



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 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 week of rainy days however this has not dampened the children's enthusiasm or appetite for learning! This week we have been celebrating autumn and the season of Harvest. As part of our discussions and reflections, the children have been encouraged to give thanks for the abundance of food and crops. They have considered the work of farmers, those who prepare their food for sale and those who cook our meals every day. On Wednesday the children enjoyed performing songs and poems about harvest time to each other in our special Harvest Service.



The Harvest Festival is always an opportunity to strengthen bonds within our community. In the spirit of gratitude and giving, we collected an enormous amount of food items. The very generous donations will be delivered to our local senior citizens in the bungalows and flats in Lowndes Way and Scott Evans Court by the Year Six children today.



Yesterday Year Four enjoyed an Ancient Egyptian curriculum enrichment day. The children arrived in school dressed in costume and spent the day absorbed in hands-on activities such as: bread making, modelling and mummifying fruit. This enabled them to develop their understanding of the period while developing enquiry skills about Ancient Egyptian life and culture.

This week we were pleased to welcome Charles Chaney and Martin Paul from the Rotary Club who have kindly donated further funds towards our project to put an interactive whiteboard in every classroom. With this latest donation and another donation from FOWS, we are hoping that all classrooms from Reception upwards will have an interactive whiteboard by the end of November. An amazing achievement and a huge thank you to both Rotary and FOWS.



I would also like to say thank you to one of our parents, Mrs Eggleton for donating a bag of netballs and to Mike Porteous from the Royal Latin School for donating a bag of rugby balls to the school. We are very grateful to you both for your kind donation for our children to use in PE lessons and after school clubs.

Have a lovely weekend!

*Mrs Samantha Dumbleby*

**Headteacher**

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## Parents' Evenings Reminder

Parents' Evenings with your child's class teacher meetings will take place on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Details for booking appointments have been sent out via ParentMail but if you have not been able to book, please contact Mrs Freshwater via the school office.

## Open Mornings for prospective Reception or Rainbows parents September 2024

We held our first Open Mornings for prospective parents to view our school this week. Our next Open mornings are on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November. To find out more, or to confirm your attendance, please contact the school office.

## Head Boy and Head Girl

Congratulations to James R and Amelie B in Year Six for their appointment as Head Boy and Head Girl. Both children submitted strong application letters to the Senior Leadership Team and have been consistently shining their light in all aspects of school life.

## 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: Ava & Teddy  
Year 1: Ayda & Leo  
Year 2: Katie & Isabel  
Year 3: Elijah & Finley  
Year 4: Noah & Polina  
Year 5: Lola & Mikey  
Year 6: Aron & Oliver



## Attendance

Well done to 5RS who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 99.17%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 94.45%.

### 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:

3MW
4VK
5JW
6MP



### What is Accelerated Reader?

When children have finished the reading schemes, they become 'library readers' and are allowed to borrow two books. At this stage they will start to use 'Accelerated Reader' to help them choose a book. When they have read it they will complete a quiz to check that they have understood it.

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.

### [Tips for using Accelerated Reader at home](#)

In addition to books from school, many books you have at home may have quizzes available, just type the title of the book into the quiz search box. Children can also do vocabulary quizzes, and quizzes on the articles available on the Accelerated Reader website.

More information about our library, including how to volunteer can be found on our school website by clicking [here](#).

## Birthday Celebrations

The school policy continues to be that children are allowed to come to school wearing mufti instead of school uniform on their Birthday. To ensure we are keeping children with allergies and intolerances safe, while promoting healthy eating, we are requesting that birthday sweets/treats are not given out in school. We hope this will also support families during these challenging times by removing the expectation to provide birthday sweets for the class.



## FOWS



At the FOWS AGM this week the successes of the year were shared and plans for the future discussed. During the meeting those present expressed thanks to Sam Mullan (Secretary) and Sarah Dudley (Vice Chair) who have stepped down from their roles. Both Sam and Sarah have worked incredibly hard as key committee members over the years organising events to raise money for the benefit of all the children; they will be deeply missed. The work of the FOWS Team has supported the Accelerated Readers programme, library funding for new books, Year 6 leaver's hoodies, 3 new interactive whiteboards, as well as various curriculum enrichment opportunities.

This would not have been possible without the amazing committee, volunteer helpers, staff and parents for their on-going support. FOWS continues to be a very small group, and as such, it has sometimes been quite a challenge to run some events.

The next FOWS Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October @2:00pm in the Nurture Room at School**. We would like as much input from everyone as is possible. The more volunteers we have to help run events, then the less each of us will have to do. Without the support of the school community we may not be able to keep running events. This will mean less funds for the school to spend on resources and experiences for the children.

Please do come along to the meeting. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**. Children are welcome to attend with you.

If you want to find out more about FOWS please do email on [fowswinslow@gmail.com](mailto:fowswinslow@gmail.com).

## 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 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 8 <sup>th</sup> October (8:40am – 9:40am)	EYFS Stay and Read for Reception Parents	Reception
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Preschool Tours (New Starters Sept 2025)	New parents
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Secondary Transfer Test Results Released	Year Six
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Residential Trip - PGL Liddington	Year Six
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October (4:30pm – 7:00pm)	Parents' Evenings	Reception – Year Six
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	FOWS Break the Rules Day	Whole School
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term for pupils	Whole School
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November)		
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Secondary School Application Deadline	Year Six
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET DAY	Whole School
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return to school	Whole School
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Outdoor Learning Day	Whole School
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2025)	New parents
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service (Year 6 Parents)	Year Six
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance in Winslow	Whole School
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> November (4:30pm – 5:30pm) (5:45pm - 6:45pm)	FOWS Disco Reception Year 3 and 4 Disco	Reception, Year Three and Four
wc 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying Week/Odd Socks Day (Date TBC)	Whole School
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2025)	New parents
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need	Whole School
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Flu Immunisations	Whole School
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Photographs	Whole School
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	SENDCo Drop in Clinic	Whole School
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Year One Church Visit	Year One
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	FOWS Christmas Tombola Mufti Day	Whole School
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> November(11:00am – 1:00pm)	FOWS Christmas Fete	Whole School
wc 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Book Week	Whole School

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Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December (2:00pm) and Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December (9:30am)	KS1 Christmas Performance	Year One and Year Two
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December (2:00pm) and Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December (9:30am)	EYFS Christmas Performance	Rainbows and Reception
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December (Time TBC)	Year 5 Christingle Service at St Laurence Church	Year Five
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December (9:30pm) and Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December (2:00pm)	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance	Year Three and Year Four
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)	Whole School
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch Day	Whole School
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December (2:00pm)	Year 6 Carol Concert	Year Six
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December (2:30 – 3:15pm)	Carols on the Playground	Whole School
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of School for pupils	Whole School
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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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