



Friday 22nd 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,

For children, few things match the excitement of waking up to a world transformed by snow. The first glimpse of a white-covered landscape ignites a magical sense of adventure and wonder; adults also find themselves swept up in the joy too. There is something about children's delight in snow that's contagious and I certainly witnessed this on the playground on Tuesday morning!

Thank you for your support as we navigate the seasonal changes and prepare for the festive season. Please can I ask that you ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the day with warm a coat and appropriate footwear. Layers are helpful for staying comfortable during indoor and outdoor activities.



Rehearsals for the Christmas Nativities and Concerts are now well underway and we are looking forward to welcoming you to our performances in a couple of weeks. Communication about the dates and times of these events will be sent out via Parent Mail shortly. We thank you for your support to make these events the special occasions they always are.

We continue to work hard to further develop teaching and learning and our curriculum provision for the children at Winslow CE School. As part of our termly monitoring activities, I have had the pleasure of observing teaching and learning across the school over the last couple of weeks. It has been wonderful to see the children actively engaged and enthusiastic about learning. Teachers have been working hard to create exciting lessons and instilling a love of learning within our children. We continue to work closely with Buckinghamshire Council Advisors as well as specialist teachers from the ENIGMA Maths Hub and English Hub and are pleased with the progress we are making against our School Development Priorities.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents from Reception and Year One to an Early Reading Information Session on Tuesday 26th November @9:00am. During this meeting we hope to share information about how we teach reading using our systematic, synthetic phonics programme *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised*, and offer guidance on how to support children's early reading at home. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Thank you for your support for our non-uniform day for Children in Need last week. We raised a total of £424.00 for this fantastic cause.

Have a lovely weekend – stay warm!

Mrs Samantha Dumbleby

Headteacher

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NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe.

You should have received information via ParentMail this week about the NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme that all children across the school will be participating in next week. This programme aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

Parent/Carer support

Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.

www.nspcc.org.uk/parents

Activities to extend learning at home

Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.

www.nspcc.org.uk/activities

Online Safety Hub

For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.

www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety

Childline – under 12's

Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.

www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7)

www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)

Talk PANTS with your children

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages.

Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

Christmas Lunch



If you would like your child to have a school Christmas lunch on Thursday 12th December please ensure that you order this before midday on Thursday 5th December **There will be no option for ordering a late lunch on this day.** Click [here](#) to order your child's meal with Fresh Start Catering. If you have forgotten your log on details and would like to order a meal, please contact Mrs Freshwater in the school office.

Scooters and safety at drop off and collection

Please can I remind parents and carers that children should not be riding their scooters or bikes on the school grounds before or after school. This is for the safety of everyone at these busy times of the day when there are lots of parents and children around. During these times, children should be supervised by their parents. Thank you for your support with this.

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Rainbows Pre-School and Starting School in September 2024

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 you can now apply for a school place at [Buckinghamshire School Admissions](#). If you would like a place for child in Reception in September 2025, you must apply for a place, even if your child is at currently attending Rainbows Pre-school.

The application deadline is 15th January 2025 - please do not miss it.

FOWS

FOWS will be meeting on Monday 25th Number @2:00pm in the nurture room to discuss the arrangements for the Christmas Fair on Friday 6th December @3:30pm.



We will be holding a **Mufti Day on Friday 29th November**.

All children will be invited to attend school in their own clothes and in return we are looking for the following donations to support the Christmas Fair:

Rainbows & Reception - Chocolate prizes, (such as Chocolate orange, small boxes of chocolates like Maltesers)

Years 1 - 3 - Jars filled with sweets

Years 4 - 6 - Bottles (wine, soft drinks etc)

Please bring all donations of chocolate, jars, bottles and cakes into school on the morning of Friday 29th November.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

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: Tyler & Athena
Year 1: Louis & Harry
Year 2: Adriana & Beatrice
Year 3: Ila & Jacob
Year 4: Isabella & Toby
Year 5: Miami & Stanley
Year 6: Eddy & Buster



Attendance

Well done to 2OW who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 99.31%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 94.09%.

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Reminders about reporting an absence

If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office via Parent Mail, the telephone absence line or the office email address before 9.00am. Please give full details of your child's illness/symptoms. If we do not hear from you, we will call or email you to find out why your child is not in school. If we are unable to make contact and you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Accelerated Readers

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

3RE
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
Monday 25 th November	NSPCC Assemblies	Whole School
Tuesday 26 th November (9:00am)	Early Reading Information Session for Parents	Reception and Year One
Wednesday 27 th November	Year One Church Visit	Year One
Friday 29th November	FOWS Christmas Tombola Mufti Day	Whole School
wc 2 nd December	Christmas Book Week	Whole School
wc 2 nd December	NSPCC Workshops	Year Two, Five 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
Monday 16 th December (9:00am)	Coffee Meeting for parents of SEND pupils	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:

Forgiveness

“For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you.”

Matthew 6:14

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