

Classroom News



Class Name: Windsor

Term: Term 5 2023-2024

Topic: What's on your Plate

What we have been doing this term:

Some photos of us!

We have continued to write and talk about our trips and experiences this term. We use switches, communication aids, Makaton and our voices, to communicate. This term we been tasting and exploring Irish food, ready to represent Ireland in our Olympic games Sports day. We were able to say which food we liked and disliked. We made scones and egg sandwiches for the Agricultural Challenge and made a lovely afternoon tea for Jo and Hannah and practiced telling them all about our Agricultural challenge work. We have also been putting the finishing touches to our Agricultural challenge Collage which has included using squeegees to paint the suns rays.

As you know, we have been working on our Agricultural challenge work all year, and our hard work paid off! We took our work to the final, at Arlington arts, and the students did so well talking about their work. Everyone also enjoyed talking to staff and pupils from other Special schools across Berkshire. We won a trophy for first prize overall and also won first prize for our scones, grass head and painted pebbles. For more information and photos, there is an article here:

[The Castle School - Agricultural Challenge Success \(thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk\)](http://thecastleschoolnewbury.org.uk)

We will spend our prize money on school trips.

We have also been exploring the forest area, and communicating our choices. We made lots of our competition work in the forest.

We have started our year 11 transition to Post 16, with visits to cook in their kitchen, and look around. We have also visited Wallingford as a whole class, to see our friends and work together to use the sensory room, and other activities. We will be going up again after half term, dates TBC.



Windsor class have been comparing weight and height in maths this term. We have also been practicing our money skills in our snack shop lessons. We have also been working on measuring weight in our cooking lessons.

In cooking lessons, we have been exploring food from Ireland, and also some of our favourite meals. We have made fish and chips, jacket potatoes, and have toasted potato cakes and soda bread.

In PSHE, we have finished learning about going to the dentist, and keeping our teeth clean and healthy.

The boys have been learning about public and private body parts and places, and have been talking about masturbation. The girls have been talking about periods, including what happens to their bodies, and how they can make themselves feel better. We have been following the Chailey Heritage RHSE programme, for students with severe, and profound learning difficulties. We have found that using anatomically correct dolls has really helped our pupil's understanding of their own bodies.

We hope you have a lovely half term. We are looking forward to lots of exciting trips and activities next term.

Dates & Points to remember:

End of term –Thursday 28th March
Start of Summer term 1 – Monday 15th April
May Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May

Trips and activities Friday 24th May
Start of Summer 2 – 3rd June

3rd June – Shopping for cooking ingredients – muffins

10th June – trip to Newbury Library

20th June – Sports day

24th June – Dunhelm Mill Café

1st July – snack and play in Donnington park

15th July – The Castle Pub to toast the year 11s (with soft drinks and crisps.)

22nd July – end of term party in class.

24th July – End of term.