

Friday 5th September 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,

Welcome back to a new school year! I hope you and your family had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It is a real pleasure to welcome both our returning families and those who are joining the Winslow CE School community for the first time.

We are excited to begin another academic year filled with opportunities for growth, achievement, and connection. At Winslow, we remain deeply committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and inspiring environment where every child is encouraged to reach their full potential. This year, we will continue to focus on high-quality teaching and learning, pupil wellbeing, and strong home-school partnerships

To help you plan ahead, we have included some key calendar dates at the end of this letter. These will also be available on our school website and updated regularly, so please do check back often to stay informed.

We encourage you to:

- Check the school website and weekly newsletter for news and updates
- Stay connected through Class Dojo, where your child's class teacher will share important day-to-day information
- Contact the school office with any questions or concerns — we're here to help

We firmly believe that children thrive best when school and home work closely together. Whether it's supporting homework, attending events, or simply encouraging your child each day, your involvement plays a vital role in their success.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I look forward to all that we will achieve together in the year ahead.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend.

Warm regards,

Mrs Samantha Dimpleby

Headteacher

Uniform Expectation Reminder

I would like to thank all our parents who make sure their children arrive at school in the correct school uniform. We are really proud of our school uniform and expect all children to wear it. School uniform fosters a sense of community, belonging, identity and pride as well

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as setting a high expectation of appearance for all. High expectations for uniform aren't just about appearance—they set the tone for discipline, pride, and respect. When we expect children to wear their uniform well, we signal that we expect them to behave well too.

Below is a reminder of the expectations for all pupils:

- Footwear with uniform should be black or brown practical school shoes. **Trainers or fashion boots are not permitted** as an alternative to school shoes.
- PE uniform is a plain white or navy blue t-shirt with blue or white plain shorts and a navy tracksuit for outdoor PE sessions - **no football strips allowed**.
- Distinctive hairstyles, including tramlines and coloured, dyed hair are not suitable for school.
- If ears are pierced, only one pair of studs may be worn for safety reasons. These should not be worn on PE days, but if they cannot be removed, they must be covered up with tape.
- Make up, including nail varnish, is not permitted in school.
- Long hair should be tied back. Headbands should be plain and simple, in school colours (navy, grey, white and black)

All clothing, including coats and shoes, should and clearly labelled with your child's name.

Our uniform Policy can be found on the school website [here](#).

Secondary Transfer Test – Year Six Pupils

Secondary Transfer Test will take place on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th September for pupils in Year Six. Parents need to register their email address before 16th September 2025 in order to receive the results on the 10th October 2025. Please register using the link and the individual student ID number that you received via letter last term.

Safeguarding

All staff received updated safeguarding training on our INSET day this week to ensure they continue to have the relevant skills and knowledge to carry out their responsibilities effectively. Information about our safeguarding processes, including our Safeguarding Statement and Child Protection Policy, can be found on our [website](#).

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	

Diary Dates

Please find below our autumn 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
Wednesday 3 rd September	INSET DAY	Whole School
Thursday 4 th September	INSET DAY	Whole School
Friday 5 th September	Pupils Return to School	Whole School
Tuesday 9 th September	Secondary Transfer Practice Test	Year Six
Thursday 11 th September	Secondary Transfer Test	Year Six
Tuesday 16 th September	Year 3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum	Year Three
Tuesday 16 th September (3:30pm)	Parent Meeting for Y6 Residential Trip	Year Six
Tuesday 23 rd September (9:00am – 9:30am)	KS1 Stay and Read for Y1 and Y2 Parents	Year One and Year Two
Tuesday 23 rd September (6:30pm)	FOWS AGM – At Winslow School	Whole School
Thursday 25 th September	SENDCo Drop in Clinic for Parents	Whole School
Friday 26 th September	European Day of Languages	Whole School
wc 6 th October	Harvest (Pupils only; collection and distribution of non-perishables to local elderly neighbours and the Winslow Food Bank)	Whole School
Tuesday 7 th October (9:00am – 10:00am)	Reception Stay and Read for Parents followed by Phonics Parent Information Session	Reception
Thursday 9 th October (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Preschool Tours (New Starters Sept 2026)	New parents
Friday 10 th October	Secondary Transfer Test Results Released	Year Six
Monday 13 th October – Friday 17 th October	Residential Trip - PGL Liddington	Year Six
Friday 17 th October (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Preschool Tours (New Starters Sept 2026)	New parents
wc 20 th October	Visiting Author Workshops	Whole School
Monday 20 th October (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 22 nd October (4:30pm – 7:00pm)	Parents' Evenings	Reception – Year Six
Friday 24 th October	FOWS Break the Rules Day	Whole School
Friday 24 th October	Last day of term for pupils	Whole School
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October)		
Friday 31 st October	Secondary School Application Deadline	Year Six
Monday 3 rd November	INSET DAY	Whole School
Tuesday 4 th November	Children return to school	Whole School
Thursday 6 th November	Outdoor Learning Day	Whole School
Thursday 6 th November (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2026)	New parents
Sunday 9 th November	Remembrance in Winslow	Whole School
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Service (Year 6 Parents)	Year Six

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wc 10 th November	Anti-bullying Week/Odd Socks Day (Date TBC)	Whole School
Thursday 13 th November (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2026)	New parents
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need	Whole School
Friday 14 th November	Whole School Flu Immunisations	Whole School
Wednesday 19 th November	Whole School Photographs	Whole School
Thursday 20 th November	Coffee Meeting for Parents of SEND Children	Whole School
Tuesday 25 th November	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Assembly	Whole School
Date TBC	FOWS Christmas Tombola Mufti Day	Whole School
Date TBC	FOWS Christmas Fete	Whole School
wc 1 st December	Christmas Book Week	Whole School
Tuesday 2 nd and Friday 5 th December	NSPCC Workshops	Year Two, Year Five and Year Six
Tuesday 2 nd December (2:00pm) and Wednesday 3 rd December (9:30am)	KS1 Christmas Performance	Year One and Year Two
Wednesday 3 rd December (2:00pm) and Friday 5 th December (9:30am)	EYFS Christmas Performance	Rainbows and Reception
Tuesday 9 th December (6:00pm)	Year 5 Christingle Service at St Laurence Church	Year Five
Tuesday 9 th December (9:30pm) and Wednesday 10 th December (2:00pm)	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance	Year Three and Year Four
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)	Whole School
Date TBC	Christmas Lunch Day	Whole School
Date TBC	Year 6 Carol Concert	Year Six
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Worship at St Laurence Church	Whole School
Friday 19 th December (2:30 – 3:15pm)	Carols on the Playground	Whole School
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of School for pupils	Whole School
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 5 th January 2026		

This Term's Value is:

Respect

"Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Luke 6:31

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