

Friday 6th December 2024

# Weekly Newsletter

The **DIAMOND**  
Learning Partnership Trust  
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*To be the best you can be!*



Dear Parents and Carers,

Winhills is looking incredibly festive and full of Christmas cheer! The children have been working hard, putting the finishing touches on their Christmas Plays, which will be performed for you next week. During these performances, parents will have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets at £1 per strip for some amazing prizes.

Please note that we kindly ask that you refrain from taking photos or videos of your children during the plays. There will be a chance to take pictures at the end of the performance. We appreciate your understanding and support!

Best regards,

*Mrs d'Ancy*



## Festive Dates for your Diary



Date	Event
Monday 9th Decemeber	9.30am Reception– Einstein Class Nativity
Tuesday 10th December	2pm KS1 Christmas Play (tickets to be issued)
Wednesday 11th December	9:45am KS1 Christmas Play (tickets to be issued)
Wednesday 11th December	2pm Y3, Y4 and Y5 Christmas Play (tickets to be issued)
Thursday 12th December	9:45am EXTRA DATE Y3, Y4, Y5, Christmas Play (tickets to be issued)
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Jumper Day -Christmas Lunch Day- 3:30pm PTA Christmas Fair
Friday 13th December	9:45am Y3, Y4 and Y5 Christmas Play (tickets to be issued)
Friday 13th December	2.30pm Rock Steady Concert– Parents welcome to watch.



## School Lunches

As a Trust, we are currently reviewing our lunchtime offer and would like to gather some information from our pupils about their meal choices.

Please could you complete the below survey with each of your children? Please feel free to give as much information as you can. We are hoping to make some school-specific changes where needed to ensure that we are meeting your children's needs better.

<https://forms.office.com/e/9r51B2HV7U>

## Healthy Snack Reminder

As part of our ongoing commitment to promoting healthy eating habits among our children, we encourage them to bring a snack to enjoy during break. We ask that these snacks be limited to healthy options such as fruits and vegetables. Ideal choices include apples, carrots, celery sticks, bananas, and other similar nutritious snacks. These foods not only provide essential vitamins and minerals but also help maintain energy levels and concentration throughout the school day.

Please avoid sending snacks that are high in sugar, fat, or salt. Examples of such snacks include sweets, chocolate bars, crisps, and sugary drinks. By providing healthy snacks, we can work together to foster better eating habits that will benefit our children both now and in the future.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

[Healthier snacks - Food facts - Healthier Families - NHS](#) [Click here for healthy snack ideas.](#)



### Golden Athlete Awards

Each week, Mr. Franco will choose one child from KS1 and one from KS2 to receive the prestigious Gold Athlete Award, recognising their sportsmanship, skills, and perseverance. The winning children will then have the special opportunity to wear a golden jumper throughout the entire week at school.



## Attendance Matters!

Any class with 100% attendance for the week will be able to break two uniform rules the following Friday. For example, wear trainers, wear bright coloured socks, wear nail varnish, wear a bright coloured jumper etc. The class with the best attendance of the week will receive an extra bedtime the following week.

Class	Weekly Attendance %	Weekly Attendance %
	WB 18.11.2024	WB 25.11.2024
Einstein	94%	90%
Coleman	98.4%	99.2%
Rashford	94.02%	90.58%
Frank	100%	99.09%
Attenborough	97.27%	95.45%
Nightingale	88.33%	90.5%
Armstrong	94.69%	95.45%
Jordan	93.10%	88.62%

## Weekly Achievers Awards

Each week, class teachers will choose a achievers award to someone who has shown excellent effort and outstanding learning in school. These will be announced during our Friday assembly :-)

Class	Achievers 29 <sup>th</sup> November
Einstein	Luisa
Coleman	Winnie
Rashford	Teddy
Frank	Kacie
Nightingale	Alexis
Attenborough	Maia
Armstrong	Evalyn
Jordan	Ethan

Class	Achievers 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Einstein	Otilie
Coleman	Ethan
Rashford	Cameron
Frank	Natalia
Nightingale	Celina
Attenborough	Leilah-Rey
Armstrong	Cohen
Jordan	Adrian

### Amazing Achievers 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

#### RRR Award:

##### Lucas—Coleman Class

Lucas is an incredibly reliable and responsible role model for Coleman Class. He is always ready to start learning and takes part in lessons with determination to learn and improve. Throughout lessons, Lucas displays a mature attitude to his learning, confidently joining with class discussions and supporting his friends too. However, he does ensure that his sense of humour is never too far away! This year, he has taken on the role of school councillor for our class with great care. He has demonstrated responsibility in this role already and works to ensure that the class understands what was discussed in meetings and can then share ideas. Lucas' manners are impeccable and it is a pleasure to have him in class.

