



Thursday 13th February 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,

As we reach half term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a busy and productive few weeks at Winslow CE School. Our children and staff have worked incredibly hard and I am proud of their achievements, both inside and outside the classroom.

The children have been engaging in exciting learning opportunities across the curriculum. Year Three were particularly excited this week with an Ancient Greek enrichment day on Tuesday. The day was designed to immerse the children in the fascinating world of Ancient Greece, a civilisation known for its rich history, culture and contributions to modern society. The children participated in a variety of interactive activities including; making clay pots, baking, painting, acting out The Trojan Horse Myth and competing in the Olympics! These activities provided opportunities for the children to develop their knowledge and understanding of daily life in Ancient Greece through active participation and engagement.



This week, we have also been celebrating Safer Internet Day, exploring the theme "Too Good to be True?" Children across the school have discussed the potential threats of scams, learning how to recognise a scam when we see it, as well as the importance of keeping our personal information private.

As well as this, this week's Computing lessons have been internet safety focused, with Early Years and KS1 listening and reacting to stories involving characters dealing with technology, while KS2 have been invited to play interactive games which explore the digital world and help build children's confidence while using the internet. These games and stories, along with other useful information for parent's on how best to keep children safe online, can be found on websites such as: www.thinkuknow.co.uk, www.netsmartzkids.org and www.childnet.com.

Thank you very much to the parents who were able to attend our Internet Safety Workshop on Tuesday evening. The session centered on the many benefits that the internet can, of course, provide our children, but also the importance of being aware of the potential risks to their well-being that it carries. It is essential that we stay up-to-date with the ever-widening digital presence for our children, keeping ourselves informed about our children's activities and presence online. It is only through non-



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judgmental, open-dialogue with our children that we will be able to keep them safe from the "darker" sides to the internet that we know unfortunately exist.

On Wednesday we were delighted to invite parents and carers from Reception and Key Stage One to a 'Maths Stay and Play' session. We hope this provided a snapshot of how we teach maths and that you enjoyed the opportunity to learn alongside your children.

Finally, I want to thank you for your continued support. Your involvement in school life makes a huge difference, and we truly appreciate it. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half-term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 24th February.

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher

Interim Reports and Parents' Evening

Interim Reports will be sent home with your children today, reporting on their achievements and progress at the half way point in the year against the National Curriculum. These also include information about their behaviour and learning attitudes.

We feel it would be beneficial for you to spend some time sharing and discussing this report with your child. There will be an opportunity to discuss any concerns arising from the report or answer any other questions you may have at the forthcoming Parents' Evening in the week beginning 3rd March.

Parking

Unfortunately, I have been contacted by local residents regarding parking at pick up and drop off times where cars are obstructing driveways and preventing people from accessing their property on Cricketers Row.

I regularly ask that if you drive to school please be considerate of our neighbours by keeping driveways and junctions clear. These simple actions will not only help to give drivers maximum visibility, keep residents happy but, more importantly, keep our children safe and visible when walking to and from school. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

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: Sidney & Tommy
Year 1: Darwin & Eleanor
Year 2: Arlo & Daisy
Year 3: Willow & Alex
Year 4: Rebecca & Georgia
Year 5: Millie & Ewan
Year 6: Rose & Billy



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Attendance

Well done to 3MW who had the best whole class average attendance this term with 97.99%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 95.27%.

A reminder that good attendance is vital for your child's success. Please continue to support us by ensuring that they arrive on time and attend school regularly. If your child is unwell, please notify the school office as early as possible.

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 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
Friday 14 th February	INSET DAY – school closed to children	Whole School
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February)		
Monday 24 th February	Children return to school	Whole School
Tuesday 25 th February (5:00pm)	SATS Information Evening for Parents	Year Six
Wednesday 26 th February (5:00pm)	Year 4 Residential Trip Parent Meeting (Rock UK)	Year Four
Friday 28 th February	SEND Parent Clinic with SENDCo	Whole School
Monday 3 rd March (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 5 th March (4:30pm – 7:30pm)	Parents' Evening	Reception – Year Six
Tuesday 4 th March	Medical Detection Dogs Visiting	Whole School
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day	Whole School
Friday 7 th March	Science Week	Whole School
Wednesday 19 th March	Year Five Church Visit	Year Five
Wednesday 19 th March	Stay and Read Session	Reception, Year One and Year Two
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day – Non-uniform Day	Whole School
Friday 21 st March	Bikeability	Year Three
Wednesday 26 th March	Group Photos	Reception and Year Six
Wednesday 26 th March	Year Three Church Visit	Year Three
Friday 28 th March	FOWS Mother's Day Gifts Sale	Whole School
Wednesday 2 nd April – Friday 4 th April	Rock UK Residential Trip	Year Four
Friday 4 th April	Last day of term	Whole School
Easter HOLIDAY Children return on Tuesday 22 nd April 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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