



Friday 28th 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,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. As we step into the second half of the spring term, we look forward to an exciting and productive few weeks ahead. We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday next week, with a focus on the theme 'Bedtime Stories' with the opportunity for children to come to school in their pyjamas. We are hoping that removing the 'dressing up as your favourite character' will make it even more accessible and inclusive for all of our children without any need to spend money or time on creating a costume. The focus book for the day will be *The Girl at the Front of the Class* by Onjali Q Rauf and I look forward to sharing more about the children's learning with you next week.

This week we have introduced our reviewed Behaviour Policy to further reinforce our school's values and ensure consistency in expectations. Updates to our approach have been made with careful consideration of our aims to support positive relationships, foster self-discipline, and maintain a secure and caring environment for all. They are informed by valuable feedback from our parent survey in the autumn term and collaboration with staff and children. The updated policy is more inclusive of the needs of all our children and reflects our shared commitment to fairness, respect, and kindness.

Mrs Moseley also shared the changes with the children in Collective Worship which led to some really thoughtful discussions about what good behaviour looks like and why it is so important. The children are very excited about the chance to earn 'Star of the Day' awards and it has been wonderful to hear how positively these have been received.



We value your role in promoting positive behaviour, and your support is vital in reinforcing these messages at home. To help you understand the changes, we are holding a parent meeting on the **Monday 10th March at 2.30pm**. This will be an opportunity to ask questions, share feedback, and learn more about how we can work together to support your child. We look forward to seeing you there!

You should all have received a Parent Mail informing you of the Term Dates for the academic year 2025/26 which have now been approved by Governors. This is also available on our school website by clicking the link [here](#). Additional events for this half term have also been added to the calendar of events at the end of this week's newsletter.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your ongoing support – we truly appreciate your support and partnership in your child's education. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher

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Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will take place on **Monday 3rd March** and **Wednesday 5th March** and teachers are looking forward to discussing your child's progress and attainment with you. If you have been unable to book an appointment please speak to your child's class teacher or contact Andrea Freshwater in the school office who will be able to assist you with this.

Staffing Updates

Miss Nolan has made the decision to move back to live closer to her family in Northumberland and therefore will be relocating at the end of the summer term. We are currently in the process of recruiting a new SENDCo to start in September 2025 and I will write to update you on this appointment later in the term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Nolan for her hard work and commitment over the last two years. I know that she will continue to work hard, supporting staff, children and parents during the rest of her time at Winslow CE School.

Support for Families

Please find information that has been gathered to support families in Buckinghamshire by clicking the link [here](#). This includes information on finance, foodbanks, charities, agencies and local support available. Please do pass this on to anyone you feel would benefit from this information.

Big Open Weekend Swan Pool Buckingham – 8th March and 9th March 2025

On the 8th March Swan Pool Buckingham will be holding an Open Day. All activities are free including taster swimming lessons and the family fun session. All of the children, their families and the staff from Winslow CE School have been invited.



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: Charlie & Xander
Year 2: Flynn & Lewis
Year 3: Darcie & Harry
Year 4: Emily & Joshua
Year 5: Arbie & Holly
Year 6: Eli & Cameron



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Attendance

Well done to 3MW and 4DM who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.33%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 94.29%.

Thank you for your continued efforts in ensuring good attendance. Every school day is important, and we appreciate your support in making sure children arrive on time and ready to learn. We are currently in the process of analysing attendance data for the first half of the spring term. If over the spring term your child's attendance has fallen to a level of concern, a letter will be sent next week to inform make you aware of this. This is in line with our Attendance Policy and Statutory responsibilities.

Accelerated Readers

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

3RE
4DM
5FS
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 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 3 rd March (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 5 th March(4:30pm – 7:30pm)	Parents' Evenings	Reception – Year Six
Tuesday 4 th March	Medical Detection Dogs Visit	Whole School
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day	Whole School
wc 10 th March	Science Week	Whole School
Monday 10 th March (2:30pm)	Parent Meeting - Behaviour	Whole School
Tuesday 11 th March	Author Visit	Year Three and Four
Thursday 13 th March (9:00am)	Coffee Meeting for Parents of Children with SEND	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
Friday 21 st March	Rainbows Stay and Play Session	Rainbows
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 TBC	Whole School
Monday 31 st March	Reception Vision Checks	Reception
Wednesday 2 nd April – Friday 4 th April	Rock UK Residential Trip	Year Four
Thursday 3 rd April (9:00am)	Coffee Meeting for Parents of Children with SEND	Whole School
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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