



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 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 exciting week in school and the children enjoyed spending the day in their new classrooms, with their new teachers and Learning Support Assistants on Tuesday for Transition Day. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend the Transition Meetings. The information from these meetings is available on Class Dojo for those parents who were unable to attend.

Last Friday children in Year Two were excited to visit Waddesdon Manor. We use the language of awe and wonder to engage pupils with spiritual opportunities, in planned experiences in the wider curriculum, during worship and reflection times, as well as in the spontaneous moments throughout the school day. The children certainly experienced *awe and wonder* when they stepped off the coach and saw the size of Waddesdon Manor for the first time!



The day was filled with lots of activities connected to the children's learning in science, such as sorting life cycles of different insects, observing the birds in the aviary, hunting for bugs in the rose garden and planting seeds. Another wonderful example of how enrichment opportunities such as trips and visits provide opportunities for the children to apply their learning in the classroom, deepening understanding and curiosity. All of our Year Two children let their light shine, representing our school incredibly well, demonstrating enthusiasm, kindness and respect. We are so proud of them all!

We look forward to seeing you all at our Sports Day events next week. You should have received a ParentMail earlier this week outlining the details for these events. Each child will complete a carousel of events, with parents accompanying their children as they rotate as groups through each event. We do ask that parents encourage their children to follow the instructions and remain with the class. For safeguarding purposes, the gates will be locked during the events. At the end of the Sports Day events you will be asked to leave while the children wait on the field before being taken back to their classrooms.

Thank you for your continued support – have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

**Headteacher**

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## Chess News from Mr McClellan

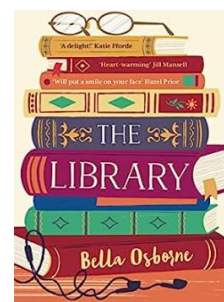
I have enjoyed teaching a lively, receptive and well behaved group of children for the summer term. I hope that the children have also benefited from learning the fascinating game of chess and that they will continue to play on line and with friends and family during the holidays. I hope to see this group re-joining the Chess Club in the Spring Term 2026.

Next term I provide an "Introduction to Chess Course" which is available to children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 who want to learn how to play chess, may already have some knowledge of the game and have not been in the chess club before. The school will shortly provide more details of how to join.

To try to keep my own level of playing chess a bit above that of the children I teach, I play at Milton Keynes Chess Club. A young man joined the club last week whom I thought I vaguely recognised. He politely informed me that I had taught him chess at Winslow 10 years ago - I am delighted that the passion for the game has stayed with him!

## Return of library books

We have reached the time of year, when sadly Mrs White has to collect in all the library books. All books are due back next week on your child's usual library day. This only leaves a week to chase up any missing books and send out bills. This has been left as late as possible, so please check that your child has her/his book/s with them on the appropriate day.



When children have returned their books they will be allowed to choose a second-hand book to take home and keep. If you would like to check which books your child has on loan please go to: <https://u004507.microlibrarian.net/>

You can log on using your child's library number as their username and again as their password. Most children from Y2 upwards know their library number, but if you have any questions about your child's loans please feel free to email: [JWhite@winslow.bucks.co.uk](mailto:JWhite@winslow.bucks.co.uk)

Many thanks for your help with this.

## Summer Reading Challenge



Encouraging your child to read over the summer significantly improves their reading skills and confidence and can prevent the summer 'dip' in reading and aid successful transition to their new year group. It really is the very best way to support their learning.

A very good way to motivate them is to sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge has already started, so why not sign them up straight away and give them a head start.

- Children can sign up at your local library and take part in person. A librarian will give them a special collector folder and help them find books to read. They will collect special stickers and rewards for their reading. Or

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- They can take part online by signing up on the official Challenge website. They will set up a profile with a reading goal and log their books. When they reach their goal, they will unlock a virtual badge and certificate.

• For more information please go to: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

### Reader of the Week



Every page makes a difference.

**This week's Readers of the Week are:** Ethan R, Ben P, Thomas R, Primrose H, Daria O, Morgan H, Grace M, Primrose LW, Sophia B, Grace H, Jonny J, Joshua J

### 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: Isabella & Olivia  
Year 1: George & Arthur  
Year 2: Noah & Jackson  
Year 3: Isabel & Evalynn  
Year 4: Esmae & Hector  
Year 5: Harley & Hollie  
Year 6: James & Cameron



### Attendance

Well done 4SN to who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 95.51%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 92.15%.

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.

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## Accelerated Readers

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

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| <b>3RE</b> |
| <b>4VK</b> |
| <b>5RS</b> |
| <b>6CM</b> |



## FOWS Update



Yesterday FOWS held a meeting at school and have now elected a committee comprising of Sarah Picketts as Chair, Charlie Lester, Cara Hetherington and Keili Kennedy. I am excited to say plans are already being made for future events so please look out for more information. Thank you to the new committee for their enthusiasm and commitment to providing enrichment opportunities for our children.



Last weekend, two former FOWS volunteer committee members, Mrs Mullan and Mrs Dudley, attended a garden party hosted by the Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire. The event celebrated unsung heroes across the county who quietly make a difference in their communities, and their nominations recognised the important role they played in supporting the school through fundraising. The ladies looked lovely on what was a very special day. Congratulations to you both!



## 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.

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| <b>Mrs Samantha Dimbleby</b><br>Designated Safeguarding Lead   |  |
| <b>Mrs Katie Epps</b><br>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead   |  |
| <b>Miss Daisy Allen</b><br>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead |  |
| Child Protection Governor<br><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                                    |
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| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July  | Guitar Concert with Mr Allen                           | Whole School                                  |
| 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                                  |
| 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                                  |
| SUMMER HOLIDAY<br>Children return on Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 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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**END OF TERM  
FAMILY DISCO**



**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July**  
**END OF TERM FAMILY**  
**DISCO**  
**5.30PM - 8PM**

**followed by our Open Mic/Jam night**

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