



Friday 9th 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,

It has been a lovely week of celebrating the changing season and reflecting on the importance of Harvest. The children have been learning about the food we enjoy, the work that goes into growing and producing it, and the importance of being thankful for the abundance we are lucky to have.

On Thursday morning, we came together for our special Harvest Service, where the children enjoyed sharing a wonderful selection of songs, poems and prayers with one another. It was a lovely occasion filled with enthusiasm, joy and plenty of seasonal spirit!

Harvest is also a special time for us to think about others and the importance of giving within our local community. We were incredibly grateful for the generous donations of food that were brought into school. Our Year Six children will be delivering these donations today to senior citizens living in the bungalows and flats on Lowndes Way and at Scott Evans Court.

A huge thank you to all our families for their generosity and support. Your kindness will help make a positive difference to members of our local community, and we are very proud of the children for playing their part in spreading the spirit of Harvest.



We were delighted to welcome parents and carers of children in Reception for 'Stay and Read' this week. For those parents who were unable to attend, the information from the phonics presentation led by Miss Allen can be found on the website [here](#).

Parents' Evenings with your child's class teacher this term will take place on Monday 19th October and Wednesday 21st October and will provide an opportunity for you to discuss how your child/ren have settled into their new classes and ways you can support their progress at home. Details for booking appointments have been sent out via ParentMail but if you need any support with this, please contact Mrs Freshwater via the school office

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

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher

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Consideration around the school gates

We kindly ask parents and carers bringing dogs to school to avoid tying them to the school gates or leaving them unattended while dropping off or collecting children. We appreciate that dogs are much-loved members of many families, but some members of our school and wider community may feel uncomfortable or anxious around dogs. Please be considerate of others by keeping dogs away from busy entrance areas and ensuring that everyone feels safe and comfortable when arriving at and leaving school. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Chess News from Mr McClellan

I am delighted to have such an enthusiastic group of children taking part in my "Introduction to Chess" course this September. There is a lot to learn, but everyone is making excellent progress and, most importantly, enjoying the challenge.



I would love to see more girls discovering the enjoyment and benefits of chess. Chess is a game for everyone, regardless of age, gender or background, and it offers wonderful opportunities to develop concentration, problem-solving skills, creativity and confidence.

There are many inspiring female players who demonstrate just how far you can go in the world of chess. This week, British chess player Bodhana Sivanandan made headlines at the 46th Chess Olympiad, becoming the youngest female player to achieve the title of Woman Grandmaster at the age of 11.

And then there is the remarkable Judit Polgár, widely regarded as the strongest female chess player in history. Her achievements have helped inspire generations of young players and demonstrate that there are no limits to what can be achieved with talent, determination and a love of the game.

So, to all the girls out there: why not give chess a try? You may discover a game that challenges you, inspires you and, above all, is great fun to play!

Governor Vacancies



We currently have two governor vacancies at Winslow: one for a Parent Governor and one for a Co-opted Governor. Our Governing Board plays a vital role in the life of the school, helping to shape its strategic direction, support leadership, and ensure the very best outcomes for our children.

Governors bring valuable perspectives and work closely with school leaders to make sure decisions are well-informed and in the best interests of pupils. It's a rewarding way to contribute to the school community and to help strengthen the educational experience for every child.

If you are interested in becoming a governor - or would simply like to find out more - please contact the school office for more information.

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Head Boy and Head Girl

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Matthew S and Grace M in Year 6 as our new Head Boy and Head Girl.

Both pupils submitted impressive application letters to the Senior Leadership Team and have consistently demonstrated maturity, kindness, and a strong commitment to school life. They are excellent role models who truly shine in everything they do, and we know they will represent our school with pride and responsibility.

Well done, Matthew and Grace— we look forward to watching you grow and develop in your new roles.

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: Celebi C, Isla D, Kimberley L, Matilda E, Milo T, Arthur B, Alysia C, Sophia R, Ben R, Sofia O, Josiah Y, Sophia 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: Willow & Millie-Mae
Year 1: Archie & Orla
Year 2: Teddy & Elliot
Year 3: Eva & Myla-Rose
Year 4: Lewis & Nylah
Year 5: Vinnie & Morgan
Year 6: Bella & Georgia W



Accelerated Readers

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

3CC
4MS
5RS
6MP



Attendance

Well done to Sunshine Class who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 97.83%. Our average whole-school attendance is 93.97%.

Authorised or Unauthorised?

If your child is ill, school will need details of their illness. If the reasons for the absence are made known to us, and are appropriate, the absence will be authorised for the first few days. If their illness continues, you may be asked for evidence from your GP. However, school will not authorise non-attendance for illness if it becomes too frequent. If your child's attendance falls below 90% (persistent absentee), you will also be asked for medical evidence in order to authorise the absence.

FOWS



FOWS held their AGM this week and were able to share a summary of activity over the last academic year. They also discussed future fundraising plans, including the **Christmas Fair** which will take place on **Friday 4th December @3:30pm**.

The next FOWS Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th November @2:00pm at school.

October Half Term Multi-Activity Holiday Club



Kidz Zone October half term Multi-Activity Holiday Club will be taking place at school from Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2025. If you would like your child to attend please book a place using the following link www.kidzzoneclub.com.

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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 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

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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
Friday 27 th November	FOWS Christmas Tombola Mufti Day	Whole School
Friday 4 th December (3:30pm)	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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SWALLOWED BY A BIG FISH OR A WHALE?

FIND OUT AT THE WCF ...

HOLIDAY CLUB

FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

MONDAY 26TH - WED 28TH OCT 26

COME FOR ONE, TWO OR THREE DAYS
PARENTS / CARERS NOT REQUIRED TO STAY

10AM - 12NOON

SIR THOMAS FREMANTLE SCHOOL
GEORGE PASS AVENUE, WINSLOW, MK18 3GH



STORY CONCLUSION

SUNDAY 1ST NOV 26

PARENTS AND CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO
WINSLOW CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP'S ALL AGE SERVICE
WINSLOW PUBLIC HALL
10.30AM

STORIES, DRAMA, GAMES, CRAFT, FOOD
PLUS SOME SORT OF BIG FISH!!!

FREE

TO BOOK, VISIT...
WWW.WINSLOWCF.NET

OR SCAN 

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