



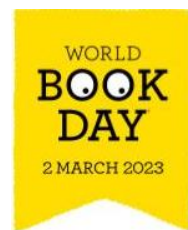
Friday 24th February 2023

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,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half term and are looking forward to another exciting half term ahead. It has been a busy week with children in key stage two starting off their week with an internet safety workshop where they discussed keeping safe while playing online games. The importance of playing only age-appropriate games was raised and how to manage situations where something has made them feel unsafe online, discussed. We are looking forward to seeing as many parents/carers as possible at the **Online Safety Information Session for Parents** on **Monday 27th February @6:00pm** in the school hall.

Please remember that World Book Day is on **Thursday 2nd March** and the theme this year is, 'Finding Your Reading Superpower.' We welcome children to come to school dressed as a character from a story or linked to our chosen theme on World Book Day but please do not feel obliged to buy a costume; homemade outfits are just as good!



Thank you for your support and we will share the event with you through Class Dojo and our next Reading Newsletter.

I was delighted to attend the service of Institution, Induction and Installation for the Reverend Doctor Stephen O'Connor at St Laurence Church on Tuesday. Stephen visited the school on Wednesday and met some of the children during his tour of the school. We are looking forward to his next school visit!

Samantha Dimbleby
Headteacher

Update on NEU Teacher Strike Action

Following our previous communication regarding the National Education Union (NEU) announcement of national and regional strike action in England, I am writing to update you on the situation at Winslow CE School for **Wednesday 1st March 2023**.

We are able to keep the **school open for all pupils on Wednesday 1st March** and maintain the safety of pupils and staff. Should the situation change, we will of course let you know at the earliest opportunity.

We will provide further updates in due course on the further planned strikes for the 15th and 16th March. We thank you for your continued understanding and support at this difficult time.

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. Those children who are regularly absent from school and regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time at 8.40am.

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Attendance really does matter and it is important that your child gets to school on time and aims for 100% attendance. Frequent absence can add up to a considerable amount of lost learning and can seriously disadvantage your child in adult life.

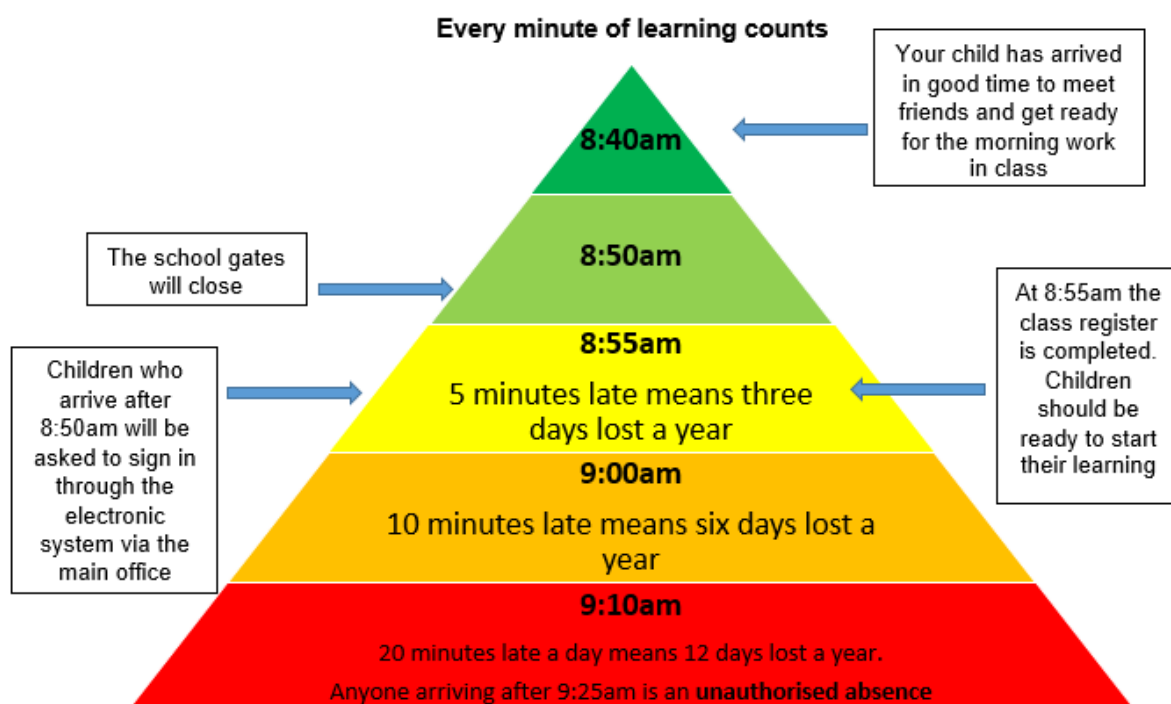
The chart below identifies the possible amount of lost learning due to poor attendance. How does your child compare?

