



Friday 20th September 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,

It has been another busy week across the school and it has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning when visiting their classrooms. This week Buckinghamshire School Improvement Advisors visited to carry out monitoring visits, evaluating our progress against our School Development Priorities. This, along with the results from the parent survey carried out in the summer term, provide us with important information to inform the school's next steps.

We are delighted to share that 94% of parents/carers agree or strongly agree that their children enjoy coming to school and 96% report that their children feel safe. Parents feel that the school is well led and managed and they are able to approach the senior leadership team or other staff members if they have a concern. Below is a summary of what parents and carers have identified as the school's greatest strengths:

- ❖ Strong school values and a strong community that takes care of my child
- ❖ Children are happy and enjoy going to school
- ❖ Good relationships between children and staff. Staff are willing to work in partnership with parents and listening to their concerns
- ❖ Communication is very good and has much improved; the weekly newsletter is informative
- ❖ The school is open to inviting parents in and allowing them to be part of the school community
- ❖ Support for mental health and well-being with good pastoral care for the children
- ❖ Staff are approachable and willing to talk and listen
- ❖ Not all value is placed on academic success but each child as an individual
- ❖ Visibility of senior staff on the playground in the morning who are approachable

Parents and carers have identified the following points as areas for development and the Leadership Team, with Governors, will endeavour to address these over the coming academic year:

- Plan more opportunities for parents to attend more school events
- Review the Behaviour Policy and ensure this is shared with parents/carers and applied consistently
- Ensure that the teachers are using the Class Pages on the school website and Class Dojo more effectively to share learning and provide opportunities for parents/carers to support learning at home
- Review extra-curricular opportunities, including reaching out to parents/ wider community to support with providing a broader range of sporting opportunities
- Complete a review of homework with a parent and staff working party. Develop a whole-school Homework Policy that meets the needs of the children in partnership with parents
- More communication with parents from Governors e.g. Termly Governor Newsletter.

We are proud that 91% of parents would recommend Winslow CE School to another parent and look forward to working in partnership with you this year to make Winslow School the best it can be for all of the children.

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We are also delighted to announce that Winslow CE School, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for our commitment and engagement in the School Games for the 2023/24 academic year.



The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. A particular thank you to Mrs Burman for organising all these events.

This week has also seen some strong community spirit after the incident in Lowndes Way on Wednesday evening. A special thank you must go to Mr and Mrs Lawrence who opened up the school hall for evacuated residents and kept their spirits up with tea, coffee and biscuits until the early hours of the morning. While we are pleased that there were no serious injuries, our thoughts go out to the families who have been impacted by the incident.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher

Stay True to You Workshop for Parents & Carers – Monday 25th September 6:30-8:30pm

Parenting children and young adults is hard, sometimes it can be scary and overwhelming with news stories and social media influencing how safe we feel our children are and the risks they may face in today's climate.



Expert trainers from The Ben Kinsella Trust are offering FREE virtual workshops for parents, carers, extended family members and those in the wider community to help them have those tricky conversations with their children and friends about safety.

Here in the Thames Valley, a new campaign and accompanying resources have been developed by the Thames Valley Violence Prevention Partnership and published via www.staytruetoyou.co.uk.

It aims to support parents, carers, family members and those in the wider community to have positive, supportive conversations with young people about their safety. The workshop will explore how parents/carers can use these approaches to build their child's confidence in their own abilities, overcome fear and build the trusted relationships needed so a young person knows there is always someone they can turn to for help.

During the workshop you will develop understanding around the following topics:

- The latest research conducted with young people from across the Thames Valley on their perceptions and how we can best communicate
- The "Stay True to You" resources and approach with a focus on how to hold those difficult conversations
- Young people, brain development, behaviour and responses to stress
- The importance of healthy, safe attachment for young people
- The stages, signs and risk factors of exploitation
- Gangs - what they are, how they operate, and why?

