



Friday 18<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,

At Winslow CE School we are always looking for ways to further enhance curriculum experiences for our children, including opportunities for outdoor learning to develop pupil character and positive learning behaviours. On Monday, the children in Year Six set off on their Residential visit to PGL in Liddington. They have enjoyed a range of outdoor and adventurous activities and have been having an absolute 'whale' of a time - quite literally for some, as canoeing quickly turned into an impromptu polar plunge! Despite the freezing lake, the children couldn't resist a dip, proving once again that they're braver than most grown-ups. From conquering heights that left even the bravest among them wobbly-legged to navigating obstacle courses blindfolded, they have taken on every



challenge like superheroes. They have even expanded their culinary horizons, tasting new foods and embracing independence, all while dressing themselves for weather that seems to change more often than they do. The staff couldn't be prouder of their resilience—and can't wait to hand over those mud-filled suitcases when they return this afternoon. Parents, prepare yourselves for a *load* of laundry and stories!

This visit would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the staff team. I would like to thank Mrs Pool for organising the

trip, all the teachers and support staff who went on the residential. They will be looking forward to the weekend and to seeing their families too!

Those children in Year Six who were unable to attend the residential have also had a week of curriculum enrichment opportunities. This has included dragon clay-making and bridge building. They have enjoyed developing friendships and skills in team-work, working collaboratively to reason and problem-solve.



On Wednesday, Year 3 visited St Laurence Church to find out more about how different people are inspired by the teachings of Jesus. Derry French talked to the children about their learning and they engaged thoughtfully in a discussion about what Jesus looked like. The children enjoyed a tour around the church and were particularly fascinated by the Golden Eagle and the Font. They also enjoyed looking closely at the stained glass windows. Derry

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reminded the children that they are welcome to visit the church any time they wanted some quiet time after school as everyone is always welcome.

Class teachers are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to Parents' Evenings on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Reception, Year One and Year Two meetings will take place in the children's classrooms. All of the Key Stage Two parent meetings will take place in the hall. Please enter the school through the main entrance.

Thank you for your continued support - Have a lovely weekend!

*Mrs Samantha Dimbleby*

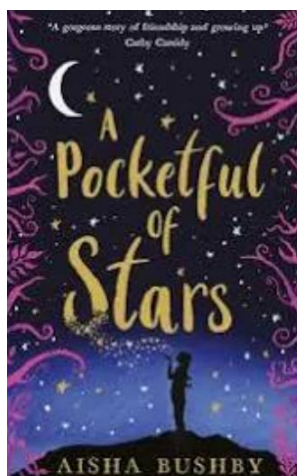
**Headteacher**

### **Year 5 and 6 Book Club**

If your child is an enthusiastic reader and enjoys discussing books they may like to join our Book Club on Wednesday lunchtimes which is run by a volunteer.

Every month a small group of readers will get the chance to read a different book and discuss it as they go along. The children will catch up every week to see how it's going and then write a review together at the end.

Places are limited to two per class, so your child should talk to their teacher about putting their name forward if they are interested.



**Meetings are:**  
12.10 – 12.40pm  
in the Library

<b>Weds 13<sup>th</sup> November</b> 12.10 – 12.40pm
<b>Weds 20<sup>th</sup> November</b> 12.10 – 12.40pm
<b>Weds 27<sup>th</sup> November</b> 12.10 – 12.40pm
<b>Weds 4<sup>th</sup> December</b> 12.10 – 12.40pm

### **Keeping children safe online**

As autumn settles in, it is likely that children will be spending more time online. Whilst the online world offers a great deal of entertainment and information for children, it does come with risk. Here are some top tips for helping children stay safe online:

1. Talking regularly with your child is the greatest tool to help keep them safe online. Talking regularly and making it part of daily conversation, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed. It also means when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you.



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2. Manage the amount of time your child is online. Balance it with other activities that are away from a screen.
3. Set up parental controls to block any upsetting or inappropriate content. Information about setting up parental controls can be found here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>
4. Give your child the strategies they need in case something concerning happens whilst they are using their device. This could be to lock the screen and tell an adult, to make a report to the platform they are using, or to block the user.
5. Talk to your child about how they communicate online and remind them that anything they put online, whether it's via What's App, Instagram ,TikTok or YouTube, can be shared widely. Is what they are sharing kind? True? Helpful? Safe?

### 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: Florence & Jacob  
 Year 1: Harry & Xavian  
 Year 2: Fox & Henry  
 Year 3: Jacob & Morgan  
 Year 4: Rosaleigh & Frankie  
 Year 5: Brianna & Luca  
 Year 6: Chloe-Marie & Evelyn



### Attendance

Well done to 3MW who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 96.88%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 92.32%.

The table below demonstrates how much school children miss if they are absent and it is surprising how this adds up. We positively promote good attendance for all and will be looking at further strategies for celebrating and encouraging regular school attendance.

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is....	over 13 years schooling
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Over 8 years

## Accelerated Readers

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

3MW
4KF
5JW
6CM



## FOWS

Don't forget 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. Please do come along to the meeting. **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**. Children are welcome to attend with you.



## Break the Rules Day

FOWS are pleased to announce that Break the Rules Day is back on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October. The children are invited to bring in 50p for every rule they want to break. They can pick as many as they like, just choose from the following:

- Non school uniform (Full)
- Crazy hair
- Bright tights/socks
- Nail polish
- Temporary tattoo
- Bring a treat for your break time snack
- Wear trainers

We can't wait to see which rules you choose to break - will you be brightening up the playground with crazy hair, or enjoying a chocolate filled snack in your favourite outfit?

Please make sure you dress appropriately for the weather.



## 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
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
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	NSPCC Assemblies	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
Wc 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	NSPCC Workshops	Year One, Two and Six
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

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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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