



Friday 11th September 2026

Our vision is 'Let your light shine'. The rainbow symbolises God's unconditional love for each individual. We seek to reflect that light in all we do: in our community, both local and wider, in our communication, both word and action, with curiosity and courage, and with care and compassion for everyone, inspiring a love of learning.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school, and an especially warm welcome to all the new children, families and staff joining our school community this year. We hope you have all had a happy start to the year and are beginning to feel at home as part of our school community. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you and sharing many special moments together over the year ahead.



There is always a special feeling in school at the beginning of a new year. After the quiet of the summer holidays, it is wonderful to see our children return – a little taller, a little older and, in many cases, full of stories to tell. Within days, the familiar sounds of school have returned: laughter drifting along the corridors, lively conversations in the playground and the gentle hum of busy classrooms.

What we love most about this time of year is the sense of possibility. New beginnings are everywhere. Children are settling into new routines, getting to know new teachers, strengthening old friendships and making new ones. They are beginning to discover what they are capable of, sometimes in ways they might not yet realise themselves.

As we look ahead to the term, we are excited for all that is still to come. There will be challenges, discoveries, moments of pride and, of course, plenty of fun along the way. Above all, we hope every child feels that they belong, that they are valued and that there is always something new waiting to be discovered.

It is a privilege to begin another school year together, and we look forward to making it a happy and memorable one.

As always, our weekly newsletter will be sent to families via ParentMail every Friday. At the end of the newsletter, you'll find a helpful list of key dates and upcoming events, so please do take a moment to add these to your calendar. Please also remember to let us know if any of your contact details have changed, and do check your emails regularly, as this is our main way of keeping in touch with families. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership.

Well done to our Year 6 children who took their Secondary Transfer Tests this week. They showed great resilience, determination and perseverance, giving their very best throughout the process. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.



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We would also like to thank and congratulate our whole school community for the flexibility and support they showed in making the necessary changes to ensure the tests ran as smoothly as possible. It was wonderful to see everyone working together to support our children during this important time.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher

School Lunches



Fresh Start provide fantastic school lunches, freshly prepared on site every day. Sourced locally wherever possible, these meals are healthy and balanced and packed full of flavour! Allergies can be catered for but please contact the school office if your child has any which must be considered.

If you would like to order a school lunch for your child, please submit your order directly with Fresh Start on their website by 9:00am on Thursday for the following week. Late lunches should only be ordered in an emergency or if there is a sudden change. Thank you for your help with this.

Breakfast and After School Club

Our wraparound provider is Kid Zone who hold before and after school clubs for all pupils from Reception to Year 6. When signing your child up for this, please indicate your child's new class teacher for this academic year. This helps Kid Zone and the school ensure your child gets safely to the after school club at the end of the day.



Reader of the Week



Each week, teachers will nominate a child who has shown fantastic effort and progress in their reading — whether through home reading, Accelerated Reader, phonics, or class work. Our *Readers of the Week* will be celebrated in Collective Worship and will also get to take home the Book Buddy Bag. This special bag includes a selection of exciting books for children to enjoy and share at home. The bag should be returned to school by the following Thursday so it can be passed on to the next reader.

This week's Readers of the Week are: Florie G, Benjen G, Serafina R, Bella F, Violet F, George F, Adriana P, Margot B, Rex B, Emily S, Lizzie C and Alfred C.

Well done to all our readers! Keep enjoying your books and sharing stories at home.

Child of the Week

All our children seek to 'Let their light shine' as they reflect our Christian values in their daily life. Many congratulations to the following children this week who have shone particularly brightly and been awarded 'Child of the Week':

Reception: Bam & Jack
Year 1: Arthur & Ava
Year 2: Rosina & Michael
Year 3: Xavian & Darren
Year 4: Fynn & Amari
Year 5: Scarlett & Lola
Year 6: Luna & Callie



Attendance



At Winslow CE School, we place great importance on good attendance and punctuality. We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Children who are frequently absent or regularly late often struggle to reach their full potential and may fall behind in class.

Please support us in promoting positive attendance by ensuring your child attends school regularly and arrives on time—ready to learn—between **8:40am and 8:50am**.

Registration begins promptly at 8:55am. Any children arriving after this time should enter the school via the **main reception**.

To help ensure the safety of all pupils and maintain the security of the school site, the gates at the back of the field (Elmfield and Magpie Way) will be locked promptly at **8:55am**. After this time, the only access to the school will be through the **main gate and reception**.

Each week, we will be celebrating the class with the highest attendance.

This week, we're thrilled to congratulate **3CC** who achieved **98.77% attendance!**

A huge well done—keep up the excellent work! Regular attendance has a significant impact on learning, progress, and success.

Important: Allergy Awareness – Nut-Free School Reminder

We have a number of children, and some staff, at Winslow CE School who have severe nut allergies. These allergies can be life-threatening, and even the smallest trace of nuts can trigger a serious reaction. The risk isn't limited to direct consumption; contact with surfaces or individuals who have handled or eaten nuts can also pose a danger.

To help us keep everyone safe, we kindly ask for your support in making our school environment as nut-free as possible.

