



Friday 27th 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,

While the heavy rain this week may have been dreary, we are proud of how our school community adapted and stayed positive throughout, particularly when we had to make a few changes to keep everyone safe. Thank you as always for your support with this.

On Thursday we celebrated the European Day of Languages across the school. This special event highlights the rich diversity of languages spoken across Europe and promotes an awareness and understanding of cultures. All of the children have participated in a range of activities with enthusiasm and enjoyment, with different year groups exploring food, history, languages and artwork for a wide range of European countries. Children in Year Six particularly enjoyed finding out more about Mr McConnell's culture, learning about the Irish language and playing Gaelic football.



In Rainbows the children have been learning all about the culture of one of the children's grandad who is from the Netherlands. They invited him in to talk about his culture and teach them a few words in Dutch. The children loved trying on wooden clogs and finding out that St Nicolas rides a horse and leaves presents in clogs. At snack time they enjoyed Dutch biscuits!

We believe that learning new languages and exploring other cultures is key to fostering empathy, understanding and global awareness. We hope that by participating in the European Day of Languages, our children will be inspired to continue to explore the beauty of languages both inside and outside the classroom.

We were delighted to welcome parents and carers of children in Year One and Year Two for 'Stay and Read' on Tuesday. Parents were able to enjoy reading with their children before watching the class teachers lead a phonics session using our Little Wandle Phonics programme. We are looking forward to welcoming Reception parents into school in a few weeks for their 'Stay and Read' session and are planning a further reading information session for parents later this term.

You should have received a ParentMail today asking for your valuable feedback about our behaviour policy. Your responses will play an important role in shaping how we approach behaviour and support our pupils going forward. We kindly ask that you complete the questionnaire by **Friday, 4th October**. Your time and feedback are greatly appreciated.

Next week we will begin our Harvest celebrations with a special thanksgiving Collective Worship for the children on Wednesday. We plan to create baskets of donations from the children to be delivered to our local senior citizens in the bungalows and flats in Lowndes Way and Scott Evans Court, and to Swan House Care Home. If you would like to make a contribution, items can be brought into school from Monday 30th September until 9.30am on

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Friday 4th October. Please send all contributions into your child/ren's classrooms to be sent up to the main reception area for storage and distribution.

We will be holding Parents' Evenings with your child's class teacher this term. These meetings will take place on Monday 21st October and Wednesday 23rd October and will provide an opportunity for you to discuss how your child/ren have settled into their new classes and ways you can support their progress at home. Details for booking appointments have been sent out via ParentMail but if you need any support with this, please contact Mrs Freshwater via the school office.

Mrs Samantha Dimpleby

Headteacher

Staffing update

It is with sadness that I write to inform you that Mrs Taylor in Rainbows Preschool will be leaving at the end of next week. She has been part of the Rainbows Team for the last four years but has now decided to step away from a childcare setting to take on the world of finance! She will be missed by children, staff and parents, but we wish her every success in her new role.

Annual Consent form

This week your child should have received a paper copy of our annual consent form for educational visits during the academic year 2024/2025. By completing this form, you are consenting to your child leaving the school premises to take part in visits and sporting activities. Our annual consent form will now be used to cover all school day trips and also visits within Winslow, so it is vital that this form is completed for each pupil. Additional consent will be sought for residential visits and adventurous activities and a separate consent form will be sent home for you to complete for your child for these.



Please complete and return the paper copy of the annual consent form by Thursday 17th October. Your child cannot attend trips or visits without this form being completed and returned.

Parking and Road Safety

Due to the incident in Lowndes Way, parking outside the school is still severely restricted. Please do park sensibly and respect the local residents. For the safety of the children and the community, I am requesting that parents do not park on the access road to the school while these works continue. It would be even better if children could walk or cycle to school as this is an excellent form of exercise and sets children up ready for the school day.

We have a wonderful cycle path that runs alongside the footpath at the back of the school. If you do use the footpath behind the school, please remind your children that this is a shared path and to be considerate to cyclists who are using this route as a safe way to travel. Thank you...

Achievements outside of School

We are always very keen to hear about how the children have 'let their light shine' outside of school and in Collective Worship we celebrate personal, sporting and musical achievements. Please do encourage your child to share their achievements. This could even be some charity work that they have carried out to support the wider community. Like a candle, our wicks are lit inside and shine through us for others to see. We are proud of our children's achievements and want to hear about it.



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: Patrick & Zakariya
Year 1: Darren & Albert
Year 2: Greyson & Anna
Year 3: William & Halle
Year 4: Grace & Alfred
Year 5: Caleb & Grace
Year 6: Karyss & Alfie



Attendance

Well done to 4KF who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.61%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 94.86%.

We will be working with you to keep you updated on your child's attendance by sending out letters at key points to inform you of your child's attendance should it go below 95% and to invite you in to find ways to work together to support your child's attendance.

Green	Attendance above 95%
Amber	Attendance dipping below 95%
Red	Attendance falling below 90%

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!



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
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
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

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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 Wednesday 11 th December (2:00pm)	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance	Year Three and Year Four
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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