Friday 6th November 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,

We hope you had a lovely half-term break and enjoyed spending some special time with family and friends. As we return for a new term, there is plenty to look forward to, with lots of exciting activities and events ahead. We will also be starting to get ready for our Christmas performances and festivities, making this another busy and enjoyable term for everyone.

Across the school this week, the children have been enjoying a range of opportunities to learn, play and explore outdoors as part of **Outdoor Classroom Day**. The aim of this initiative is to inspire and celebrate outdoor play and learning, both at home and at school, recognising the many benefits that spending time outdoors brings to children's lives.



At Winslow CE School, we recognise the importance of outdoor experiences in supporting children's overall development, health and wellbeing. In a world where children are spending less time outdoors than ever before, we believe it is more important than ever to create opportunities for them to connect with nature, be active, explore their surroundings and learn in different ways. Time spent outdoors can have a hugely positive impact on children's mental health, helping to reduce stress and anxiety, improve mood, build confidence and develop resilience. It also provides valuable opportunities to develop friendships, work collaboratively, take risks, solve problems and experience the joy of discovery.

Supporting the mental health and wellbeing of every child is something we truly value at Winslow CE School**.** We recognise that happy, healthy children are better equipped to learn, grow and thrive. By making outdoor learning and play an important part of school life, we aim to nurture not only children's curiosity and love of learning, but also their emotional wellbeing, confidence and sense of belonging. We hope that the children will continue to enjoy the many benefits of spending time outdoors, discovering that some of the best learning experiences can happen beyond the classroom walls!



We hope you all have a fantastic time celebrating together at the Lions Club Fireworks and Bonfire this weekend. We ask everyone to follow the guidance and instructions provided on the evening, keeping children close by and ensuring that any sparklers or fireworks are handled responsibly and safely.

Rainbows have been busy building a bonfire, toasting leaves on the 'fire', and dancing with ribbon 'fireworks' this week. They have used this opportunity to talk about some safety tips around bonfire night and what to do in an emergency. The children used outdoor loose parts to create the emergency number - 999 and explored new textures through mud painting.

Thank you, as always, for your continued – have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Remembrance Service on Sunday.

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher





Remembrance Sunday



We will be honouring our fallen in Winslow this Sunday and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the parade. Please arrive at the Public Hall car park by 10:30am, wearing full school uniform. Pupils from the school will have the privilege of laying a wreath at the Winslow War Memorial on behalf of staff, pupils and parents.

Year Six will be leading a Remembrance Day Service for the whole school on Wednesday 11th November. We are inviting the parents/carers of Year Six children to join us for this service which will start at 10:30am. We will hold a two minutes silence during this service and on Wednesday 11th November @11:00am.

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.

SEND COFFEE MORNING for Parents - THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2026

Come and join us for the first SEND coffee morning of the academic year. We will be introducing parents to different services which can be accessed to support our young people and you will be given the opportunity to contribute your ideas to the themes for our coffee mornings for the rest of this year.

Yummy cakes and a hot drink will be provided! All parents welcome (even if your child does not have SEND).

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: Tommy B, Emily H, Florence B, Calihan C, Arthur C, Oliver L, Emily H, Skye S, Jacob J, Jacob F, Jaydon H, Joshua 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: Oisin & Willow
Year 1: Indie & Olivia
Year 2: Rohan & Jacob
Year 3: Owen & Jayden
Year 4: Greyson & David
Year 5: Holly & Daniel
Year 6: Lizzie & Primrose



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 4VK who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 97.39%. Our average whole-school attendance in 93.46%.

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.

FOWS

For those of you turning your thoughts to Christmas, don't forget the FOWS Wreath Making evening is being held on 30th November. The last few spaces are available, so if you want to make your own Christmas wreath then contact FOWS at fows@winslow.bucks.sch.uk

Final orders for Christmas cards must be made by midnight tonight. All details can be found on the card design sent home at the end of last half term.



Lions Club Fireworks and Bonfire



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.



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
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

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