



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 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 busy week in school and as always our children have approached their learning with enthusiasm and engagement. While the Year Six children took their SATs tests in the hall this week, Rainbows Preschool enjoyed visiting the Reception classrooms. They explored the setting with confidence and independence and this provided the perfect opportunity for the children to experience a typical day in Reception, particularly for those children who will be starting school with us in September.



We are especially proud of the Year Six children who approached their SATs tests with determination and bravery. As a reward for their hard work, they have enjoyed a well-deserved 'treat' afternoon – well done to everyone!

Next week is Walk to School Week and this year's theme is 'The Great Space Walk.' We are challenging all children to travel actively by walking, scooting or cycling to school every day. Classes will be working together to make as many active journeys as possible, learning about the important reasons to walk or wheel and its benefits for individuals, communities and the planet! I hope your children enjoy participating, collecting stickers throughout the week to earn an end of week reward for taking part.



The children in Rainbows, Reception and Key Stage One have been busily preparing for their Country Dancing Festival and are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to see their performance on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. The dancing will take place on the circular playground and is expected to commence at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to wait on the playground after morning drop off however, the gates at the back of the playground will be locked after morning drop off.

Thank you for your continued support - Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Samantha Dimpleby

**Headteacher**

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## School Fundraising Event - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May is 'Break the Rules Day!'

Break the Rules Day is back!



Until FOWS are back up and running we are looking to do some of our own fundraising to raise money for new iPads for the children to use in the classrooms.

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May children are invited to break some rules for a cash contribution. Any contributions will be collected in the children's classrooms at morning drop off. The children can bring in 50p for every rule they want to break. They can pick as many as they like from the following:

- Non school uniform
- Wear Trainers
- Crazy hair
- Nail polish
- Temporary Glitter tattoos
- A treat for break time snack

We can't wait to see which rules you will break. Have fun and remember to dress for the weather!

Thank you for your support to help us raise some additional funds for the benefit of the children.

### Secondary Transfer Presentation for Year 5 Parents

Thank you for your attendance at the Secondary Transfer Parent Meeting on Tuesday this week. I hope you found the meeting useful and now have a better understanding of the application process, including the key dates and timelines. A copy of the presentation notes can be found on our school website by clicking [here](#).

The Secondary Transfer Test is not compulsory however your child will automatically be entered for the test as they attend a Buckinghamshire School.

It is not always in the interests of a child to be tested and in such instances parents might consider whether they wish to withdraw their child from the testing process. Please advise the Headteacher in writing if you wish to withdraw your child, by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

### Chess News from Mr McClellan

I am delighted that nearly all the children in last term's chess club have returned, with the addition of other children who had previously completed my "Introduction to Chess" course who have re-joined.

Last term, chess club members completed the In-School stage of the Delancey U.K. Chess Challenge, the U.Ks largest junior chess competition.



The Chess Challenge is a four stage competition and each stage gets progressively harder. Entry to the Megafinal is now open. It used to be held in High Wycombe for children from Bucks. For many years Mrs McClellan and I used to go down to Wycombe High School on a Sunday to support the children who had entered. Sadly, this year a Megafinal is not going to be held in Buckinghamshire and the nearest venue is in Oxfordshire. (There is a list of venues on the website.) Alternatively children can enter the competition on line.

Trophies, medals, certificates and cash prizes are awarded to the participants so the question to be considered is should my child be entered for the Megafinal?

My advice would be to have a go if your son or daughter is serious about working to improve their chess, as the Megafinal will provide them with the opportunity to compete against stronger and more experienced players, the best way to learn. Even if they lose more games than anticipated, the day's experience will have been of benefit.

Finally, whether entering for the Megafinal or not, I hope that your child has enjoyed playing chess under my guidance and that their level of skill and power of concentration has improved.

Please let me know if you have entered your son / daughter for a Megafinal, as I will be happy to provide them with some free of charge coaching prior to the event.

Mr McClellan

### **Kidz Zone Multi-Activity Holiday Club**



Kidz Zone will be running a multi-activity holiday club during May half-term at Winslow CE School. The club will be open from Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

Each full day will consist of 4 guided activity hours where children will take part in 'Sports Starz' and 'Creative Starz' activities. Accompanied with free play and weekly themed activities, there is something for everyone.

Book now: [www.kidzzoneclub.com](http://www.kidzzoneclub.com) (10% off listed prices: 'KZ10')

### **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: Matilda & Hudson  
Year 1: Mya-Rose & Joselyn  
Year 2: Szymon & Margot  
Year 3: Teddy & Evalynn  
Year 4: Ethan & Ava-Rose  
Year 5: Amelia & Maisie  
Year 6: 6CM & 6MP



## Attendance

Well done to 2OW who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.61%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 95.48%.

Regular attendance is vital for your child's learning, development and overall success in school. Every day counts, and even a few days missed can have a significant impact on their progress and confidence.

We kindly ask for your continued support in ensuring that your child attends school every day, on time, unless they are genuinely unwell. If your child is absent, please inform the school as soon as possible and provide a reason for their absence.

## Accelerated Readers

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

<b>3MW</b>
<b>4VK</b>
<b>5JW</b>
<b>6CM</b>



## 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



## Diary Dates

Please find below our summer 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 19 <sup>th</sup> May (3:30 – 4:30pm)	Y5 Relationships and Sex Education Meeting	Year Five
wc Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk to School Week	Whole School
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	EYFS & KS1 Country Dancing	Rainbows, Reception, Year One, Year Two
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Royal Latin Science Festival	Year Five
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Break the Rules Day	Whole School
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May)		
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET Day	Whole School
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children Return to school	Whole School
wc Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Checks	Year Four
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	SEND Clinic	Whole School
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Church Festival at St Laurence Church	Whole School
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Times tables Rock Stars Day in KS2	Year Three, Four, Five and Six
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June (9:00am)	Coffee Meeting for parents of SEND Children	Whole School
w/c Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check	Year One
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June (9:00am)	KS2 Maths Information Session for Parents	Year Three, Four, Five and Six
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Pupil Fundraising Day	Whole School
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Trip to Hogshaw Farm	Reception
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS and KS1 Church Worship with parents – St Laurence Church	Reception, Year One and Year Two
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Winslow Pupil Talent Show	Whole School
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Trip to Waddesdon Manor	Year Two
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Whole School Transition Day	Whole School
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July (3:30pm)	Transition meeting for parents of children moving into Years 1, 3 and 5	Reception, Year Two and Year Four
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July (3:30pm)	Transition meeting for parents of children moving into Years 2, 4 and 6	Year One, Year Three and Year Five
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Bridgebuilder – It's Your Move Y6	Year Six
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Y6 Buckinghamshire Transition Days	Year Six
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day (am)	Rainbows, Reception, Year One and Year Two
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Sports Day – Y3 & Y4 (am), Y5 & Y6 (pm)	Year Three, Year Four, Year Five and Year Six
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Service at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford	Year Six
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year Reports to Parents	Whole School

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Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Production (Afternoon performance)	Year Six
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Production (Evening performance)	Year Six
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July (9:00am)	Coffee Meeting for parents of SEND Children	Whole School
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July (Time TBC)	Y6 Leaver's Service at St Laurence Church	Year Six
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last Day of Term	Whole School
<b>SUMMER HOLIDAY</b> Children return on Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 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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