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At Whinfield, we believe that every child is a little gem and has gem qualities.



## Newsletter - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### May Half Term Holiday:

School will close at the end of the day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May and re-open on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

### GEMS Assembly:

The winning team for the weekly GEM Trophy was Emerald! Well done to everyone in Team Emerald!  
Find out about our GEM procedures here: <https://whinfield.net/parents/gems/>

### Year 6 SATs:

A huge well done to all of the Year 6 children! It's been a long week, but the pupils have worked extremely hard, and we are very proud of them. They had lots of fun in school today at their 'Ice Cream and Wheels Party.'  
Thank you to the staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children were fully prepared and confident and thank you to parents/carers for the support you have given to both the children and the school. Results will be released in July.

### School Photographs:

A reminder that Reception and Year 6 photographs will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May.  
Reception - Class photographs only.  
Year 6 - Year Group and Individual photographs.



### Jubilee Celebration Day:



Children can come to school wearing red, white and blue on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May for our Jubilee Day celebration.

### The Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen:

As part of the Queen's celebrations, Superbloom will take place at the Tower of London, where a spectacular, colourful, vibrant field of flowers will fill the Tower's moat. It will celebrate the value of nature for our wellbeing.

We have signed up to Tower of London Superbloom Schools Project and we are hosting 'Whinfieldbloom'  
We would like all children to join in by bringing to school a pot or a planter containing flowers. Flowers can be planted in pots, planters or made from recycled materials such as an old welly! We are excited to see what creations you can come up with! Plants, pots and planters can be brought into school week **commencing Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May**.

There will be an individual prize (one per class) for the winners of the best planter/pot!

We would like to say a massive thank you to JJ Blair & Sons and B&Q Darlington for kindly donating lots of beautiful flowers and plants.





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### Holiday Requests:

Please ensure all holiday requests are sent to the school office in writing, either by letter or via email BEFORE your child goes on holiday. Schools may not grant any leave of absence from school during term-time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Our full attendance policy can be found on our school website.

### Volunteers:

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer to support educational visits, please contact the school office and ask to for a 'Volunteer Application Form'. All volunteers complete an enhanced DBS check prior to starting as a volunteer. Many thanks.

### Continuing COVID Safety:

On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April.

- If you child is unwell or has a high temperature, they **must** stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can come back to school, when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Please be mindful when the entering the school building and at drop off and pick up times. Please aim to keep your distance if you can. Thank you for your continued support.