



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 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,

Wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do at Winslow CE School and positive mental health is promoted and valued. We aim to create an environment where our children feel able to talk openly about their problems with trusted adults, without feeling any stigma. Through our whole-school approach, we are able to support children to manage times of change and stress and to recognise their emotions.

Next week we will be participating in Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is 'My voice matters' and is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.



When we feel empowered, there's a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children who feel that their voices are heard and can make a difference, have a greater sense of community and self-esteem. During Children's Mental Health Week, we want all children and young people to be able to say – and believe - "My Voice Matters."

**Finding your voice and purpose in life is one thing, but, very often, when it is time to use that voice and make a change, you will need a bit of teamwork to make things happen."**

*Marcus Rashford from You Can Do It; How to find your voice and make a difference, 2022*

Our school's Mental Health and Wellbeing Team are always on hand to support families, whether that be support directly from school staff, or support by helping parents to access the appropriate professional organisation. Please find further information about our team and how we support positive mental health on our [school website](#).

Today we said goodbye to Miss Connolly who is leaving to take up a new challenge as a Learning Support Assistant in a specialist setting within Buckinghamshire. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Connolly for her hard work and dedication to our children and families over the last five years and wish her every success for the future.

Have a lovely weekend!

*Mrs Samantha Dumbleby*

**Headteacher**

## Communications at drop off and collection times

Class teachers are happy to answer any questions parents/carers might have at drop off in the mornings or after school at the end of the day. We are requesting that you keep these communications and messages brief as at 8:40am our priority is to get the children into school, settled and ready for learning. If you have any concerns that need more time to address, please arrange a meeting through the school office.

To make it easier for you to get your queries answered quickly we have created this guide. We <b><i>always</i></b> promote speaking to the class teacher first as they know your child best. If unsure the office will always direct you to the right person to support you.	
To discuss...	Who should I speak to?
Reading books, learning, home learning, behaviour, personal wellbeing, friendships, Special Educational Needs queries or any worries	<b>Class teacher</b> Leave a message via the office <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
To further discuss Special Educational Needs, ECHP & additional support for pupils, after speaking to the class teacher	<b>SENDCO</b> Miss Nolan via <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:sendco@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">sendco@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
Safeguarding/Child protection concerns, confidential information	<b>The Safeguarding Team</b> Mrs Dimbleby, Mrs Epps or Miss Allen via the office <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
Family support/home difficulties, worries, emotional difficulties, wellbeing/mental health/counselling	<b>Miss Nolan or Mrs Heal</b> via the office <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:sendco@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">sendco@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
Attendance/lateness, medical concerns, injuries, medicines, diabetes, return to school after an illness	<b>Mrs Knapman</b> <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
Lunches, exceptional leave of absence, messages, change of information, trips, school events, appointments with staff, clubs, admissions, PP enquiries	<b>The Office Team</b> <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
Rainbows Pre-school enquiries and Admissions	<b>Mrs Freshwater</b> <b>01296 712 296</b> or email: <a href="mailto:office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk">office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</a>
TFG Kidzone Breakfast and After School Club enquiries	Telephone: <b>01525 630199</b> Email: <a href="http://www.kidzzzoneclub.com">www.kidzzzoneclub.com</a>
<b>If you have contacted the class teacher &amp; still have concerns, please contact the Phase Leader.</b>	
EYFS (Nursery & Reception) – Miss Allen	Years 1 & 2 – Miss Allen
Years 3 & 4 – Mr Wright	Years 5 & 6 – Mrs Epps
<b>If you have already contacted the Phase Leader, then contact Mrs Epps or Miss Allen (Deputy/Assistant Headteacher) – via the school office.</b>	
<b>If you have already contacted the Assistant Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher, then contact Mrs Dimbleby – Headteacher – via the school office.</b>	
<b>If you have concerns in the first instance you <i>should</i> speak with the <i>class teacher</i>; this is also the case with any SEN concerns.</b>	

## Invitation to "Paint Smash" Art Show at Winslow CE School

We are excited to extend a warm invitation to you for our upcoming art show, "Paint Smash," showcasing the creative talents of our pupils.

The art show will feature a vibrant display of artwork produced by all the children during the January Art Days at the beginning of this term. It is a wonderful opportunity for you to enjoy the artistic accomplishments and imaginative expressions of our young learners.

### Event Details:

**Title:** Paint Smash Art Show

**Date:** Thursday, 8th February

**Time:** 14:45 - 16:00 (please feel free to drop in at any time between these times)

**Venue:** Winslow School Hall

We encourage you to join us and celebrate the artistic achievements of our children. Your presence will not only support and motivate our budding artists but also contribute to the sense of community at Winslow CE School.

Thank you for your support with this.



## Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will take place the week beginning **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**. The booking system for appointments is now open and will close on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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: Promise & Louis-Matthew

Year 1: Aiyah & Skye

Year 2: Halle & Dexter

Year 3: Jovie & Jaydon

Year 4: Luca & Lola

Year 5: William & Cameron

Year 6: Harry & Zain



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## Attendance

Well done to 3BB who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.86%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 93.36%.

We understand and appreciate that children can become ill and that it is not always easy to decide whether to send them into school or keep them at home. If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office before 9.00am with full details of your child's illness/symptoms. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you to find out why your child is not in school.

## Accelerated Readers

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

2AA
3AP
4KF
5RS
6KEP



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!

FRIENDS OF WINSLOW SCHOOL is part of the @Coopuk Local Community Fund, to find out more about our project and to choose us as your cause, click <https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/81922>



## 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.

<b>Mrs Samantha Dimbleby</b> Designated Safeguarding Lead	
<b>Mrs Katie Epps</b> Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead	
<b>Miss Daisy Allen</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.



## Talk Club – a talking and listening community for men



Talk Club is about male mental fitness. Many men seem to think that mental health and mental illness are the same thing. Mental health is just like physical health, but for your brain. That's why Talk Club is like a gym session, where you can become mentally stronger from just talking about your worries. Get mentally fit. Be mentally strong.

Talk Club talking group? It's all based around the question: How are you? Out of 10?

If you are male & 18+ Visit: [www.talkclub.org](http://www.talkclub.org) to find a club near you. Follow us on Instagram @talkclubaylesbury Contact us: [hello@talkclub.org](mailto:hello@talkclub.org) [therapy@talkclub.org](mailto:therapy@talkclub.org) [talkclub.org](http://talkclub.org)  
Registered Charity Number: 1194033

Talk Club Aylesbury meet on the 1st Thursday of every month.

## 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 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week	Whole School
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day	Whole School
Date TBC	Internet Safety Parent Information Evening	Whole School
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February (5:00pm-6:00pm)	SATS Information Evening for Parents	Year Six
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February (9:00am – 10:00am)	Maths Stay and Play Session	Reception, Year One and Year Two
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	FOWS 5p Challenge Launch	Whole School
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Interim Reports to Parents	Reception – Year six
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February (2:45 - 4:00pm)	Art Exhibition in Hall	Whole School
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET DAY – school closed to children	Whole School
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February)		
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school	Whole School
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February (4:30pm – 7:30pm)	Parents' Evening	Reception – Year Six
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March (2:00pm)	KS2 Reading Information Session	Year Three – Year Six
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	Whole School
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	FOWS Mother's Day Gifts Sale	Whole School
wc 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week	Whole School
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Group Photographs	Reception and Year Six
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day – non-uniform fundraising day	Whole School
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Woodrow Residential	Year Four
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Read Session	Reception, Year One and Year Two
wc 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability	Year Three
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Trip to Science Oxford	Year One and Year Two
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term	Whole School
Easter HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> 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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