



# Winton School Pet Day 2025

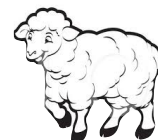


Due to the nationwide strike on Thursday 23 October, our Pet Day will now be held on **Wednesday 22 October**, which is 5 weeks away. Thank you to everyone for returning your Count Form to the office. If the pet you are bringing changes, please let the office know. Here is a reminder about what is planned for Pet Day and the day before (Tuesday 21 October) when all children will be making school based crafts.



## Pets

Students bringing a pet to school will be expected to keep and complete a **Pet Diary**, which will need to be on hand for judging on the day.



## Flower or Vegetable Gardens

Students preparing and maintaining a garden will be expected to keep a record of progress in a **Garden Diary**. Gardens will be judged prior to Pet Day.

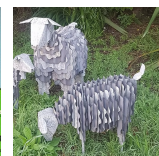


**Pet and Garden Diaries are available from the school office or can be printed from the Winton School website (Kids Zone / Pet Day tab).**

## Home Based Projects

The following projects are optional and are to be completed at home and brought to school no later than 3pm on **Tuesday 21 October** for judging (the day before Pet Day). A reminder that Home Based projects should be completed by children, with minimal input from adults.

- Hanging Basket
- Farm themed creation made out of lego
- Farm themed drawing, painting or collage (2D)
- Farm themed sculpture (3D)



## Cupcakes Competition

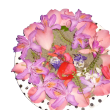
- 3 Farm themed cupcakes student section (Four year groups - Yr 0-2, Yr 3-4, Yr 5-6, Yr 7-8)
- 3 Farm themed cupcakes parent section



## School Based Crafts

All students will make these at school on **Tuesday 21 October** with all materials needing to be brought to school that morning. All craft entries will be judged after school the same day. Students will be expected to make at least one of the following (with only one entry per category).

- recycled animal / machinery
- sand saucer (saucers and sand provided)
- miniature garden / farm / landscape
- flower arrangement (must be in a jar or vase)



**For judging of pets, gardens, home based and school based crafts, there will be four year group sections - Year 0-2, Year 3-4, Year 5-6 and Year 7-8.**

## Family Challenge - Scarecrow



Families are challenged to work as a team to create an awesome scarecrow! Let your imagination run wild! Your scarecrow needs to be brought to school and placed in the Junior Eating Area by 3pm, **Tuesday 21 October** (the day before Pet Day) for judging.

### **Flower or Vegetable Gardens**

Gardens will need to be prepared as soon as possible using seeds or small plantings / punnets. These will not be provided by the school. The aim is for children to develop a knowledge of growing things. Judging of gardens will be based on such things as cultivation, absence of weeds, design, thinning, mulching, child effort, etc.

**A diary of progress needs to be kept by students.** This should include notes of progress and work completed. Drawings and sketches can be included.

**Garden Diaries can be collected from the school office or can be printed from the school website (Kids Zone / Pet Day tab).** Completed diaries will be displayed in the hall on Pet Day along with a photo of your garden taken by the judge. We recommend you prepare your garden bed as soon as possible to be ready for planting. Gardens should be no smaller than 1 square metre.

If needed, parents can help to prepare the soil and then provide lots of encouragement. Children should be able to do all the work themselves.

### **Hanging Basket**

Hanging baskets, provided by the family, need to be 350mm in width. These will be judged on health, vigour of plants, bloom and eye striking appeal. No diary is needed for this project.

### **Farm Themed Creations**

In this home based section, children can choose to make a farm themed creation made out of lego, create a farm themed drawing, painting or collage (2D) or make a farm themed sculpture (3D). Let your imagination run wild! Judges will be looking for originality and creativity.

### **Cupcakes Competition**

There will be two sections for the Cupcakes Competition. One for students (four age group categories) and one for parents. Your three cupcakes will be judged on visual presentation, originality and taste. Cupcakes are to be brought to school on the morning of Pet Day (Wednesday 22 October).

Another Pet Day Update will be sent home in the first week back next term. This update will include more information about Pet Day itself, eg. timeframes, animal locations, food options, etc.

Thank you,

2025 Pet Day Committee