



Friday 29th 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,

As I write this newsletter, the sounds of the children rehearsing for their performances are ringing out across the school – the magic of Christmas is igniting excitement in both adults and children alike! Our youngest children will be the first to share their performances with parents and carers next week and we look forward to welcoming you all.

At Winslow CE School we recognise the importance of developing early reading skills as these lay the foundations for children's cognitive development, language skills and academic success. It enhances vocabulary, comprehension and critical thinking for our children to become successful lifelong learners. It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers from Reception and Year One at the Early Reading Information session earlier this week. Miss Aldridge shared lots of information about our systematic, synthetic phonics programme *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* and gave an overview of the key vocabulary and skills we use when teaching phonics. She outlined how we apply the children's phonics knowledge to reading practice sessions and offered guidance on how to support children's early reading at home. The Information from the session is available on the [school website](#) for any parents or carers who were unable to attend.

This week the children participated in a special NSPCC Assembly to raise their awareness of the ways a child can be hurt by others and to help them to understand it is never their fault. Follow-up sessions in classes gave the children further opportunities to discuss who they can talk to if they need help. Next week volunteers from the NSPCC will hold workshops for all children in Year 2, 5 and 6.

On Wednesday some children from Year 5 and 6 attended a Bench Ball Festival at Waddesdon School. The children worked really well as a team, cheering each other on and demonstrating good sportsmanship. They enjoyed the event thoroughly, winning all three of their games. I would like to thank Mrs Burman for arranging the event and accompanying the children and the parents and carers for their support.



Last Friday, seven children from Years 5 and 6 planted two trees at the Winslow Allotments as part of the Community Orchard Project. The children were grateful for this opportunity, experiencing the whole process of tree planting, from digging the holes to fitting the tree guard and mulching. We would like to say thank you to Mark Bolton and Greener Winslow for inviting us to take part in this project. This is a really important project Greener Winslow set up in 2020 to do something

locally about climate change and biodiversity loss.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher

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Staffing Update

I am delighted to announce the safe arrival of Mrs Gurney's beautiful baby daughter! Amelia Rose Gurney made her arrival on Tuesday this week, three weeks early and both Mrs Gurney and baby are doing well. I am sure you would like to join us all in congratulating Mr and Mrs Gurney on the wonderful new addition to their family and very early Christmas present!

Pupil Leadership Team Update

The children have chosen the Medical Detection Dogs in Great Horwood as their school charity to support this year. Medical Detection Dogs train dogs to detect the odour of human disease with the aim of developing faster, more efficient and less invasive diagnostics that lead to better patient outcomes.

We are hoping that a speaker from Medical Detection Dogs will visit later this year to talk to the children about their very important work.

Wrap Up UK

We are pleased to share that we have been contacted by Winslow Rotary Club with news of their Wrap Up project (www.wrapupuk.org). They have been collecting warm winter coats for those in need. We have been given a selection of men's, women's and children's coats.

Please do contact us if you would like to benefit from this charity.



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.

Christmas Cards

Children will be able to bring Christmas cards for each other into school from Monday 2nd December for posting in the school post box. Please ensure that envelopes are clearly addressed with the full name if possible as well as the class and/or year group they are in. The last day of Christmas card posting will be Wednesday 18th December 2024.



FOWS

FOWS Christmas fair will be held after school on Friday 6th December. The hall will be open from 3.30pm with Christmas craft stalls, a bottle and sweet tombola, cakes and a performance by our very own school choir. The children have been working hard to make Christmas goodies to sell, so please do come along and support this fundraising event.



FOWS will also be selling raffle tickets at the Christmas Fair for a raffle which will be drawn at the end of term - look out for further communication.

