



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 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's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! With rehearsals and performances now well under way, our corridors and classrooms have come alive with the spirit of the season. This month is always a bustling time of year for the school, filled with events and activities that bring joy and togetherness to children, staff and the wider community

Rainbows, Reception and Key Stage One children performed the most heart-warming nativities this week, filling the hall with singing, dancing and energy! I am sure all the parents and carers who attended were very impressed with the children's enthusiasm and confidence - thank you for joining us and supporting these events.

The whole school enjoyed the pantomime 'Jack and the Beanstalk' on Monday this week. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to come together and experience another tradition of the festive season. We would like to thank FOWS for enabling this opportunity for our children.



Christmas lunch was a big success on Thursday and the children enjoyed wearing their Christmas jumpers in support of Save the Children. Thank you to Fresh Start and all the adults who helped to make this happen and for your generous donations to the Save the Children charity.

We are all looking forward to the Key Stage Two performances next week and are really pleased to be welcomed back to St Laurence Church for the Year 5 Christingle Service. The children have been practising really hard and are keen to share their hard work with you

Thank you for your continued support - have a peaceful weekend!

*Mrs Samantha Dumbleby*

**Headteacher**

### **Winslow Carols and Lanterns**

We have been invited by the Lions Club of Winslow to make lanterns from 'kits' made by the 'Winslow Men in Sheds' and parade with the local Scouting and Guiding groups in **Winslow Market Square at 6:30p.m on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December.**

If you would like your child/children to build a lantern and attend the parade, we will be holding a lantern making session in the school hall at 3:30pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like to attend both the building **and** the parade please email [finance@winslow.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:finance@winslow.bucks.sch.uk) stating the names of the children you would like to bring. **Parents who have secured places will be sent confirmation of this via ParentMail.**

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More information on the carol service can be found at <https://www.winslowlions.org.uk/carols--lanterns.html>

We would love to have a group of children representing the school in the parade and thank you in advance for your support and commitment with this wonderful community opportunity.

### 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: Myla-Rose & Joselyn  
Year 1: Thomas & Emily  
Year 2: Vienna & Seth  
Year 3: Primrose & Taylor  
Year 4: Grace & Lucy  
Year 5: Matilda & Beatrice  
Year 6: Roman & Abigail



### Attendance

Well done to 4KF who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.33%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 93.70%.

### Reporting an absence

If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office via Parent Mail, the telephone absence line or the office email address before 9.00am. Please give full details of your child's illness/symptoms. If we do not hear from you, we will call or email you to find out why your child is not in school. If we are unable to make contact and you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

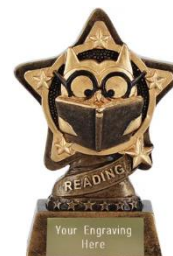
If you have a book bag at home that is no longer used which you are willing to donate, please ask your child to give it to Mrs White in the library.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

### Accelerated Readers

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

<b>2AA</b>
<b>3AP</b>
<b>4KF</b>
<b>5FG</b>
<b>6KP</b>



## Books and water bottles

Please make sure that our precious library books and reading books don't come into contact with water bottles. In particular the Air Up bottles seem to be causing a lot of damage. Children in Early Years and KS1 should have a book bag in which to carry picture books and reading books safely – rucksacks are not suitable for picture books as the books get bent. Water bottles should not be put into book bags.

Older children who borrow chapter books, should be able to carry them safely in a rucksack, but will need to make sure that they are in a separate compartment from water bottles.

In the last week, six books have been ruined by water, we will therefore need to charge for damaged books.

## Rainbows Pre-School and Starting School in September 2024

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 you can now apply for a school place at [Buckinghamshire School Admissions](#). If you would like a place for child in Reception in September 2024, you must apply for a place, even if your child is at currently attending Rainbows Pre-school.

The application deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - please do not miss it.

## Parking

Please can I remind parents and carers to park considerately on the roads surrounding the school. Please remember not to block driveways or roads and park as far away from the school as possible. It is important that in the event of an emergency, vehicles such as fire engines and ambulances are able to gain access without parked cars blocking entrance routes. It is also important that our children have a safe walking route to school so please do not park on pavements or footpaths. Thank you for your support with this.

## FOWS – Carols on the Playground



'Carols on the Playground' is planned to take place on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December @2:30pm** (weather permitting).

This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together as we start the Christmas break and we hope that as many parents/carers as possible are able to attend. FOWS will be selling mince pies and hot drinks.

**TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP PLEASE EMAIL: FOWSWINSLOW@GMAIL.COM**

We look forward to seeing you there!

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## 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
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
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December (6:30pm)	Winslow Carols and Lanterns
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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