Friday 23rd 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,

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding term, it has been lovely to see the children grow in confidence, develop new skills and embrace the many opportunities that school life brings. From our Reception children settling into their new routines and discovering the excitement of learning, to our Year Six pupils taking on greater responsibilities and setting a positive example for others, we have much to celebrate across the school.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for the encouragement and support you continue to give your children and the school. We greatly value the partnership we share with our families, and it was a pleasure to welcome so many of you into school for Parents' Evening. Working together helps us to ensure that every child feels supported, happy and able to achieve their best.

Looking ahead, we will be coming together to mark Remembrance. On **Wednesday 11th November**, our Year Six pupils will lead the whole-school Remembrance Service. Unfortunately, due to the limited capacity of the school hall, we are only able to invite parents and carers of Year Six children to attend. We will also be marking Remembrance Sunday in Winslow on **Sunday 8th November**, and we would love for children from across the school to join us in the parade.

If your child would like to take part in the parade, please contact the School Office. Children should arrive at the Public Hall car park by **10:30am in school uniform**. We will lay a wreath at the Winslow War Memorial on behalf of the school, and it would be wonderful to have as many pupils as possible join us as we pay our respects to those who have served and sacrificed so much.

Poppies and a selection of Royal British Legion fundraising items, including commemorative rulers, wristbands and keyrings, will be available in school until Wednesday 11th November in return for a small donation. If your child would like to purchase an item, please send their donation into school with them.

We would also like to let families know that any pupils who are members of a uniformed organisation, such as Rainbows, Cubs, Scouts, Guides or Cadets, are very welcome to come to school in their club uniform on Wednesday 11th November to mark Remembrance.

As we head into the half-term holiday, I hope all our families enjoy a well-deserved opportunity to rest, recharge and spend time together. Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the term. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Tuesday 3rd November**, ready for another exciting term of learning and new opportunities.

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher

Staffing Update

After 25 years at Winslow CE School, Jayne Lambourne is retiring from her role as Midday Supervisor. Jayne joined the school in 2001 and has been part of school life for so long that she has seen former pupils return with children of their own! She has been a familiar face on the playground and in the lunch hall and will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils. We hope she enjoys a well-earned retirement, with plenty of time to spend in her garden and pursue the things she enjoys most. Thank you, Jayne, for everything you have done for our children. We wish you a happy and fulfilling retirement.

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.

Reader of the Week

Every page makes a difference.

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: Kayde G, Aoife S, Rex S, Henry L, Karolina K, Leandra H, Skyla-Rae C, Amari J, Louie C, Cedar I, Esmae P, Cameron B.

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: Hannah & Maisie
Year 1: Rory & Orla
Year 2: Zakariya & Rowan
Year 3: Harry & Harry
Year 4: Emily & Albie
Year 5: Isabel & Chloe
Year 6: Lizzie & Mason

Accelerated Readers

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

3RE
4MS
5RS
6MP

Attendance

Well done to 3RE who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.15%. Our average whole-school attendance in 94.73%.

Thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support in ensuring that children attend school regularly and make the most of every learning opportunity. It is wonderful to see so many children developing positive habits that will support their success both now and in the future.

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 .

Lions Club of Winslow

FIREWORKS & BONFIRE

Saturday, 7 November

Winslow Combined C of E School

Gates open 6:00 pm, Bonfire lit at 6:40 pm.

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.