Child of the Week

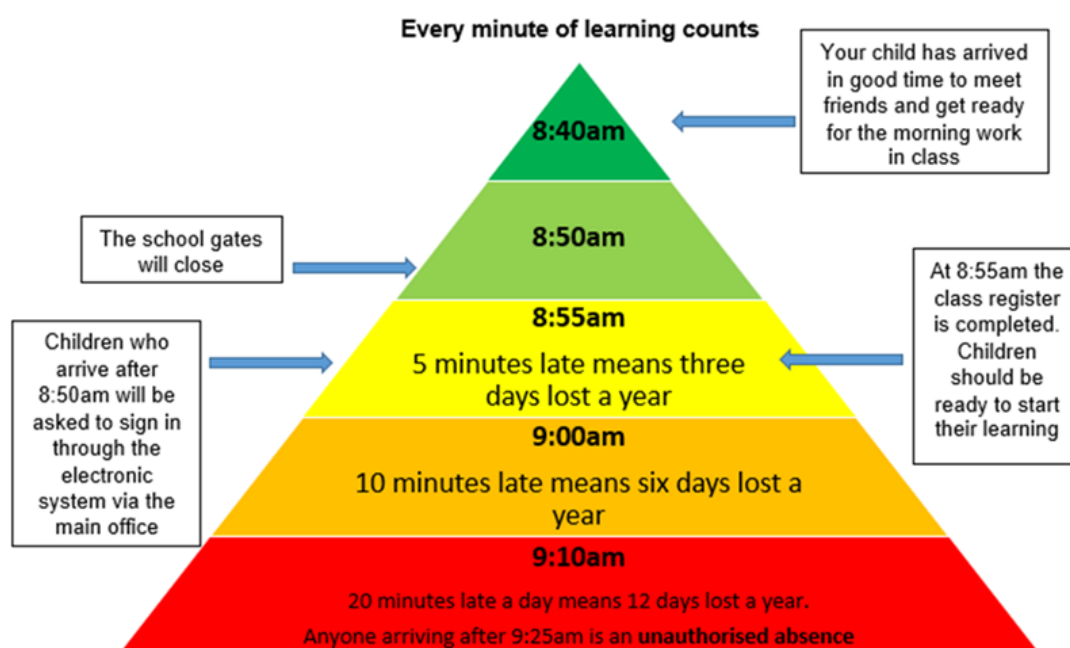
All our children seek to 'Let their light shine' as they reflect our Christian values in their daily life. Many congratulations to the following children this week who have shone particularly brightly and been awarded 'Child of the Week':

Reception: Rosina & Forrest
Year 1: Myla-Rose & Caleb
Year 2: Thomas & Freya
Year 3: Teddy & Emily
Year 4: Ethan & Connie
Year 5: Evelyn & Ayah
Year 6: Karyss & Jowan



Attendance

Well done to Sky who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 97.37%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 92.44%.



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Accelerated Readers

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

3RE
4VK
5JW
6CM



Coffee Meeting for parents of SEND children

Following the success of our last coffee meeting for parents of children with SEND we would like to invite you for another opportunity to meet and talk in a safe and supportive space on **Monday 16th December @9:00am** in the Nurture Room.

We will be joined by a member of the Buckinghamshire Health Support Team who will be discussing children's mental health and wellbeing and offering information and support.



Safeguarding Information: A Note on Dangerous Gifts from the Child Accident Prevention Trust

December is on the horizon. Families around the country are already putting up Christmas trees and tinsel is starting to grace our high streets. Before long mince pies, Mariah Carey and mysteriously familiar Santa Clauses will make their way into our lives. This is all in good fun, and children from Lands End to John O'Groats look forward to the build up to Christmas all year. However, not all presents are created equally. More than ever our Christmas shopping is done online from an increasingly varied list of providers. From imitation manufacturers, to sellers platforms like Etsy and to third party small businesses that use known provider logistics services, we're all trusting people ever further removed from us to provide high quality goods. Unfortunately this is far from guaranteed. Production firms abroad or within a 'cottage industry' may not have the strict manufacturing standards applied in the UK, or expected as industry standard. The Child Accident Prevention Trust has published a list of eight gifts most likely to cause an accident this year. If interested please follow the link below. It's always important to remember that prevention is always better than repairing.

<https://capt.org.uk/8-dangerous-gifts-to-avoid-this-christmas/>

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 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
wc 16 th December	Christmas Book Week	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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