



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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,

Our classrooms, quiet over the holidays are now buzzing like beehives – alive with curiosity, conversation and the happy hum of children finding their rhythm once again. There is something quite magical about this time of year: the pencil cases are full, the whiteboards are still clean, and every child walks in with untold potential, like seeds ready to be planted in fertile soil.

At the heart of everything we do a Winslow CE School is our school vision **"Let your light shine."** It's a simple phrase, but one that carries great meaning. We encourage every child to recognise their own unique gifts, to grow in confidence, and to use their talents to make a positive difference – whether that's through kindness, creativity, perseverance, or curiosity. Our hope is that each child will come to see the light they carry within and learn how to share it with the world.



The full school vision can be found at the start of this newsletter. This vision guides not just our teaching, but the way we treat one another, how we celebrate success, and how we support children through challenge. Our dedicated staff work with care and commitment to create a learning environment where every child feels known, valued and encouraged to thrive.

So here's to the start of a new school year: may it be a tapestry of learning, laughter and love – stitched together day by day in the hearts of our children.

There is lots of important information in this week's newsletter. As always, we will continue to send the weekly newsletter to you via ParentMail every Friday.

You'll find a list of key dates and upcoming events at the end of this newsletter—perfect for adding to your calendar. Please remember to let us know if any of your contact details have changed, and check your emails regularly, as this is our main method of communication with families.

Well done to the Year Six children who took the Secondary Transfer Tests this week. The children showed great resilience and determination to do their very best and we are so proud of them all. Parents of Year Six pupils who took the Secondary Transfer Test need to register their email address before 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025 in order to receive the results on the 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Please register using the link and the individual student ID number that you received via letter last term.

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

*Mrs Samantha Dimpleby*

**Headteacher**

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## School Lunches



Fresh Start provide fantastic school lunches, freshly prepared on site every day. Sourced locally wherever possible, these meals are healthy and balanced and packed full of flavour! Allergies can be catered for but please contact the school office if your child has any which must be considered.

If you would like to order a school lunch for your child, please submit your order directly with Fresh Start on their website by 9:00am on Thursday for the following week. Late lunches should only be ordered in an emergency or if there is a sudden change. Thank you for your help with this.

## Breakfast and After School Club

Our wraparound provider is Kid Zone who hold before and after school clubs for all pupils from Reception to Year 6. When signing your child up for this, please indicate your child's new class teacher for this academic year. This helps Kid Zone and the school ensure your child gets safely to the after school club at the end of the day.



## Reading at Winslow CE School

We hope many of our children were able to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge at our local library and have discovered some new favourite books and authors to enjoy.

At Winslow CE School, we place the highest value on reading. It is the foundation for success in every subject. We know life at home can be busy, and finding extra time isn't always easy. However, sharing a book with your child for just 10 minutes a day can make a huge difference — studies show that this simple habit can add 600,000 new words to a child's vocabulary each year.

As we begin the new term, we'd love to encourage families to keep reading together. To support this, we are **opening our school library** to parents and children on **Monday 18th September, 3:00–4:00pm** and **Monday 4th December, 3:00–4:00pm**

These are wonderful opportunities to choose a book together, discover new stories, and share the joy of reading as a family. We would be delighted to see as many of you there as possible.

We are also excited to announce that, in the coming weeks, we will be welcoming author Nat Harrison to our school. She will be bringing Jules Verne's classic *Around the World in Eighty Days* to life for our KS2 children with her new retelling, which features a brave young heroine, Maggie Appleton.

In this reimagined adventure, following the death of her mother, Maggie is left with nothing but a letter addressed to a mysterious stranger named Passepartout. With no one else to turn to, she sets out to find him — and is swept into an extraordinary journey beyond her wildest dreams.

Nat Harrison will also be signing copies of her book during her visit. Books can be ordered in advance from The Tring Bookshop via the following link: [Order here](#). All signed books will be handed to your child on the day of the event.

We look forward to celebrating a love of reading with you this term.

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## Reader of the Week



Each week, teachers will nominate a child who has shown fantastic effort and progress in their reading — whether through home reading, Accelerated Reader, phonics, or class work. Our *Readers of the Week* will be celebrated in Collective Worship and will also get to take home the Book Buddy Bag. This special bag includes a selection of exciting books for children to enjoy and share at home. The bag should be returned to school by the following Thursday so it can be passed on to the next reader.

**This week's Readers of the Week are:** Rosina R, Mia C, Xander W, Henry K, Fox R, Riley B, Cedar I, Millie B, Hector R, Grace M, Isabella H and Brianna H.

Well done to all our readers! Keep enjoying your books and sharing stories at home.

