



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

*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 another very busy week across the school with all year groups celebrating European Languages Day. To celebrate the amazing number and variety of languages spoken across Europe, each class spent time exploring a new language as well as learning about the different cultures.

In Rainbows, the children have been learning about Ukraine. One of the children's parents came in and taught everyone how to say hello, goodbye and count to five in Ukrainian. The children made flags and flower bands, and looked on Google Earth at a map of Ukraine. After listening to nursery rhymes and stories in Ukrainian they enjoyed deruny, a Ukrainian potato pancake for their snack.



Meanwhile our oldest children in Year Six have been finding out more about Mr McConnell's culture. They made champ, a potato and spring onion dish, played Gaelic football and learnt about the Irish language.

We were delighted to welcome parents and carers of children in Year One and Year Two for 'Stay and Read' on Tuesday. Parents were able to enjoy reading with their children before watching the class teachers lead a phonics session using our Little Wandle Phonics programme. We are looking forward to welcoming Reception parents into school next week for their 'Stay and Read' session and are planning a further reading information session for parents later this term.

Next week we will begin our Harvest celebrations. Reverend Stephen from St Laurence Church will lead a thanksgiving Collective Worship for the children on Monday. We plan to create baskets of donations from the children to be delivered to our local senior citizens in the bungalows and flats in Lowndes Way and Scott Evans Court, and to Swan House Care Home. If you would like to make a contribution, items can be brought into school from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October until 9.30am on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Please send all contributions into your child/ren's classrooms to be sent up to the main reception area for storage and distribution.

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Dudley as she leaves to start her retirement. Mrs Dudley has worked at Winslow CE School as a Midday Supervisor and cleaner for 26 years. She will be greatly missed by staff, pupils and parents and I am sure you would like to join me in wishing her an enjoyable and relaxing retirement. It was also Miss Davies' last day today and I would also like to take this opportunity to wish her luck in her new role and thank both of them for their hard-work and commitment to the children and school.

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

*Mrs Samantha Dimbleby*

**Headteacher**

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## Parents' Evenings

You should have received an email inviting you to book an appointment for a Parents' Evening appointment. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher/s and to discuss your child's first few weeks in school, how they have settled and ways you can support their progress at home.

Please login to your ParentMail accounts main menu and select Parents Evening. Click on the link shown, and then click your preferred date, which will then give you a selection of available times for you to choose from. Online bookings will close on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October** to allow the school office to process all appointments.

## Attendance

Well done to 2JW who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 99.36%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 95.99%.

### Why is good attendance so important?

Even taking a short amount of time off school can have a significant negative impact upon a child's educational fulfilment and further education. Your child might fall behind in their learning and not be able to catch up. If there are gaps in their knowledge they will find school assessment time more difficult. There could be other difficulties too; children who miss school are missing out on social interaction which affects their ability to make friends and it can affect their confidence to attempt new work and work alongside others.

Thank you for your support in encouraging good attendance. If you would like any support or advice on attendance or punctuality, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Dimbleby.

## 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: David & Jackson  
Year 2: Louie & Leo  
Year 3: Toby & Stanley  
Year 4: Reuben & Fearne  
Year 5: Aron & Evelyn  
Year 6: William & Frankie



## Head Boy and Head Girl

Congratulations to Lily and Edward in Year Six for their appointment as Head Boy and Head Girl having submitted strong application letters to the Senior Leadership Team and consistently shining their light in all aspects of school life.

## **Achievements outside of School**

We are always very keen to hear about how the children have 'let their light shine' outside of school and in Collective Worship we celebrate personal, sporting and musical achievements. Please do encourage your child to share their achievements. This could even be some charity work that they have carried out to support the wider community. Like a candle, our wicks are lit inside and shine through us for others to see. We are proud of our children's achievements and want to hear about it.

## **Winslow Christian Fellowship Holiday Club**

Winslow Christian Fellowship will be running a Holiday Club during October Half Term for primary aged children. The club will run on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October at Sir Thomas Fremantle School. To book a place contact Colin Poyntz by email on:

[colinpoyntz@winslowcf.net](mailto:colinpoyntz@winslowcf.net) or phone: 0730 543 7799

There is no charge for the sessions.

## **Family Cost of Living information pack**

As families continue to struggle with the cost of living, Citizens Advice Bucks have put together a helpful information pack and have sent this out to all schools across Buckinghamshire. A copy of the information pack has been attached to this week's ParentMail for your information.

## **FOWS**



FOWS have been doing a tremendous job over the last few years, and especially since lockdown, at raising money to fund play and learning resources for our children that they would otherwise not benefit from.




Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 17th October @7:00pm, and we would like as much input from everyone as is possible. The more volunteers we have to help run events then the less each of us will have to do. Without support we may not be able to keep running events.

Our current need is for someone to review our accounts for the year ending 31st August 2023. Please note this is a review not an audit and you don't have to be a qualified accountant to undertake the review. Please ask your friends, family, and neighbours if you think they may be able to help.

If you can't attend the AGM but wish to help, then please let us know as we can send you the agenda and pass on any comments you may have at the meeting.

## Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimbleby, 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.

<b>Mrs Samantha Dimbleby</b> Designated Safeguarding Lead	
<b>Mrs Tracy Thomas</b> Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
<b>Mrs Katie Epps</b> Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Child Protection Governor <b>Mr David Shaw</b>	

## 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
wc 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Harvest (Pupils only; collection and distribution of non-perishables to local elderly neighbours and the Winslow Food Bank)
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October (8:40am – 9:40am)	EYFS Stay and Read for Reception Parents
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October (9:30am – 11:30am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2024)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Residential Trip - PGL Liddington
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October (4:30pm – 7:00pm)	Parents' Evenings
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October (9:30am – 11:30am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2024)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Secondary Transfer Test Results Released
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School Flu Immunisations
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	FOWS Break the Rules Day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term for pupils
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Day
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b> (Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October)	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Children return to school
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Y6 Secondary Application Deadline
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Outdoor Learning Day
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Photographs
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November (9:30am – 11:30am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2024)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service (Year 6 Parents)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance in Winslow
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November (4:30pm – 5:30pm) (5:45pm - 6:45pm)	FOWS Disco Year 1 and Year 2 Year 5 and 6 Disco
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November (4:30pm – 5:30pm) (5:45pm - 6:45pm)	FOWS Reception Disco Year 3 and 4 Disco
wc 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying Week/Odd Socks Day (Date TBC)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November (9:30am – 11:30am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2024)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	SENDCo Drop in Clinic
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	FOWS Christmas Tombola Mufti Day
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November (11:00am – 2:00pm)	FOWS Christmas Fete
wc 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Book Week
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	FOWS Pantomime
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December (2:00pm) and Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December (9:30am)	KS1 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December (2:00pm) and	EYFS Christmas Performance

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Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December (9:30am)	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December (6pm)	Year 5 Christingle Service at St Laurence Church
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December (pm) and Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (am)	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (2:00pm – 3:00pm)	EYFS Stay and Play for Reception Parents – Crafts
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (pm)	Year 6 Carol Concert
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December (2:30 – 3:15pm)	Carols on the Playground
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of School for pupils
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Children return on Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	

*This Term's Value is:*

***Respect***

*“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”*

*Luke 6:31*

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