



Friday 25th 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,

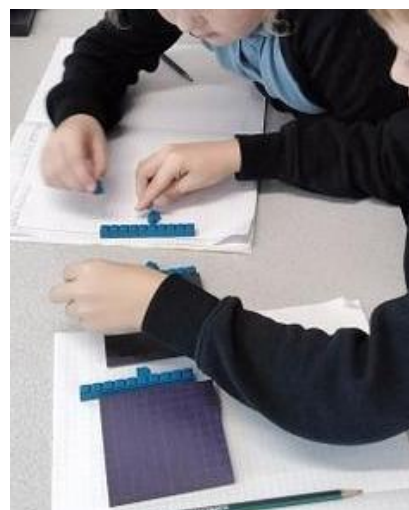


As we reach the end of another busy and positive week, I would like to thank you for your continued support of our school. On Tuesday, we welcomed a Bucks School Improvement Adviser for a monitoring visit. It was a pleasure to visit classrooms together and see our children so enthusiastically engaged in their learning. The adviser was particularly impressed by the calm and purposeful learning environments, the strong, positive relationships between staff and pupils, and the way our school values are clearly reflected in everyday life. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the positive culture we are continuing to build across our school.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our upcoming **Parents' Evenings on Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st October**, which provide a valuable opportunity to share your child's progress and celebrate all they have achieved so far. Further information about booking appointments was sent via ParentMail earlier this week.

At Winslow CE School we firmly believe that children flourish best when school and families work together in partnership. You play a vital role in supporting your child's learning, and we are committed to keeping you informed about what your child is learning and how you can help at home.

To support this, we have published **this term's topic overviews** for each year group on the **school website**. These overviews outline the key themes, subjects, and areas of focus your child will be exploring this term.



We encourage you to talk to your child about what they're learning. Asking questions, reading related books, visiting local museums, or even watching a relevant documentary together can all help to enrich their learning and build those all-important connections between home and school. You can more information about what your child is learning in school and find the topic overviews by visiting the **Class Pages** section of our website or by clicking [here](#).

Thank you for your continued support - have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher

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Staffing Updates

This week, we said a fond farewell to Mrs Addley, one of our much-valued Learning Support Assistants, who is leaving Winslow CE to begin an exciting new career opportunity. Mrs Addley has been a dedicated and valued member of our school community for 11 years, making a positive difference to the lives of so many children and colleagues. She will be greatly missed by pupils, parents and staff.

On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank Mrs Addley for her care, commitment and passion during her time with us. We wish her every success and happiness in her new role.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Wright and Miss Plant, who will shortly be joining our school team as new Learning Support Assistants. Both bring valuable experience in supporting children and will be a welcome addition to our school community.

Let you Light Shine

We are incredibly proud of one of our pupils, who made the wonderful and selfless decision during the school holidays to donate her hair to *The Little Princess Trust*, an organisation that provides real-hair wigs and hope to children and young people living with cancer and other conditions that cause hair loss.

Determined to make an even greater difference, she went on a one-woman mission to raise as much sponsorship as possible. She approached friends and family, and our school community for their support. Her original fundraising target was an incredible £150, the approximate cost of making a wig from donated hair. To date, Lily has raised £545 for the charity.

Her kindness, determination and generosity are a wonderful example of our school vision, “**Let Your Light Shine**”. She has shown that even one person, through a simple act of kindness and a willingness to help others, can make a meaningful difference. We are so proud of her for thinking of others and for shining her light so brightly within our community.



Open Mornings for prospective Reception parents September 2027

This term we will be holding Open Mornings for prospective parents to view our school during the busy hustle and bustle of the school day on Friday 9th October, Thursday 15th October, Friday 6th November and Friday 20th November. The Open Mornings will include a presentation from the Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher and a tour of the school site with some of our older children. All sessions will start at 9.30am and last around an hour. To find out more, or to confirm your attendance, please contact the school office.

A Reminder about Safe and Considerate Parking

As we begin the new term, we'd like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers about the importance of parking safely and considerately. Ensuring that the roads and surrounding areas remain safe for our school community is a shared responsibility.

If you must drive to school, please consider parking a little further away and walking the remainder of the journey. This helps reduce congestion and keeps the area safer for everyone, especially our children.

Important Parking Reminders:

- No parking is permitted on the school grounds unless you have a prior agreement with the school.
- Vehicle gates will be locked between 3:00pm and 3:30pm each day. During this time, no cars will be able to enter or exit the school grounds.
- The staff car park is for staff use only and should not be used by parents at any time.
- The area behind the bungalows is private residential parking and must not be used by parents for drop-off or collection.
- Morning drop-off is permitted in the turning circle, outside the Site Manager's bungalow only—please do not use other areas for this purpose.
- Speed limit on site is strictly 5mph—please always drive slowly and with caution.
- All parents, carers, and children should use the pedestrian gate and stick to the footpath when entering or leaving the school.

We kindly ask that you share this message with any family members or friends who may occasionally drop off or collect your children.

If you witness any inconsiderate or unsafe driving or parking around the school, please report it via the police non-emergency website.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe.

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: George C, Aleena H, Arlo N, Carter M, Leo B, Ava C, Baxter R, Rubie C, Lola T, Caleb T, Ethan B & Connie R.

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: Olena & Zeniyak

Year 1: Noah & Clara

Year 2: Erin & Forrest

Year 3: Violet & Freddie

Year 4: Anna & Jake

Year 5: Darcie & Willow

Year 6: Rebecca & Elora



Accelerated Readers

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

3CC
4VK
5VC
6CM



Attendance

Well done to 1AA who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 96.67%. Our average whole-school attendance is 94.02%.

We understand that children are occasionally unwell and that some absences are unavoidable. However, we ask that families carefully consider the impact of any non-essential absence. Family holidays should not be taken during term time, and we are unable to authorise holidays taken during school term. Requests for leave of absence will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, in line with our attendance policy and statutory guidance.

We want every child to have the best possible opportunity to learn, achieve and thrive. Good attendance is an important part of this, and we appreciate your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day they are well enough to do so and arrives on time.

FOWS

FOWS will be holding their **AGM** on **Tuesday 6th October @7:00pm**. This will take place **at Winslow CE school** and 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. Please come to reception and a FOWS representative will meet you.



It's never too early to start thinking about Christmas and FOWS have arranged a wreath making evening on 30th November. Places are limited so do get in early. More details are on the poster at the end of this newsletter.

Ice-cream Friday

While the sun is still shining, FOWS will be selling ice-creams and soft drinks on the playground after school today.

Card and cash accepted.



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
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	Buckingham Fire Station Visit	Year Five
Friday 23 rd October	Last day of term for pupils	Whole School
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 26th October – Friday 30th 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
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

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Friday 20 th November (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class Tours (New Starters Sept 2027)	New parents
Monday 23 rd November	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Assembly	Whole School
Wednesday 25 th November (Time TBC)	Maths Information Workshop for Parents	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
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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