



Friday 19<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,

As the new term gets fully underway, it has been wonderful to see our pupils returning with such enthusiasm and readiness to learn. Across the school, there is a real sense of curiosity and engagement in classrooms, and our staff have been impressed by how quickly the children have settled back into their learning.

This week, our Year Three pupils began their new history topic on the Stone Age with an exciting trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum. The children travelled back in time to explore life during the Stone and Iron Ages at this unique living museum. Throughout the day, they met people representing different historical periods who demonstrated how families lived and worked on the land.



The experience was incredibly hands-on. The children had the opportunity to make flatbread, grind wheat, craft clay pots, draw with charcoal and fat, and even practise spear throwing. They also learned how to build a shelter using animal skins and how to light a fire using flint.

This immersive experience really brought history to life, sparking curiosity and wonder. It provided a valuable foundation for the children's understanding of the Stone Age and helped develop their historical enquiry skills. The trip also supports our English curriculum, linking directly to this term's writing focus, where pupils will use what they've learned as inspiration for their own writing back in the classroom.



At Winslow CE School we firmly believe that children flourish best when school and families work together in partnership. You play a vital role in supporting your child's learning, and we are committed to keeping you informed about what your child is learning and how you can help at home.

To support this, we have published **this term's topic overviews** for each year group on the **school website**. These overviews outline the key themes, subjects, and areas of focus your child will be exploring this term.

We encourage you to take a look and talk to your child about what they're learning. Asking questions, reading related books, visiting local museums, or even watching a relevant documentary together can all help to enrich their learning and build those all-important connections between home and school. You can find the topic overviews by visiting the **Class Pages** section of our website or by clicking [here](#).

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

*Mrs Samantha Dumbleby*

**Headteacher**

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## The Joy of Reading, Shared Together

This week, our school library opened its doors and welcomed children and their families to share the joy of reading together. It was wonderful to see so many parents and children coming together to explore books, cosy up with stories, and celebrate the magic that reading brings.

The library is more than just shelves of books—it's a place where imaginations take flight, where questions spark curiosity, and where a love for learning grows stronger with every page turned. Watching children beam with excitement as they discovered new adventures, and parents joining in that excitement, reminded us all why reading is such a gift.

Thank you to every family who joined us. Your presence turned the library into a space alive with laughter, discovery, and connection. We hope you continue to share stories at home, build new reading traditions, and keep nurturing the bond that grows when families read together.

## 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. **This week's Readers of the Week are:** Serafina R, Olivia W, Violet F, Bonnie B, George N, Myla C, Salem M, Daria O, Amelie P, Esmee P. Lola G and William F.

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':

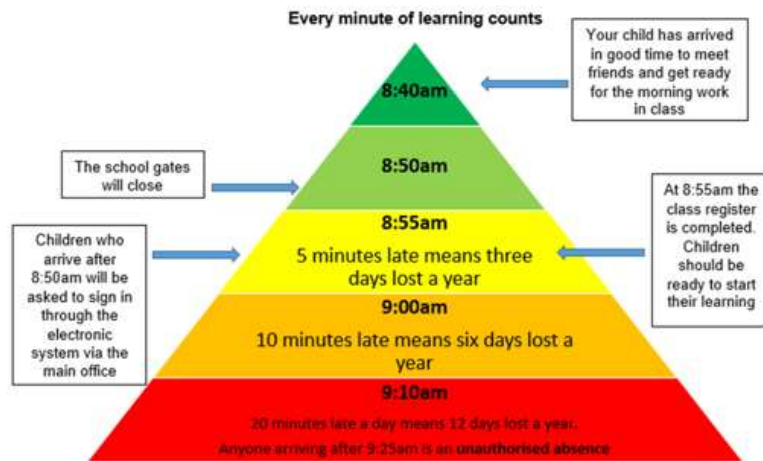
Reception: Elvan & Ollie  
Year 1: Arlo & Skye  
Year 2: Promise & Zarah  
Year 3: Nylah & Baxter  
Year 4: Molly & Teddy  
Year 5: Ledi & Rebecca  
Year 6: Hollie & Caleb



## Attendance

Well done to 2OW who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.41%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 100%. Our average whole-school attendance in 94.94%.

Below is some useful information about the importance of arriving on time at the start of the school day.



## A Reminder about Safe and Considerate Parking

As we begin the new term, we'd like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers about the importance of parking safely and considerately. Ensuring that the roads and surrounding areas remain safe for our school community is a shared responsibility.

If you must drive to school, please consider parking a little further away and walking the remainder of the journey. This helps reduce congestion and keeps the area safer for everyone, especially our children.

Important Parking Reminders:

- No parking is permitted on the school grounds unless you have a prior agreement with the school.
- Vehicle gates will be locked between 3:00pm and 3:30pm each day. During this time, no cars will be able to enter or exit the school grounds.
- The staff car park is for staff use only and should not be used by parents at any time.
- The area behind the bungalows is private residential parking and must not be used by parents for drop-off or collection.
- Morning drop-off is permitted in the turning circle, outside the Site Manager's bungalow only—please do not use other areas for this purpose.
- Speed limit on site is strictly 5mph—please drive slowly and with caution at all times.
- All parents, carers, and children should use the pedestrian gate and stick to the footpath when entering or leaving the school.

We kindly ask that you share this message with any family members or friends who may occasionally drop off or collect your children.

If you witness any inconsiderate or unsafe driving or parking around the school, please report it via the police non-emergency website.

Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe.

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## Open Mornings for prospective Reception or Rainbows parents September 2026

This term we will be holding Open Mornings for prospective parents to view our school during the busy hustle and bustle of the school day on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October, Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November**. The Open Mornings will include a presentation from the Headteacher and Assistant Headteacher and a tour of the school site with some of our older children. All sessions will start at 9.30am and last around an hour. To find out more, or to confirm your attendance, please contact the school office.

## Achievements outside of School

We are always very keen to hear how the children have *let their light shine* outside of school. In Collective Worship, we take time to celebrate personal, sporting, musical, and other individual achievements. Please do encourage your child to share any successes or special moments with us — this could include activities such as charity work, volunteering, or any way they've helped support the wider community.



Just like a candle, our inner light can shine brightly for others to see. When children use their gifts and talents beyond the classroom, they inspire those around them and help make the world a better place. We are incredibly proud of all their achievements and would love to hear more about the ways they are letting their light shine.

## FOWS

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 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>	

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### **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 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 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
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b> (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
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November (9:30am – 11:00am)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours	New parents

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	(New Starters Sept 2026)	
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**

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**£1 PER ITEM**

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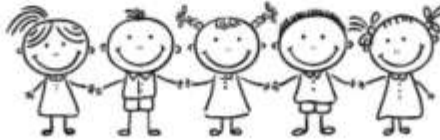
**[FOWS@WINSLOW.BUCKS.SCH.UK](mailto:FOWS@WINSLOW.BUCKS.SCH.UK)**



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



**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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