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- External influences - language, social media, gang-related music
- Building resilience within the family and community

This workshop is open to all parents, carers, family members, wider community members. Book your space using the following link: [The Ben Kinsella Trust - Stay True to You Workshop- Parents & Carers | 25 September 2024 \(beaconforms.com\)](https://www.beaconforms.com)

Open Mornings for prospective Reception or Rainbows parents September 2024

This term we will be holding Open Mornings for prospective parents to view our school during the busy hustle and bustle of the school day on Thursday 3rd October, Friday 11th October, Thursday 7th November and Thursday 14th November. The Open Mornings will include a presentation from the Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher and a tour of the school site with some of our older children. All sessions will start at 9.30am and last around an hour. To find out more, or to confirm your attendance, please contact the school office.

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':

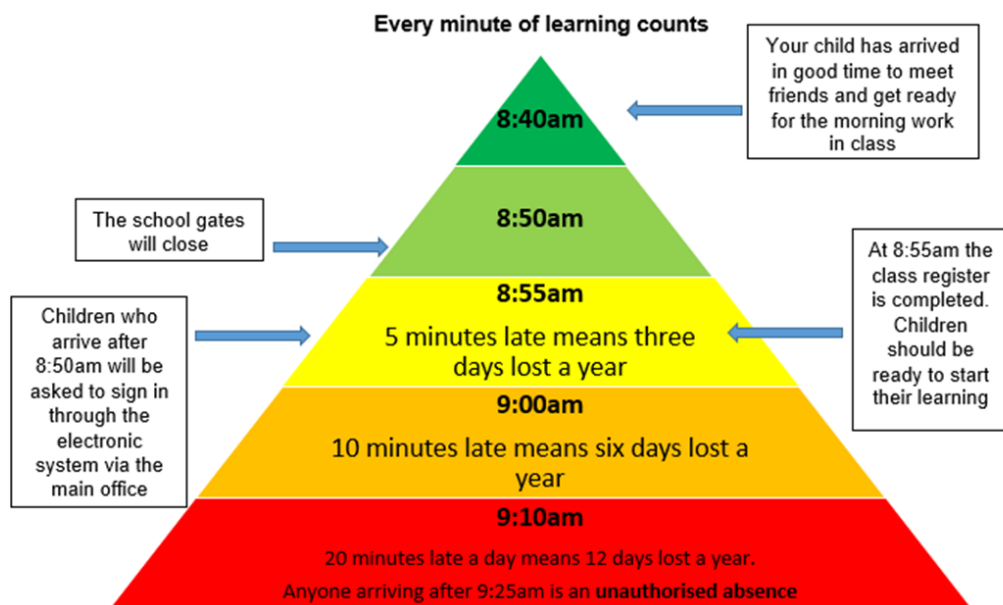
Reception: Rowan & Nora
Year 1: Bonnie & Ruben
Year 2: Seth & Dalton
Year 3: Noah & Bodhi
Year 4: Luna & Fletcher
Year 5: Fearne & Miles
Year 6: Mason & Mason



Attendance

Well done to 1SB who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.41%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 93.92%. The class were presented with our Attendance bear 'HERO', an abbreviation for **H**ere **E**very day, **R**eady **O**n time. HERO is made from pre-loved Winslow School uniform and each week will get to spend time in the classrooms with the best average attendance.

Below is some useful information about the importance of arriving on time at the start of the school day.



Chess news from Mr McClellan

I am delighted to have a new group of beginners from KS2 starting the “Introduction to Chess” Course this term. As parents will be aware, knowledge of how to play the game has tremendous educational benefits. Chess is about problem analysis, the evaluation of options, the application of learned knowledge, creativity and the making of decisions.

Playing chess gives children the opportunity to make new friends, develop respect for others and their ideas, anticipate and react to their opponent’s intentions and have fun!

A child will also develop character as they will learn more about their strengths and weaknesses, understand the consequences of their decisions and how to play, win or lose, with courtesy towards their opponent.

There is much more to learn and next term all children completing the “Introduction to Chess” course will be invited to continue with their chess and will be joined by more experienced club members. The combined group will be entered for a national competition which will enable them to play against other children in the region. Winslow School has had great success in this competition in previous years.

