



Friday 26th January 2024

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,

At Winslow CE School we recognise the importance of developing early reading skills as these lay the foundations for children's cognitive development, language skills and academic success. It enhances vocabulary, comprehension and critical thinking for our children to become successful lifelong learners. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers from Reception and KS1 at the Early Reading Information session earlier this week. Mrs Parker shared lots of information about our systematic, synthetic phonics programme *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* and gave an overview of the key vocabulary and skills we use when teaching phonics. She outlined how we apply the children's phonics knowledge to reading practice sessions and offered guidance on how to support children's early reading at home. The Information from the session is available on the [school website](#) and has been shared via Class Dojo (whole school page) for any parents who were unable to attend.

"Reading is the gateway for children that makes all other learning possible."

Barack Obama

Please do come and speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Parker if you have any questions about early reading. We are looking forward to sharing information about how we teach reading in Key Stage Two with parents and carers later this term.

Parents' Evenings will take place the week beginning **Monday 19th February**. The booking system for appointments is now open and will close on **Wednesday 7th February**. If you have been unable to book an appointment please speak to your child's class teacher or contact Mary Knapman in the school office who will be able to assist you with this

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

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher

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: Elara & Mia

Year 1: Arlo & Anna

Year 2: Ollie & Mia

Year 3: Cameron & Rebecca

Year 4: Shonel & Sienna

Year 5: Rose & Rudi

Year 6: William & Henry



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Attendance

Well done to 4SW who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 99.46%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 92.94%.

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.

Accelerated Readers

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

2AA
3AP
4SW
5FG
6KP & 6CM



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.

FOWS



FOWS are excited to bring back the 5p Class Challenge! From the **8th February**, each class will be given a plastic bottle to fill with as many 5p coins as they can. The class with the highest total by the end of **Monday 4th March** will win a cash prize of £30 for their class!

Please check your pockets, bags, and down the sides of the sofa for any spare 5p coins and save these to fill the class bottles. Good luck everyone, and thank you again for your continued support!

Teach in Bucks Recruitment Fair

Are you interested in teaching in Buckinghamshire? Whether you're currently studying or have studied for a teaching-related course, are considering a career change, or are interested in learning more about working in teaching – attend the Teach in Bucks Recruitment Fair on Saturday 24th February, 11am – 3pm at the Bucks New University Campus, High Wycombe.



**TEACH IN BUCKS
RECRUITMENT FAIR**

*Interested in becoming a teacher?
We want to meet you!*

Saturday 24 February 2024
11am – 3pm

Buckinghamshire New University | High Wycombe Campus

The poster features a purple and yellow background with a photograph of a busy recruitment fair where people are talking at various booths.

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.

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Mrs Katie Epps Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Miss Daisy Allen Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
Child Protection Governor Mr David Shaw	

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 spring 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
wc Monday 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week	Whole School
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day	Whole School
Date TBC	Internet Safety Parent Information Evening	Whole School
Tuesday 6 th February (5:00pm-6:00pm)	SATS Information Evening for Parents	Year Six
Wednesday 7 th February (9:00am – 10:00am)	Maths Stay and Play Session	Reception, Year One and Year Two
Thursday 8 th February	FOWS 5p Challenge Launch	Whole School
Thursday 8 th February	Interim Reports to Parents	Reception – Year six
Friday 9 th February	INSET DAY – school closed to children	Whole School
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February)		
Monday 19 th February	Children return to school	Whole School
Monday 19 th February (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 21 st February (4:30pm – 7:30pm)	Parents' Evening	Reception – Year Six
Tuesday 5 th March (2:00pm)	KS2 Reading Information Session	Year Three – Year Six
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	Whole School
Friday 8 th March	FOWS Mother's Day Gifts Sale	Whole School
wc 11 th March	Science Week	Whole School
Wednesday 13 th March	Group Photographs	Reception and Year Six
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day – non-uniform fundraising day	Whole School
Tuesday 19 th March – Thursday 21 st March	Woodrow Residential	Year Four
Tuesday 19 th March	Stay and Read Session	Reception, Year One and Year Two
wc 25 th March	Bikeability	Year Three
Tuesday 26 th March	Trip to Science Oxford	Year One and Year Two
Thursday 28 th March	Last day of term	Whole School
Easter HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 15 th April 2024		

This Term's Value is:

Honesty

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God"

Matthew 5:8

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