## 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: Ronan & Michell  
Year 1: Chloe & Calihan  
Year 2: Owen & Mya-Rose  
Year 3: Albie & Anna  
Year 4: Willow & Ila  
Year 5: Connie & Liam  
Year 6: Miles & Casper



## Attendance



At Winslow CE School, we place great importance on good attendance and punctuality. We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Children who are frequently absent or regularly late often struggle to reach their full potential and may fall behind in class.

Please support us in promoting positive attendance by ensuring your child attends school regularly and arrives on time—ready to learn—between **8:40am and 8:50am**.

**Registration begins promptly at 8:55am.** Any children arriving after this time should enter the school via the **main reception**.

To help ensure the safety of all pupils and maintain the security of the school site, the gates at the back of the field (Elmfield and Magpie Way) will be locked promptly at **8:55am**. After this time, the only access to the school will be through the **main gate and reception**.

Each week, we will be celebrating the class with the highest attendance.

This week, we're thrilled to congratulate **2OW**, who achieved **100% attendance!**

A huge well done—keep up the excellent work! Regular attendance has a significant impact on learning, progress, and success.

## Important: Allergy Awareness – Nut-Free School Reminder

We have a number of children—and some staff—at Winslow CE School who have severe nut allergies. These allergies can be life-threatening, and even the smallest trace of nuts can trigger a serious reaction. The risk isn't limited to direct consumption; contact with surfaces or individuals who have handled or eaten nuts can also pose a danger.

To help us keep everyone safe, we kindly ask for your support in making our school environment as nut-free as possible.

Please avoid including any nut-based products in your child's packed lunch. This includes:

- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Chocolate spreads that contain nuts (e.g., Nutella)
- Cereal or snack bars with nuts

We greatly appreciate your cooperation in helping us reduce this risk and protect the health and safety of our school community.

Thank you for your continued support.

## FOWS

FOWS have started the new term with fundraising plans, the first of which is the sale of pre-loved uniform. This is on an ad-hoc basis and more details are in the poster at the end of the newsletter.

FOWS are now on [facebook](#) and [instagram](#) so do follow them to keep up with the latest news and events.

FOWS will be holding their **AGM** on **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** at **6:30pm at school**. All parents and carers are invited to join us. Please come to reception and a FOWS representative will meet you. This is a great opportunity to share any fundraising ideas or feedback you may have. Hope to see you there!



## Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimpleby, 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 Dimpleby</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.



**Thursday 25 September 7pm**  
**Vinson Building Auditorium, University**  
**of Buckingham, MK18 1EG**



### **Join us for an inclusive gathering**

**Jane Lynds from MK Autism will offer support and information to parents/carers, autistic people, and professionals who would like to learn more about autism**

**We encourage you to come along with questions and knowledge to share**



**Tickets are FREE but must be reserved**  
**Available from Buckingham Bookshop**  
**or email us at**  
**[book.shop@buckingham.ac.uk](mailto:book.shop@buckingham.ac.uk)**

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

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Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2026)	New parents
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need	Whole School
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Flu Immunisations	Whole School
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Photographs	Whole School
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Coffee Meeting for Parents of SEND Children	Whole School
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe Assembly	Whole School
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	FOWS Christmas Tombola Mufti Day	Whole School
wc 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Book Week	Whole School
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	NSPCC Workshops	Year Two, Year Five and Year Six
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December (2:00pm) and Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December (9:30am)	KS1 Christmas Performance	Year One and Year Two
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December (2:00pm) and Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December (9:30am)	EYFS Christmas Performance	Rainbows and Reception
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	FOWS Christmas Fete	Whole School
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December (6:00pm)	Year 5 Christingle Service at St Laurence Church	Year Five
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December (9:30pm) and Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December (2:00pm)	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance	Year Three and Year Four
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December (2:30pm)	Year 6 Carol Concert	Year Six
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)	Whole School
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch Day	Whole School
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Worship at St Laurence Church	Whole School
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December (2:30 – 3:15pm)	Carols on the Playground	Whole School
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of School for pupils	Whole School
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b> Children return on Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> 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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# PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

**FOR SALE**

FRIENDS OF WINSLOW SCHOOL ARE SELLING GOOD  
QUALITY PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

**£1 PER ITEM**

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**DONATIONS WELCOME!**  
**PLEASE DROP AT SCHOOL RECEPTION**

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**FOWS**



**AGM**

PLEASE JOIN THE NEW FRIENDS OF WINSLOW SCHOOL  
COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS FUNDRAISING AND SUPPORT  
FOR WINSLOW CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

**23 SEPTEMBER**

**6.30PM**

**AT WINSLOW CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL**



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