



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

*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 very busy week full of learning and opportunities! On Monday, sixteen children from Year 5 and 6 participated in a Bench Ball competition against children from North Marston School. They played ten short games, winning eight of these and drawing in two. Throughout the event, the children demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship and we are so proud of them all! Thank you to Mrs Burman for organising the event and to all the children for letting their light shine as always.

This week, our children in upper key stage two took part in an interactive workshop about knife crime, designed to help them understand the risks and responsibilities around this critical issue. During the workshop they learned about:

- risks of carrying a knife or a bladed article
- misconceptions about knives
- why people might carry a knife
- the consequences of carrying a knife even if it's a replica.
- the impact of peer pressure and how to keep themselves safe in challenging situations
- sources of support for young people and how to make safe and positive choices.

The children found the session engaging and said they now feel more confident in understanding the law and making safe decisions.

Friends of Winslow School (FOWS) is a fundraising committee run by parents and volunteers. Previously, FOWS have provided funding for musical instruments, books for the library, WOW days, interactive whiteboards as well as supporting other curriculum enrichment opportunities for the children. Fundraising events have included discos, the summer and Christmas fair, Christmas cards, movie nights, break the rules days and ice cream Fridays - all of which are loved by the children.

FOWS are now in a position where there are not enough committee members to run. **This means there is a risk that FOWS will cease to operate meaning there will be no more fundraising events and extra financial support for the school.** As a registered charity, it is important that FOWS has a complete committee with members who fulfil specific roles and can also organise and manage the fundraising events. While we have had a number of parents willing to volunteer to help, the role of committee members requires more commitment and members.



A meeting is being held in school on **Tuesday 28th January at 2pm** to determine the future of FOWS. If, at this meeting, additional committee members are not co-opted, the decision will be taken to dissolve FOWS.

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The key roles are Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary although additional committee members can assist with event management, communications and general organisation. If you would like to become a committee member and secure the future of FOWS please do come to the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> January or if you are unable to attend, please email the school office. I do hope we don't lose this valuable part of school life and the opportunities and events that add to the children's educational experience.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Samantha Dimbleby*

**Headteacher**

### **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 27<sup>th</sup> January @9:00am in the Nurture Room.



### **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: Elliot-Rose & Olivia  
Year 1: Faith & Eva  
Year 2: David & Eryn  
Year 3: Scarlett & Mia  
Year 4: Jaydon & Primrose  
Year 5: Benjamin & Eleanor  
Year 6: Mason & Zaiden



## Attendance

Well done to **5RS** who had the best whole class average attendance this week with **100%**. Our average whole school attendance this week is **94.56%**.

You may be aware from news reports that the Department for Education (DfE) published a revised version of 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance' which became statutory on the 19th August 2024. *Working Together to Improve School Attendance* states that school attendance is everyone's business. This means it is the responsibility of everyone involved – parents, carers, schools, and the local authority – to ensure children access the education they're entitled to.

Included in the changes, is a new National Framework for Penalty Notices with the aim to improve consistency in the use of penalty notices across England. Under the new national framework, all schools are required to consider referring parents/carers for a Penalty Notice for an unauthorised term time leave of absence, or when there has been irregular attendance over a 10-week period. This is when a child has missed 10 or more school sessions (5 days) with unauthorised absence (This applies even if your child has not been on holiday).

## Term Time Holidays

Children should not be taken out of school during term time unless it is unavoidable. Schools are required to consider requests for leave of absence in term time and should only approve the leave if there are exceptional circumstances. Generally, the DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.

If a request for leave is denied, and the pupil is absent for 5 days or more, then the school is expected to refer the case to Buckinghamshire Council. The Local Authority will issue a penalty notice with no requirement for a formal warning to be issued. Penalty notices can also be issued where a pupil is absent for repeated incidents of unauthorised leave in term time that fall below the 5-day threshold. In every case, the request for the Penalty Notice comes from the school to the Local A for the process to be completed.

The full guidance from the Department for Education can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

Please also see our School Attendance Policy by clicking [here](#).

## Accelerated Readers

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

3MW
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.

<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





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## Diary Dates

Please find below our spring 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 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception Height and Weight Checks	Reception
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January (9:00am)	Parents of SEND Children Coffee Meeting	Whole School
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January (2:00pm)	FOWS Meeting	Whole School
wc Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children's Mental Health Week	Whole School
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February (2:45pm)	Year One Phonics Screening Information Session	Year One
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year Four Church Visit	Year Four
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Network Rail Safety Workshops	Whole School
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day	Whole School
Date TBC	Internet Safety Parent Information Evening	Whole School
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February (9:00am – 10:00am)	Maths Stay and Play Session	Reception, Year One and Year Two
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Interim Reports to Parents	Reception – Year six
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET DAY – school closed to children	Whole School
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b> (Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February)		
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school	Whole School
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February (5:00pm)	SATS Information Evening for Parents	Year Six
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	SEND Parent Clinic with SENDCo	Whole School
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March(4:30pm – 7:30pm)	Parents' Evening	Reception – Year Six
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	Whole School
wc 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week	Whole School
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year Five Church Visit	Year Five
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Stay and Read Session	Reception, Year One and Year Two
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day – Non-uniform Day	Whole School
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Bikeability	Year Three
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Group Photos	Reception and Year Six
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year Three Church Visit	Year Three
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	FOWS Mother's Day Gifts Sale	Whole School
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Rock UK Residential Trip	Year Four
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of term	Whole School
<b>Easter HOLIDAY</b> Children return on Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 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 6:1*

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