Please avoid including any nut-based products in your child's packed lunch. This includes:

- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Chocolate spreads that contain nuts (e.g., Nutella)
- Cereal or snack bars with nuts

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in helping us reduce this risk and protect the health and safety of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support.

FOWS

FOWS will be holding their **AGM** later this term. All parents and carers are invited to join us. This is a great opportunity to share any fundraising ideas or feedback you may have and find out how you could get involved as a new committee members or volunteer.

More information to follow.



Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimbleby, Mrs Katie Epps or Miss Allen via the School Office on 01296 712296 or alternatively if out of school hours, weekends or holidays visit <http://www.bucks-lscb.org.uk/concerned-about-child/> to report your concerns.

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Mrs Katie Epps Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Miss Daisy Allen Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Child Protection Governor Mr David Shaw	

What can we do even better as a school?

If you have any comments or suggestions, please do get in contact with Mrs Dimbleby via the school office, or better still, come and chat to her at the start or the end of the day on the playground.



Diary Dates

Please find below our autumn term calendar of events for your immediate attention. This will be published on our school website and updated as appropriate over the coming weeks.

Date	Event	Year Group
Tuesday 1 st September	INSET DAY	Whole School
Wednesday 2 nd September	INSET DAY	Whole School
Thursday 3 rd September	Pupils Return to School	Whole School
Tuesday 8 th September	Secondary Transfer Practice Test	Year Six
Thursday 10 th September	Secondary Transfer Test	Year Six
Friday 11 th September	Barnardo House Mufti Day	Barnardo House
Tuesday 15 th September (3:30pm)	Parent Meeting for Y6 Residential Trip	Year Six
Thursday 24 th September	Whole School Flu Immunisations	Whole School
Monday 28 th September	Visiting Author - Alex Milway	Year Three, Four, Five and Six
Monday 28 th September	European Day of Languages	Whole School
Tuesday 29 th September	Year 3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum	Year Three
Tuesday 29 th September (9:00am – 9:30am)	KS1 Stay and Read for Y1 and Y2 Parents	Year One and Year Two
Date TBC	FOWS AGM	Whole School
wc 5 th October	Harvest (Pupils only; collection and distribution of non-perishables to local elderly neighbours and the Winslow Food Bank)	Whole School
Tuesday 6 th October	SENDCo Drop in Clinic for Parents	Whole School
Thursday 8 th October (9:00am – 10:00am)	Reception Stay and Read for Parents followed by Phonics Parent Information Session	Reception
Friday 9 th October (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class Tours (New Starters Sept 2027)	New parents
Friday 9 th October	Secondary Transfer Test Results Released	Year Six
Monday 12 th October – Friday 16 th October	Residential Trip - PGL Liddington	Year Six
Thursday 15 th October (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class Tours (New Starters Sept 2027)	New parents
Monday 19 th October (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 21 st October (4:30pm – 7:00pm)	Parents' Evenings	Reception – Year Six
Friday 23 rd October	FOWS Break the Rules Day	Whole School
Friday 23 rd October	Last day of term for pupils	Whole School
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October)		
Saturday 31 st October	Secondary School Application Deadline	Year Six
Monday 2 nd November	INSET DAY	Whole School
Tuesday 3 rd November	Children return to school	Whole School
Thursday 5 th November	Outdoor Learning Day	Whole School
Friday 6 th November (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class Tours (New Starters Sept 2027)	New parents
Saturday 7 th November	LIONS Fireworks Display	Whole School

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Sunday 8 th November	Remembrance in Winslow	Whole School
Wednesday 11 th November (10:40am)	Remembrance Service (Year 6 Parents)	Year Six
Thursday 12 th November	Parents of SEND Pupils Coffee Meeting	Whole School
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need	Whole School
wc 16 th November	Anti-bullying Week/Odd Socks Day (Date TBC)	Whole School
Wednesday 18 th November	Whole School Photographs	Whole School
Friday 20 th November (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class Tours (New Starters Sept 2027)	New parents
Date TBC	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Assembly	Whole School
Date TBC	FOWS Christmas Tombola Mufti Day	Whole School
Date TBC	FOWS Christmas Fete	Whole School
wc 30 th November	Christmas Book Week	Whole School
Dates TBC	NSPCC Workshops	Year Two, Year Five and Year Six
Tuesday 1 st December (2:00pm) and Wednesday 2 nd December (9:30am)	KS1 Christmas Performance	Year One and Year Two
Wednesday 2 nd December (2:00pm) and Friday 4 th December (9:30am)	EYFS Christmas Performance	Rainbows and Reception
Tuesday 8 th December (9:30am) and Wednesday 9 th December (2:00pm)	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance	Year Three and Year Four
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)	Whole School
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Lunch Day	Whole School
Monday 14 th December	Christmas Worship at St Laurence Church	Whole School
Wednesday 16 th December (6:00pm)	Year 5 Christingle Service at St Laurence Church	Year Five
Wednesday 16 th December (2:30pm)	Year 6 Carol Concert at St Laurence Church	Year Six
Friday 18 th December (2:30 – 3:15pm)	Carols on the Playground	Whole School
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of School for pupils	Whole School

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Children return on Monday 4th January 2027

This Term's Value is:

Respect

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Luke 6:31

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