

Friday 21st October 2022



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 approach the half-term break I would like to take this opportunity to update you with some of the progress and steps we have taken so far on our improvement journey following the Ofsted inspection in June. Although safeguarding was judged to be effective, we have put additional measures in place to improve our site safety. The main reception entrance to the school has been re-modelled and we now have a digital visitor management system for signing in and out. Alongside our existing safeguarding processes, we are now using an electronic system for monitoring safeguarding, wellbeing and pastoral concerns.

All Teachers and Learning Support Assistants received Little Wandle Phonics training this week. This is to ensure that there is consistency in the teaching of phonics and early reading across the school. Miss Marsden, the KS1 Reading Leader, led the training session and continues to work across Early Years and KS1 to monitor and develop the teaching of reading. This training will also support the teaching of reading for those children still in the early stages of reading development as they move into KS2. Parents in Reception and KS1 were invited into school to see phonics teaching in action earlier this term; we will be holding a further information session for parents later this term.

Monitoring visits from Buckinghamshire Council and the Oxford Diocese Board of Education (ODBE) have been focused on developing clear development priorities for the school. Further developing the foundation curriculum and improving pupil outcomes, particularly in writing are priorities for this academic year. This has led to a review of the school's vision and values statement to include the academic flourishing of pupils. '*Inspiring a love of learning*' has now been added to the Vision Statement which can be found at the top of this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with the school and your child/children's learning. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns. Your feedback is important to us and we are keen to work in partnership with you to ensure the best possible outcomes for everyone.

Stay safe and enjoy the half-term break. We look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday 31st October.

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':

Year 1: Darcie & Caleb

Year 2: Alfred & Esmee

Year 3: Class 3BB & Eleanor

Year 4: Hussein & Lamara

Year 5: Baeleigh, Amelie & Lottie

Year 6: Robbie & Archie

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School Council

Congratulations to the following children who are our School Council representatives this year. They have an important role within the school to seek the view and opinions of pupils and put forward ideas for improvement.

Year Two	Year Three	Year Four	Year Five	Year Six
Royal Amelia Luna Josiah	Nathan Chloe Grace Reuben	Lamara Alfie Emily Henry	Ocean-Blu Carmen Jenson Frankie Poppy	Amelie Leon William Sophie

Birthday Celebrations

The school policy continues to be that children are allowed to come to school wearing mufti instead of school uniform on their Birthday. To ensure we are keeping children with allergies and intolerances safe, while promoting healthy eating, we are requesting that birthday sweets/treats are not given out in school. We hope this will also support families during these challenging times by removing the expectation to provide birthday sweets for the class.



October Half Term Multi-Activity Holiday Club

Kidz Zone October half term Multi-Activity Holiday Club will be taking place at school from Monday 24th - Friday 28th October 2022. If you would like your child to attend please book a place using the following link www.kidzzoneclub.com.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for the role of a Parent Governor on our Governing board. The school's governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. As a parent governor, you will work with the board to ensure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. Like all other governors, you will also play a vital role in maintaining effective relationships with school staff, parents/ carers and other stakeholders from the local community. If you are interested in this exciting opportunity please contact the school office to request a candidate form or further information.

Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimpleby, Mrs Tracy Thomas or Mrs Katie Epps 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. For more safeguarding information please visit our website.

FOWS Second Hand School Uniform

FOWS are delighted to bring to you a new uniform website for Pre loved Uniform. We have started with two main items and will add to this. Simply click the link to see the Logo jumpers and PE T -shirts available to purchase for a small fee via bank transfer. Your purchases will be delivered to the classrooms.

<https://uniformerly.co.uk/listing-category/winslow-church-of-england-school-mk18-3en/>

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
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 24 th October – Friday 28 th October)	
Monday 31 st October	Children return to school
Wednesday 2 nd November	Whole School Photographs
Thursday 3 rd November (9:30am – 10:30am & 1:00pm – 2:00pm)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2023)
Wednesday 2 nd November (5:30pm – 6:30pm) (6:45pm - 7:45pm)	FOWS Disco Year 1 and Year 2 Year 5 and 6 Disco
Thursday 3 rd November (5:30pm – 6:30pm) (6:45pm - 7:45pm)	FOWS Rainbows and Reception Disco Year 3 and 4 Disco
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Service
Sunday 13 th November	Remembrance in Winslow
wc 14 th November	Anti-bullying Week/Odd Socks Day (Date TBC)
Tuesday 15 th November	Whole School Flu Immunisations
Thursday 17 th November (9:30am – 10:30am & 1:00pm – 2:00pm)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2023)
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need
Monday 21 st November	Y6 Holdenby House Visit
Wednesday 23 rd November	SENDCo Drop in Clinic
Friday 25 th November	FOWS Christmas Tombola Mufti Day
Saturday 26 th November	FOWS Christmas Fete
Thursday 1 st December (9:30am – 10:30am & 1:00pm – 2:00pm)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2023)
wc 5 th December	Christmas Book Week
Monday 5 th December (2:00pm) and Tuesday 6 th December (9:30am)	EYFS Christmas Performance
Tuesday 6 th December (pm) and Wednesday 7 th December (am)	KS1 Christmas Performance
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Lunch Day
Monday 12 th December (pm) and Tuesday 13 th December (am)	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance
Monday 12 th December (6:00pm)	Year 5 Christingle Service at St Laurence Church
Tuesday 13 th December (2:00pm – 3:00pm)	EYFS Stay and Play for Reception Parents – Crafts
Wednesday 14 th December (2:30pm)	Year 6 Carol Concert

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Wednesday 14 th December	FOWS Bags2school (Details to follow)
Thursday 15 th December (9:30am – 10:30am & 1:00pm – 2:00pm)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2023)
Friday 16 th December	Last Day of School for pupils
Monday 19 th December	INSET DAY
Tuesday 20 th December	INSET DAY
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Children return on Wednesday 4 th January 2023	