



Friday 2nd October 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,

This week, we celebrated European Day of Languages on the theme, '*Languages unite, languages shape inclusion*'. It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to explore the richness of different languages and cultures and to develop their understanding of the world beyond our school community.

Languages play an important role in bringing people together. They enable us to communicate with others, share stories, songs, ideas and traditions, and help us to understand and appreciate different ways of life. Learning about other languages and cultures also encourages children to develop respectful and positive attitudes towards others, helping them to recognise and value the things that make us all unique.

As a school, we want every child to feel safe, valued and included, while also developing the curiosity and confidence to learn about the wider world. It was lovely to see the children embracing the celebration and discovering how language can help us to connect with others, broaden our understanding and bring people together.

Year 3 had a wonderful day at Chiltern Open Air Museum this week as part of their History unit on the Stone Age. The children travelled back in time to explore both Stone Age and Iron Age life, gaining a fascinating insight into how people lived many thousands of years ago.



Throughout the day, the children were immersed in a range of hands-on activities, giving them the opportunity to experience aspects of prehistoric life for themselves. They made clay pots, whisked cream to make butter and used a quern stone to grind wheat into flour. They also explored a replica roundhouse, which helped them to develop a greater understanding of the living conditions of the time. The children built fires, constructed dens using animal skins and even had the opportunity to learn how to use a spear thrower.



It was a busy and exciting day, packed with wonderful learning opportunities. It was particularly lovely to see the children's curiosity, enthusiasm and excitement as they developed their historical knowledge through first-hand experiences.

This week we were delighted to welcome parents and carers of children in Year One and Year Two for 'Stay and Read' on Tuesday and look forward to welcoming Reception parents into school in next week for their 'Stay and Read' session.

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

Mrs Samantha Dumbleby

Headteacher

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Staffing Updates

Next week, Mrs Parker will be starting her maternity leave and we would like to wish her all the very best as she prepares for the arrival of her second baby. We look forward to sharing the happy news with you when the baby arrives! We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Jacques back to school, where she will be taking up a part-time teaching position. I am sure you will all join me in giving her a very warm welcome back to the school community.

A Swashbuckling Workshop with Alex Millway!

This week, our Key Stage Two children were delighted to take part in a fun and interactive workshop with author and illustrator Alex Millway, celebrating his new book, *Captain Sunshine*.

Alex introduced the children to his exciting new story and brought some of its memorable characters to life. The children joined in with a lively sea shanty and were then taught how to draw some of the characters from the book. The creative fun continued as the children were challenged to invent their very own characters by combining two different animals. Alex then brought their imaginative ideas to life by drawing some fantastic and wonderfully unusual creations!

It was a fun-filled and exciting workshop, and the children thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to meet Alex and see how an author and illustrator develops ideas for a book.

To finish the session, the children had the special opportunity to have their pre-purchased copies of *Captain Sunshine* signed by Alex. A huge thank you to Alex for such an entertaining and inspiring visit.



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: Roxanne B, Avery A, Harry R, Joshua P, Albert B, Remel W, Thomas R, Imogen C, William B, Chloe K, Taylor, and Primrose L

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: Louis & Ollie
Year 1: George & Niall
Year 2: Ava & Zara
Year 3: Joselyn & Ellara
Year 4: Beatrice & Zara
Year 5: Millie & Ely
Year 6: Josiah & Sophia



Accelerated Readers

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

3CC
4MS
5VC
6MP



Attendance

Well done to 3CC who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 97.22%. Our average whole-school attendance is 93.41%.

We will be working with you to keep you updated on your child's attendance by sending out letters at key points to inform you of your child's attendance should it go below 95% and to invite you in to find ways to work together to support your child's attendance.

Green	Attendance above 95%
Amber	Attendance dipping below 95%
Red	Attendance falling below 90%

SEND Drop-in Clinic

Miss Webb will be holding a SEND Drop-in Clinic on Tuesday 6th October. If you would like to book an appointment to discuss your child's SEND Needs or barriers, please email sendco@winslow.bucks.sch.uk

FOWS

The FOWS AGM will take place in school on 6th October at 7pm. The Committee are always looking for new committee members or volunteers. If you are able to attend it would be lovely to welcome you. Alternatively if you would like to help but can't make the meeting please email Fows@winslow.bucks.sch.uk for more information



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
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
Tuesday 6 th October (7:00pm)	FOWS AGM	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 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
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
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

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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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