Keep up the superb work and attitude Lucas!

#### Winhills Achievement Cup (WAC):

##### Emma—Frank Class

Emma has made brilliant progress in her attitude towards her learning this term and has shown a mature and determined mentality within the classroom. She has highlighted her exceptional blend of humour, hard work and unwavering dedication across the curriculum. Emma brings joy and laughter to every room, creating an atmosphere of fun and light-heartedness. Without a doubt, she shines in Maths lessons and shows willingness to lend a hand, offer support and entertain those around her. Although she has her academic comfort zone, she has worked hard this term to push herself into challenges across the curriculum and for that, I am so proud of her!

Thank you, Emma, for brightening out days with your passion and excellence!

#### Art Award:

##### Yasmine—Einstein Class

Yasmine produces beautiful artwork at the painting easel, at the crafting table and outside. She listens to advice to make her paintings and then can apply her new knowledge successfully. Most recently, Yasmine has been able to confidently mix powder paints black and white to create multiple shades of grey. Yasmine they used her own paints to create a picture of the big bad wolf. She understands how to create secondary colours by mixing the primary colours and know how to create tints and tones by mixing black and white.

Keep up the great painting and colour mixing skills Yasmine, we can't wait to see what you paint next. Well Done

### Amazing Achievers 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

#### RRR Award:

##### Simran—Rashford Class

Simran consistently displays all of the qualities of this award. He is incredibly responsible and mature. We can rely on him to carry out any task or job with complete confidence that he will always do everything that is required. Simran shows everyone in the school, both adults and other children, the utmost respect. He is very conscientious and considerate of all those around him. No matter who he works with, Simran demonstrates an understanding of the feelings of others and shows their views and opinions complete respect. Every morning, Simran helps the adults in KS1 with jobs that need doing and always helps set up Rashford Class ready for the day.

Well done Simran. You are very deserving of this award.

#### Winhills Achievement Cup (WAC):

##### Amzi—Jordan Class

I am delighted to be able to present Amzi with the WAC award for his all rounded attitude and approach to learning. Amazingly, there isn't one aspect of the curriculum that Amzi doesn't excel at. Every lesson, without fail, he puts in his level best and seeks to achieve the highest outcome for himself. In addition, he knows the difference between right and wrong and will always stand up for things that he believes in - both in learning and in play. It is not surprising that Amzi was voted in as the Head Boy for our class earlier in the year with the children looking up to him as someone they can work alongside. Amzi, you should be very proud of your achievements already this year.

You are working exceptionally hard - keep it up!

#### Art Award:

##### Katy—Attenborough Class

Katy has been a real delight to have in art lessons this year. Her talent is undeniable and you can truly see how much she loves creating art. Her pencil control is simply amazing, allowing her to produce stunning pieces that really catch the eye. Katy's passion for painting shines through, especially in her ability to mix colours beautifully to achieve just the right effect. I especially admire how she adds tints and shades, making her paintings feel much more three-dimensional. Her recent project inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe was particularly impressive. She showcased an exceptional eye for detail and her skillful blending of pastels added a brilliance to her work that really stood out.

Katy is definitely a budding artist in the making and I can't wait to see what she creates next year!

# PTA EVENTS



The friends of Winhills School PTA will be selling presents.

This is an opportunity for your child to buy a present for a Parent, Grandparent or Adult.

There will be a choice of gifts to choose costing £3.00 each.

Your child will be able to select a gift during school time and the gift will be sent home with your child before Christmas.

My child, .....Class..... would like to purchase a present for

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Payment must be made directly to the PTA bank account:

Lloyds Bank.  
Account Name: **Winhills School Assn.**  
Account Number: **01697174**  
Sort Code: **30 94 47**

When making this payment please input your child's year group, initial and surname as a reference.

Payment must be made no later than 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024.



## Join the Winhills Primary Academy PTA

### Be a Part of Our School Community

We invite all parents, carers, and teachers to join us in making a positive impact on our school and students' lives. Whether you have a little or a lot of time to give, your involvement can make an enormous difference!

### Why Join the PTA?

**Support School Initiatives:** Help raise funds for resources, school trips, and extracurricular activities.

**Build Community:** Connect with other parents, carers, and teachers.

**Have a Voice:** Share your ideas and feedback to help shape school policies and events.

Our fun events and contributions to school would not be possible without the continued support of our volunteers and PTA members. If you wish to sign up to help, find out more about what we do, give feedback, or even just receive regular updates, please check out our new Facebook group:

Winhills PTA



## Winhills Primary Academy

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### YOU ARE INVITED!

We would like to invite prospective Reception parents to visit our fantastic school.



Please arrive at 10am on  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
2024

Please contact us if you would like to attend.

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