



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 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,

As part of our termly monitoring activities, I have had the pleasure of observing teaching and learning across the school over the last couple of weeks. It has been wonderful to see the children actively engaged and enthusiastic about learning. Teachers have been working hard to create exciting lessons and instilling a love of learning within our children. We will be having further monitoring visits from both Buckinghamshire and Oxford Diocese Board of Education (ODBE) Advisors later this term and look forward to sharing the improvements and changes that have been made to our curriculum.

Time outdoors improves children's health, supports engagement in learning and leads to a greater connection with nature. On Thursday children across the school enjoyed opportunities for learning outside the classroom as part of 'Outdoor Learning Day'. Year three have particularly enjoyed concluding their Rocks and Soils topic by building worm hotels. While digging for soil, the children unearthed a bone! They worked collaboratively together to build human skeletons from natural resources, asking questions about the skeletons and muscles of animals, including humans. They extended their learning on the Stone Age, making salt dough ammonites and drawing and story-telling to live drumming.



Last Thursday the Reception children were privileged to receive a visit from Winslow firefighters as part of their new topic, 'Our Community'. This was an amazing, interactive experience for the children and they all enjoyed the opportunity to spray the hose and climb into the fire engine. The firefighters showed the children around the fire engine and explained what all the equipment was for before talking to them about the uniform that is needed to keep the firefighters safe. They explained that they only have 90 seconds to get dressed in an emergency! We are very grateful for taking time from their busy day to provide this wonderful experience for our children.



This morning Year Six led a whole school Remembrance Service with Derry from St Laurence Church and we all observed a two minutes silence. Thank you to all the Year Six staff and pupils and all the parents/carers who attended the service.

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We will be remembering 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 School Uniform. Our Head Boy and Head Girl will be laying a wreath at the Winslow War Memorial on behalf of the school.

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

*Mrs Samantha Dimpleby*

**Headteacher**

### **Anti-bullying Week 2023**

Next week is anti-bullying week and we will be exploring the theme of 'Make a noise about Bullying' in Collective Worship on Monday. We would like to invite all children and adults to come to school wearing odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**.

Bullying affects millions of lives and can leave us feeling hopeless. We want to empower our children to challenge it, change it and reach out for support.



### **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: Ruben & Freddie  
Year 1: Zara & Archie  
Year 2 Zuha & Scarlett  
Year 3: Molly & Grace  
Year 4: Evie & Noah  
Year 5: Poppy & Kiera  
Year 6: Anika & Isabella



### **Attendance**

Well done to 2JW who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.40%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 96.80%.

If your child is unable to attend school, please notify the school office by 9:00am on the first morning of absence.

When reporting an absence you will need to advise us of the child's name, class and detailed reasons for absence. This can be done in one of three ways:

1. Using the absence reporting tool on ParentMail
2. Calling the school office on 01296 712296
3. Emailing the school - [office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk)

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## Accelerated Readers

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

2AA
3AP
4SW
5FG
6CM



## What is Accelerated Reader?

When children have finished the reading schemes, they become 'library readers' and are allowed to borrow two books. At this stage they will start to use 'Accelerated Reader' to help them choose a book. When they have read it they will complete a quiz to check that they have understood it.

Children who use Accelerated Reader (mostly Y2 upwards) can now do their quizzes at home. Please use this link: [Accelerated Reader Quiz](#) Children login using their first initial and first four letters of their surname as their username and their library number as their password.

### [Tips for using Accelerated Reader at home](#)

In addition to books from school, many books you have at home may have quizzes available, just type the title of the book into the quiz search box. Children can also do vocabulary quizzes, and quizzes on the articles available on the Accelerated Reader website.

More information about our library, including how to volunteer can be found on our school website by clicking [here](#).

## Important Internet Safety Information

Recently there have been several incidents related to the misuse of WhatsApp groups. We would like to remind parents and children that the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 or over.

We urge all parents to keep an eye on their child's mobile phone or online activities involving social media. The children are constantly reminded that they must tell a parent / adult if they receive anything inappropriate from any application.

As a school we strongly advise you to remove the chat groups involving other children as this can cause issues in and outside of school.

What do parents need to know about WhatsApp?



To make sure your child only receives messages from people they trust they can block, delete or report users. Delete users: Show and encourage your child how to delete users they don't know or who make them feel worried or angry. Block users: As well as deleting users, show your child how to block users.

The following link from the NSPCC Website contains some useful information for parents.

[Is WhatsApp Safe for My Child?](#)

## FOWS – Autumn Discos



Once again FOWS are pleased to be holding our Autumn Discos on the following dates:

### **Tuesday 14th November**

Years 1 & 2: 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Years 5 & 6: 5.45pm - 6.45pm

### **Thursday 16th November**

Reception: 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Years 3 & 4: 5.45pm - 6.45pm




Entry for the discos is **£2** per child. The tuck shop will be available where a variety of snacks including chocolate, sweets, crisps, water and glo-sticks, will be available to purchase. Prices for these range from 30p to £1.00.

Goody bags will be available for RECEPTION children only, at £3 per bag and can be paid for with the entrance money. Bags will be collected on the way into the hall.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## 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.



### Winslow Christian Fellowship

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December, the Christian Fellowship are planning a Nativity Trail for families. The trail will involve a walk around Winslow where characters from the nativity will retell the Christmas story in a fun and interactive way. Everybody welcome!

*Winslow Christian Fellowship*

## Walking Nativity Trail

Followed by a short Bible story and refreshments

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
**4.30-6pm**  
Meet in Winslow Bowls Club



This is a free family event but places must be booked by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

email [colinpoyntz@winslowcf.net](mailto:colinpoyntz@winslowcf.net)  
text 0730 543 7799  
online at [winslowcf.net](http://winslowcf.net)

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult



Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup>

# Winslow Christmas Fair

5.30pm to 8.30pm In The Market Square

Lights Switch On at 6pm

Father Christmas with Presents

Festive Food and Drink, Fun Rides,  
Entertainment, and Christmas Shopping

Festive Stalls and Refreshments in the  
newly refurbished Brownie and Guides  
Hut

Local Shops Will Be Open

Carol Singing in St Laurence Church at  
7pm and other activities



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## 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
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
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception visit to Winslow Library
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
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day
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
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year One Visit to St Laurence Church
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
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Victorian Day
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Visit to St Laurence Church
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 Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December (9:30am)	EYFS Christmas Performance
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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