I have been teaching chess at the school for 14 years and I am always pleased to meet children that I have taught several years ago at various chess competitions throughout the country. Once you have learned how to play the game it stays with you for life!

B, McClellan

FOWS

FOWS will be holding an open meeting on Tuesday 1st October at 6:00pm at school. All parents and carers are invited to join us. Please come to reception and a FOWS representative will meet you. This is a great opportunity to share any fundraising ideas or feedback you may have. Hope to see you there!



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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 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	Year Group
Tuesday 24 th September (8:40am – 9:40am)	KS1 Stay and Read for Y1 and Y2 Parents	Year One and Year Two
Thursday 26 th September	European Day of Languages	Whole School
wc 30 th September	Harvest (Pupils only; collection and distribution of non-perishables to local elderly neighbours and the Winslow Food Bank)	Whole School
Tuesday 1 st October (6:00pm)	FOWS AGM – At Winslow School	Whole School
Thursday 3 rd October (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Preschool Tours (New Starters Sept 2025)	New parents
Thursday 3 rd October	Year Four Egyptian Day	Year Four
Tuesday 8 th October (8:40am – 9:40am)	EYFS Stay and Read for Reception Parents	Reception
Friday 11 th October (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Preschool Tours (New Starters Sept 2025)	New parents
Friday 11 th October	Secondary Transfer Test Results Released	Year Six
Monday 14 th October – Friday 18 th October	Residential Trip - PGL Liddington	Year Six

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Monday 21 st October (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 23 rd October (4:30pm – 7:00pm)	Parents' Evenings	Reception – Year Six
Friday 25 th October	FOWS Break the Rules Day	Whole School
Friday 25 th October	Last day of term for pupils	Whole School
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November)		
Thursday 31 st October	Secondary School Application Deadline	Year Six
Monday 4 th November	INSET DAY	Whole School
Tuesday 5 th November	Children return to school	Whole School
Thursday 7 th November	Outdoor Learning Day	Whole School
Thursday 7 th November (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2025)	New parents
Friday 8 th November	Remembrance Service (Year 6 Parents)	Year Six
Sunday 10 th November	Remembrance in Winslow	Whole School
Tuesday 12 th November (4:30pm – 5:30pm) (5:45pm - 6:45pm)	FOWS Disco Year 1 and Year 2 Year 5 and 6 Disco	Year One, Two, Five and Six
Thursday 14 th November (4:30pm – 5:30pm) (5:45pm - 6:45pm)	FOWS Disco Reception Year 3 and 4 Disco	Reception, Year Three and Four
wc 11 th November	Anti-bullying Week/Odd Socks Day (Date TBC)	Whole School
Thursday 14 th November (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2025)	New parents
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need	Whole School
Tuesday 19 th November	Whole School Flu Immunisations	Whole School
Wednesday 20 th November	Whole School Photographs	Whole School
Thursday 21 st November	SENDCo Drop in Clinic	Whole School
Wednesday 27 th November	Year One Church Visit	Year One
Friday 29 th November	FOWS Christmas Tombola Mufti Day	Whole School
Saturday 30 th November(11:00am – 1:00pm)	FOWS Christmas Fete	Whole School
wc 2 nd December	Christmas Book Week	Whole School
Tuesday 3 rd December (2:00pm) and Wednesday 4 th December (9:30am)	KS1 Christmas Performance	Year One and Year Two
Wednesday 4 th December (2:00pm) and Friday 6 th December (9:30am)	EYFS Christmas Performance	Rainbows and Reception
Monday 9 th December (Time TBC)	Year 5 Christingle Service at St Laurence Church	Year Five
Tuesday 10 th December (9:30pm) and	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance	Year Three and Year Four

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Wednesday 11 th December (2:00pm)		
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)	Whole School
Thursday 12 th December	Christmas Lunch Day	Whole School
Tuesday 17 th December (2:00pm)	Year 6 Carol Concert	Year Six
Friday 20 th December (2:30 – 3:15pm)	Carols on the Playground	Whole School
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of School for pupils	Whole School
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 6 th January 2025		

This Term's Value is:

Respect

"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Luke 6:31

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