Attendance during the school year	Equals this number of days absent	Which is approximately this many weeks absent
90%	19 days	4 weeks
80%	38 days	8 weeks
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks

Nationally primary pupil attendance is around 96%. This means that a child needs to attend school for at least 177 out of 190 days (no more than 7 days absence across the whole year) to meet national expectations.

Punctuality

It is very important that all children arrive on time. Classroom doors open between 8:40am and 8:50am. It can be unsettling for children who are regularly late and missing valuable lesson time. Children that do arrive late to school need to enter through the main entrance. It is very important for safety reasons that you accompany them and report to the school office. Registers are closed at 9:00am and a late book entry must be completed for every late child after this time.



Please work with us to provide your child with the best chances of learning by ensuring they are in school every day and on time. Thank you.

Child of the Week

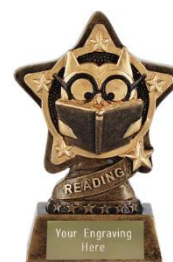
All our children seek to 'Let their light shine' as they reflect our Christian values in their daily life. Many congratulations to the following children this week who have shone particularly brightly and been awarded 'Child of the Week':

Year 1: Jacob & Felix
Year 2: Luna & Alfie
Year 3: Rosie & Chloe
Year 4: Henry & Zaiden
Year 5: Amelie & Zain
Year 6: Sophie & Lexton

Accelerated Readers

The following classes have been awarded the Reading Trophies this week for completing the most Accelerated Reader Quizzes:

2AF
3CC
4FK
5KE
6FD



The Healthy Start Scheme - Get help to buy food and milk

If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, you may be entitled to get help to buy healthy food and milk. If you're eligible, you'll be sent a Healthy Start card with money on it that you can use in some UK shops.

You can use your card to buy:

- plain liquid cow's milk
- fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables
- fresh, dried, and tinned pulses
- infant formula milk based on cow's milk

You can also use your card to collect:

- Healthy Start vitamins – these support you during pregnancy and breastfeeding
- vitamin drops for babies and young children – these are suitable from birth to 4 years old

For more information please see the [Healthy Start NHS Website](#)

Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimbleby, Mrs Tracy Thomas or Mrs Katie Epps 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. For more safeguarding information please visit our website.



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 Spring Term 2023

Date	Event
Monday 27 th February (6:00pm)	Internet Safety Parent Information Evening
Tuesday 28 th February	Year 5 Space Day
Tuesday 28 th February (5:00pm- 6:00pm)	Year 2 SATS Information Evening for Parents
Thursday 2 nd March (10:00am)	Rainbows Pre-School Open Morning
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
wc 13 th March	Science Week
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day – non-uniform fundraising day
Friday 17 th March	FOWS Mother's Day Gifts Sale
Tuesday 21 st March – Thursday 23 rd March	Year 4 Woodrow Residential
Tuesday 21 st March	Reception and KS1 Stay and Read Session
Wednesday 22 nd March	Reception and Y6 Group Photographs
Thursday 23 rd March (10:00am)	Rainbows Pre-School Open Morning
wc 27 th March	Year 3 Bikeability
Friday 31 st March	FOWS Break the Rules Day
Friday 31 st March	Last day of term
Easter HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 17 th April 2023	

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