



Friday 8th November 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,

We hope you all had a restful half-term break, enjoying some family time together. This term promises to be another busy one as we approach the preparations for Christmas performances and celebrations!

In Rainbows this week the children had a special visit from Fireman Josh. He showed the children his uniform and the children learnt the name of all the items a fireman needs to wear. Fireman Josh also talked to the children about smoke alarms and what to do if our clothes catch fire. Everyone enjoyed practising: Stop, Drop and Roll.



In small groups the children then explored how the radio works, listening to each other saying their names. Their learning about fire continued during the week where they climbed ladders like a fireman and learnt about the fires in the Amazon and how this is affecting us. The children investigated hot and cold and learnt about how to keep safe around hot things at home. Thank you very much to Mr Circuit for giving up his time to provide the children with this wonderful learning opportunity.

Time outdoors improves children's health, supports engagement in learning and leads to a greater connection with nature. On Thursday children across the school enjoyed opportunities for learning outside the classroom as part of 'Outdoor Learning Day'. These activities including outdoor maths using natural resources, fraction scavenger hunts and a range of art opportunities. It was wonderful to see the children applying their knowledge in different contexts and immersed in learning. We hope to continue to build on this as a whole-school approach to learning outside the classroom as part of our school improvement priorities this year.

This morning Year Six led a whole school Remembrance Service. It was a wonderful reminder of the impact of peace and the sacrifices that made it possible. Thank you to all the Year Six staff and pupils and all the parents/carers who attended the service. We will be remembering our fallen in Winslow this Sunday and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the parade. Please arrive at the public hall car park by 10:30am wearing School Uniform. Our Head Boy and Head Girl will be laying a wreath at the Winslow War Memorial on behalf of the school.

Thank you for your continued support – have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Samantha Dumbleby

Headteacher

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Next Week is Anti-Bullying Week!



We are excited to announce that next week our school will be participating in Anti-Bullying Week, a national campaign focused on creating safe and supportive environments for everyone. This year's theme is **Respect**, one of our core school values. Throughout the week, children and staff will engage in activities that encourage respect, kindness, and understanding toward others.

Special Assembly with Bucks Mental Health Team

To kick off Anti-Bullying Week, the Buckinghamshire Mental Health Team will be leading a special assembly to discuss the impact of bullying on individuals and the importance of showing respect and kindness to everyone. This talk will highlight how living by our values can make our school a safe and welcoming place for all. The session aims to deepen children's empathy and understanding, helping them recognise the power of their words and actions.

Odd Socks Day – Tuesday, 12th November

On Tuesday, we will celebrate 'Odd Socks Day', a fun and symbolic event to encourage individuality and acceptance of everyone's differences. All children (and adults) are invited to wear odd socks to school. Odd Socks Day is a wonderful way for children to show that it's okay to be different and that we all deserve respect.



Respect-Themed Classroom Activities

Throughout the week, each class will participate in activities centred on respect. Here are a few of the exciting plans:

- **Learning from Role Models:** Some classes will study historical figures who exemplified respect and had a lasting influence on society.
- **Artwork on Respect:** Children will create artwork that expresses what respect means to them, fostering a deeper appreciation for this value through creativity.
- **Online Safety:** In the digital age, respect extends to online interactions. Children will discuss online bullying and learn ways to stay safe and respectful in digital spaces.
- **Respect Detectives:** Some students will take on the role of "respect detectives," observing and celebrating acts of kindness and respect they see around the school. This activity will encourage them to notice and appreciate respectful behaviour in real time.

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Modelling Respect – A call to all of us

As adults and role models, we all have the important job of showing respect in all our actions, both in and out of the classroom. When children see us demonstrate these values, it helps reinforce their importance. Let's work together to make sure our children know they are part of a community that values kindness, respect, and inclusivity.

Let's make this Anti-Bullying Week a meaningful experience for all, strengthening our school community and empowering every child to treat each other with the respect they deserve

Important information – FOWS need your support

We will be holding a very important FOWS Meeting on **Tuesday 12th November @2:00pm** in the nurture room at school. We really need as many parents as possible to attend this meeting and are looking for new committee members as well as volunteers. During this meeting we are hoping to plan for the Christmas Fair which will now be held on **Friday 6th December at 3:30pm**. I hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us.



Let's not lose this very important part of our school community.

FOWS Discos

Tuesday 12th November

Years 1 & 2: 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Years 5 & 6: 5.45pm - 6.45pm

Thursday 14th November

Reception: 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Years 3 & 4: 5.45pm - 6.45pm

Entry for the discos is **£3** per child. The tuck shop will be available where a variety of snacks including chocolate, sweets, crisps, water and glo-sticks, will be available to purchase. Prices for these range from 30p to £1.00. Thank you once again to the parents who responded to our plea for help at these.

Coffee Meeting for parents of SEND children

Are you a parent or carer of a child with Special Educational Needs?

We would like to invite you to our SEND Coffee morning on **Friday 15th November at 9am**. This is an informal space for any parents of children with SEND to network with other parents and families. These will be held monthly in school and we hope to use these sessions to support families to meet and talk in a safe and supportive space. We are hoping to invite a variety of different professionals to attend these sessions, looking at support available in a wide range of SEND needs. Any suggestions will be gratefully received.



Please also find attached some information about a puberty workshop for parents of young people with SEND that I hope some of you will find useful.

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: Michael & Rohan
Year 1: Mya-Rose & Joselyn
Year 2: Denys & Mia
Year 3: Indigo & Dexter
Year 4: Oliver & Hector
Year 5: Sienna & Ollie
Year 6: Kiera & Grace



Attendance

Well done to 4VK who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 99.57%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 94.95%.

If your child is unable to attend school, please notify the school office by 9:00am on the first morning of absence.

When reporting an absence you will need to advise us of the child's name, class and detailed reasons for absence. This can be done in one of three ways:

1. Using the absence reporting tool on ParentMail
2. Calling the school office on 01296 712296
3. Emailing the school - office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk

Accelerated Readers

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

3ER
4VK
5JW
6CM



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
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
Friday 15th November (9:00am)	Parent Coffee Meeting for parents of children with SEND	All SEND parents
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
Monday 25th November	NSPCC Assemblies	Whole School
Wednesday 27 th November	Year One Church Visit	Year One
Friday 29 th November	FOWS Christmas Tombola Mufti Day	Whole School
Saturday 30th November	FOWS Christmas Fete REARRANGED	Whole School
wc 2 nd December	Christmas Book Week	Whole School
wc 2nd December	NSPCC Workshops	Year One, Two and Six
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
Friday 6th December (3:30pm)	FOWS Christmas Fete	Whole School
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, 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		

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This Term's Value is:

Respect

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

Luke 6:3

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