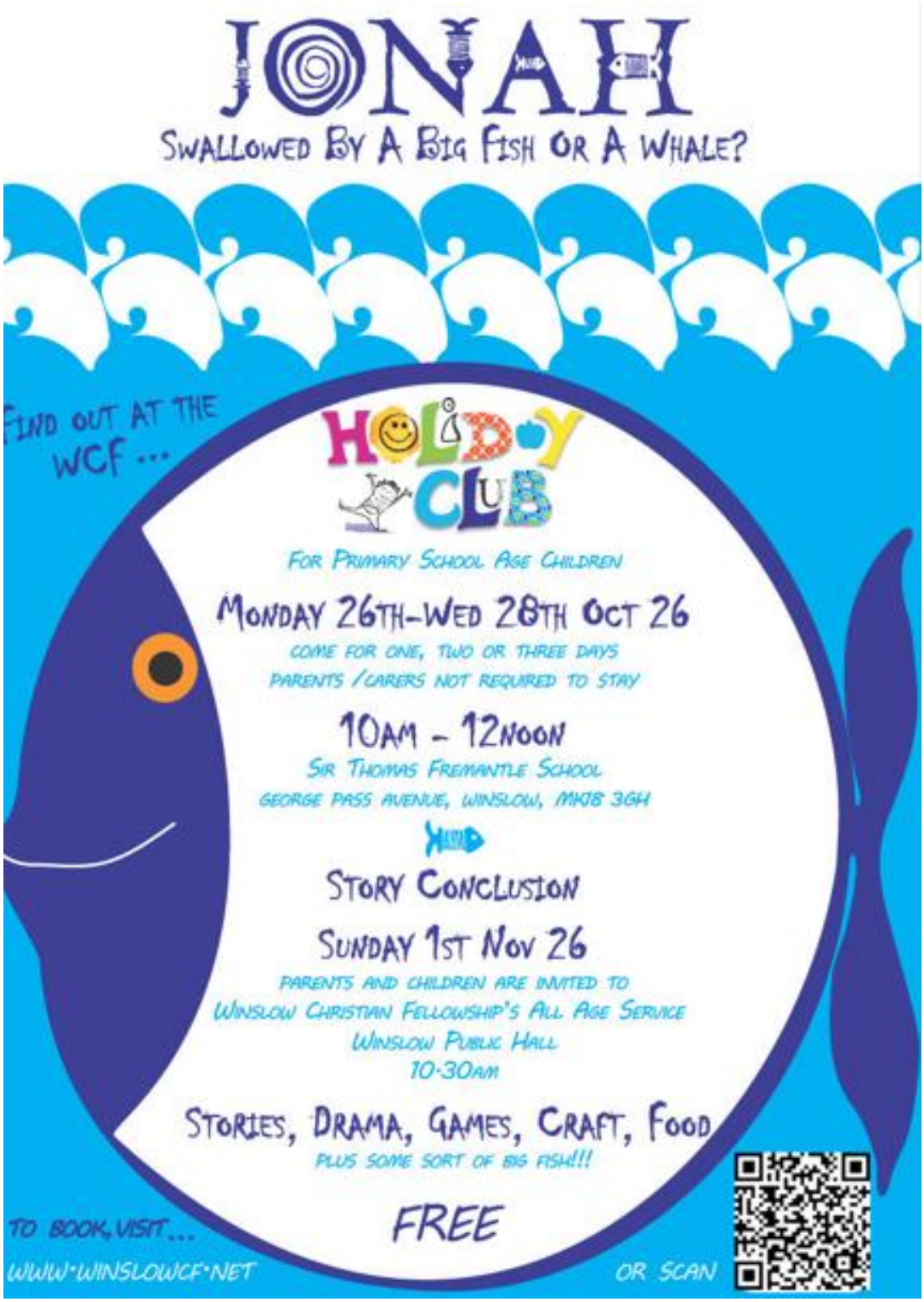
Diary Dates

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
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October)		
Saturday 31st October	Secondary School Application Deadline	Year Six
Monday 2nd November	INSET DAY	Whole School
Tuesday 3rd November	Children return to school	Whole School
Thursday 5th November	Outdoor Learning Day	Whole School
Friday 6th November (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class Tours (New Starters Sept 2027)	New parents
Saturday 7th November	LIONS Fireworks Display	Whole School
Sunday 8th November	Remembrance in Winslow	Whole School
Wednesday 11th November (10:40am)	Remembrance Service (Year 6 Parents)	Year Six
Thursday 12th November	Parents of SEND Pupils Coffee Meeting	Whole School
Friday 13th November	Children in Need	Whole School
wc 16th November	Anti-bullying Week/Odd Socks Day (Date TBC)	Whole School
Wednesday 18th November	Whole School Photographs	Whole School
Friday 20th November (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class Tours (New Starters Sept 2027)	New parents
Monday 23td November	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Assembly	Whole School
Wednesday 25th November (Time TBC	Maths Information Workshop for Parents	Whole School
Friday 27th November	FOWS Christmas Tombola Mufti Day	Whole School
Friday 4th December (3:30pm)	FOWS Christmas Fete	Whole School
wc 30th November	Christmas Book Week	Whole School
Tuesday 1st December (2:00pm) and Wednesday 2nd December (9:30am)	KS1 Christmas Performance	Year One and Year Two
Wednesday 2nd December (2:00pm) and Friday 4th December (9:30am)	EYFS Christmas Performance	Rainbows and Reception
Tuesday 8th December (9:30am) and Wednesday 9th December (2:00pm)	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance	Year Three and Year Four
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)	Whole School
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Lunch Day	Whole School
Monday 14th December	Christmas Worship at St Laurence Church	Whole School
Wednesday 16th December (6:00pm)	Year 5 Christingle Service at St Laurence Church	Year Five
Wednesday 16th December (2:30pm)	Year 6 Carol Concert at St Laurence Church	Year Six
Friday 18th December (2:30 – 3:15pm)	Carols on the Playground	Whole School
Friday 18th 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