournament Cottesmore - Rugby	Scottish Ceilidh Burns Night theme will run throughout the weekend with a variety of activities and games.
Sunday 23rd January		
LONG WEEKEND		
Saturday 5th February	Yardley Court Rugby 7s U13 U12 Cottesmore - Netball Highfield - Boys Hockey Colts	Winter Olympics
Sunday 6th February		Ice skating
HALF TERM		
Saturday 26th February	Cranleigh - Netball (Girls) Hockey (Boys)	Bubbles and Bouncing - a weekend of fun centered around all things bubbly and bouncy!
Sunday 27th February		Bouncy castle and bubble making.
LONG WEEKEND		
Saturday 12th March	Windlesham Rugby 7s Tournament	Roller Disco
Sunday 13th March		
Saturday 19th March	Westbourne - Hockey (Boys) Cottesmore - Football (Girls)	Charities Weekend - activities to support and learn more about charities.
Sunday 20th March		Fort to Fort Challenge - Family sponsored walk from Cissbury to Chanctonbury all welcome - more details follow.

This Weekend

Saturday night - Family meal and disco!

Sunday - Murder Mystery, Year 8 trip to Horsham* and Ultimate Spotlight Tournament.

* Year 8 children will be given £5 spending money, which will be added to your school bill. Please email Mr Pearson and Miss Charman if you would like to opt out.

Ice Skating trip Sunday 6th February

There will be a trip to Horsham to ice skate at the pop up rink as part of the winter Olympic weekend activities. The cost of the trip will be £15 which will be added to the school bill. If you would like your son/daughter to take part then please email Mrs Messenger (cmessenger@windlesham.com) by January 15th so that she can secure a place at the rink.

Tuck Shop

We often open the tuck shop at weekends. We will allow your child to spend around £1, which will be added to the bill, unless you ask us not to.

Birthday Cakes

You are very welcome to send in birthday cakes for your child's birthday but we would be grateful if you could let the front office (whsoffice@windlesham.com) and your child's form teacher know so we can ensure that the cakes reach them. Please only send in cakes or treats in their original packaging with the full list of ingredients on, as we have a number of pupils with allergies.

If you would like the catering team to make your child a birthday cake, please complete this form: [Birthday Cake Form](#) **at least 7 days before your child's birthday.**