



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 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,

This week we welcomed Reception and Year One parents into school for another 'Stay and Read' session'. As well as sharing a reading book from home together, parents were able to observe and participate in a whole-class reading session. When parents and teachers work as partners, children do better in school and at home; we hope parents found the sessions useful.

Year Four children enjoyed their residential trip to Woodrow High House this week where they experienced a range of activities including archery, shelter building, high ropes, and bushcraft. The children were able to learn new skills alongside developing team-work, communication and independence. I was so impressed by their perseverance and support for each other when I visited on them on Thursday. I would like to thank Mr Wright and Mrs Gurney for organising the trip, all the teachers and support staff who went on the residential, and of course the children for being so wonderful – we are very proud of them all!



Adventurous residential trips like this offer wonderful opportunities for personal growth and confidence. The hands-on learning experiences that cannot be replicated in a classroom setting, help children to develop skills such as problem-solving, resilience and adaptability. Additionally, these trips allow children to connect with nature, explore new environments, and create lasting memories, contributing to their overall development and well-being. These opportunities would of course not be possible without the support of you as parents and carers – thank you!



Thank you to everybody who supported Red Nose Day last week. The school raised £481 (£586 with gift aid) which is fantastic. The link is still open so if you haven't donated and would still like to, please go to [www.justgiving.com/page/winslow-church-of-england-school-winslow-1709039940273](https://www.justgiving.com/page/winslow-church-of-england-school-winslow-1709039940273)

Have a lovely weekend!

*Mrs Samantha Dumbleby*

**Headteacher**

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## Attendance

Well done to 6CM who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.48%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 94.77%.

### Why is good attendance so important?

Your child's attendance is above 98%	<b>Amazing Attendance!</b> Your child has the very best chance of success	Well done and Keep Going!
Your child's attendance is between 95%-98%	<b>Brilliant Attendance!</b>	
Your child's attendance is between 92-95%	Be aware. Even a few days absence make it hard for your child to catch up. Every day really does count.	As a school we are <u>very concerned</u> and will closely monitor your child's attendance and will contact you via letters and meetings
Your child's attendance is between 89-92%	Attendance at this level will start to have a detrimental effect on your child's education	
Your child's attendance is between 85-89%	The Government classes your child as Persistently Absent from school. Over the course of the year your child could miss as much as 5 weeks and 3 days of learning – that's nearly half a term!	As a school we are seriously concerned and at 80% are required to refer attendance to the County Attendance Team
Your child's attendance is below 85%	The Government classes your child as Persistently Absent from school. Attendance below 85% has a serious effect on your child's education and may affect their chances in later life.	

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':

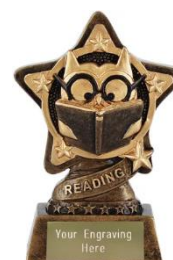
Reception: Mackenzie & Charlie  
Year 1: Zara & Logan  
Year 2: Millie & Peyton  
Year 3: Primrose & Ostap  
Year 4: Taylor & Nathan  
Year 5: Teddy & Lamara  
Year 6: Ocean-Blu & Oliver



## 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>4SW</b>
<b>5FG</b>
<b>6CM</b>



## Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for the role of a Parent Governor on our Governing board. The school's governing board is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and creating robust accountability, oversight and assurance for the school's educational and financial performance. As a parent governor, you will work with the board to ensure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. Like all other governors, you will also play a vital role in maintaining effective relationships with school staff, parents/ carers and other stakeholders from the local community. If you are interested in this exciting opportunity please contact the school office to request a candidate form or further information. A letter has been attached to this ParentMail with more details about the role of a Parent Governor.

## FOWS



The FOWS 5p Challenge Raised £325.25 in total. Well done to Sunshine Class who collected the most 5p's. Thank you for your continued support for our fundraising events. The money raised enhances the experiences and resources for all of the children across the school.

The FOWS events for the summer term will be announced in the calendar of events in next week's newsletter.

## 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.



## 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 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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