



Friday 3rd October 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,

This term, children across the school have been taking part in elections for House Captains and pupil leadership roles. It's been wonderful to see so many pupils putting themselves forward with confidence and enthusiasm – writing speeches, sharing their ideas, and encouraging others to vote.

This is an important part of school life, and it gives children a real opportunity to experience democracy in action. As part of our commitment to promoting British values, we use moments like this to help pupils understand the importance of having a voice, making informed choices, and respecting the views of others.

The elected pupils will now take on responsibilities across the school – from representing their Houses in events, to helping lead Pupil Leadership meetings and setting a great example for others. Congratulations to everyone who took part – whether they were elected or not, every child showed courage and leadership, and we're very proud of them all.



Next week, we will be preparing for our upcoming **Harvest Festival**, a wonderful opportunity for children to reflect on the importance of community, gratitude, and helping others. We plan to create baskets of donations from the children to be delivered to our local senior citizens in the bungalows and flats in Lowndes Way and the local Foodbank. If you would like to make a contribution, items can be brought into school **from Monday 6th October until 9.30am on Friday 10th October**. Please send all contributions into your child/ren's classrooms to be sent up to the main reception area for storage and distribution. Thank you in advance for any donations – your generosity always makes a real difference.

We will be holding Parents' Evenings with your child's class teacher this term. These meetings will take place on Monday 20th October and Wednesday 22nd October and will provide an opportunity for you to discuss how your child/ren have settled into their new classes and ways you can support their progress at home. Details for booking appointments

have been sent out via ParentMail but if you need any support with this, please contact Mrs Freshwater via the school office.



Our staff are always truly grateful for the kind words of support and thanks they receive from our parent community. This week, we were especially thankful for a thoughtful donation of cakes decorated with our Winslow School logo. A big thank you to Mrs. Shirley-Jones - you brought smiles to all our faces!

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

Mrs Samantha Dumbleby

Headteacher

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Bullying: What It Is and Why It Matters

At our school, bullying is not tolerated. But it is important to understand what bullying really means. Bullying is repeated behaviour intended to hurt, intimidate, or exclude someone. It can be physical, verbal, social, or online. One-off unkind comments or disagreements, while not okay, are not bullying.

Calling someone a “bully” for a single mistake can be harmful and unfair. True bullying is serious and can have long-lasting emotional effects on the person being targeted.

As part of our school values, we encourage everyone to be kind, respectful, and supportive. Speak up if you see repeated harmful behaviour and help create a safe, welcoming environment for all.

‘Bullying’ or ‘Bugging’? - Using the ‘DEBUG’ System

A Guide for Parents

The **DEBUG** system is a method to equip children with a series of steps they can use to solve problems when another child is **‘bugging’** them rather than **‘bullying’** them.

How to Deal with ‘Bugging’

The **DEBUG** System assists children in establishing boundaries, becoming assertive and promoting self-management - It is ideal for children in KS1 and KS2.

We can use the acronym, **DEBUG**, to help children remember the following five steps when another child is bothering or ‘bugging’ them:

- Step 1: **D – Decide** to ignore.
- Step 2: **E – Exit**, walk away.
- Step 3: **B – Be friendly**, use friendly words.
- Step 4: **U – Use** firm talk (no yelling).
- Step 5: **G – Get** adult help.

Birthday Celebrations

The school policy continues to be that children are allowed to come to school wearing mufti instead of school uniform on their Birthday. To ensure we are keeping children with allergies and intolerances safe, while promoting healthy eating, we are requesting that birthday sweets/treats are not given out in school. We hope this will also support families during these challenging times by removing the expectation to provide birthday sweets for the class.



Parking and Road Safety

For the safety of all children and the wider community, we kindly ask that parents avoid parking on the school's access road during drop-off and pick-up times. Where possible, we encourage families to walk, cycle, or scoot to school. Not only is active travel a great way to keep healthy, but it also helps children arrive feeling energised and ready to learn.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated cycle path that runs alongside the footpath at the back of the school. If your family uses this route, please remind your children that it is a shared space for use by both pedestrians and cyclists. We ask everyone who uses this path to be considerate for a safe and smooth journey.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe, respectful, and active.

Head Boy and Head Girl

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Alfred L and Sumana D in Year 6 as our new Head Boy and Head Girl.

Both pupils submitted impressive application letters to the Senior Leadership Team and have consistently demonstrated maturity, kindness, and a strong commitment to school life. They are excellent role models who truly shine in everything they do, and we know they will represent our school with pride and responsibility.

Well done, Alfred and Sumana – we look forward to watching you grow and develop in your new roles.

House Captains

Last week we elected our House Captains from Year Six to represent our four Houses: Parks, Barnardo, Wiltshire and Anning. All of the children in KS1 and KS2 got the opportunity to vote in House Assemblies for their House Captain. Congratulations to the following children:

Parks	Barnardo	Wiltshire	Anning
Reuben and Poppy	Chloe C and William	Stanley and Millie	Evie and Ollie

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: Florence B, Florence L, Leo B, Ava C, Jake M, Thomas R, Willow SJ, Ila L, Sophia B, Ethan M, Sean P and Caleb H.

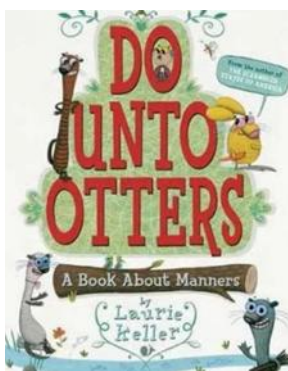
Well done to all our readers! Keep enjoying your books and sharing stories at home.



Every page makes a difference.

Reading to Learn Respect

This term, our school is focusing on the value of respect. Respect means treating others the way we would like to be treated - listening, caring, and showing kindness. Books are a wonderful way to learn about respect, because stories help us step into someone else's shoes. When we read about different characters and their adventures, we begin to understand their feelings and see the world through their eyes.



A lovely book to share at home is Do Unto Otters by Laurie Keller. It tells the story of a rabbit who learns how to get along with new neighbours by remembering the golden rule: treat others the way you'd like them to treat you. Reading this together as a family is a fun way to spark conversations about respect and how we can show it every day - in the classroom, on the playground, and 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: Arthur & Patrick
Year 1: Rohan & Elliott
Year 2: Xander & Arthur
Year 3: Seth & Beatrice
Year 4: Ely & Eloise
Year 5: Jovie & Frankie
Year 6: Noah & Evie



Accelerated Readers

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

3CC
4VK
5GW
6CM



Attendance

Well done to 4VC who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 100%. Our average whole-school attendance this week is 97.09%.

Why is good attendance so important?

Even short periods of time away from school can have a significant impact on a child's learning and overall development. Missing lessons can lead to gaps in knowledge, making it harder for children to keep up with new concepts and prepare confidently for assessments.

It's not just academic progress that's affected. Regular absence can also impact a child's social development, making it more difficult for them to build friendships, feel part of the school community, and confidently engage in class activities.

We truly appreciate your support in promoting good attendance and punctuality. If you have any concerns or would like advice or support, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Dimbleby – we're here to help.

Thank you for working with us to give every child the best chance to succeed.

Annual Consent form

This week your child should have received a paper copy of our annual consent form for educational visits during the academic year 2025/2026. By completing this form, you are consenting to your child leaving the school premises to take part in visits and sporting activities. Our annual consent form will now be used to cover all school day trips and also visits within Winslow, so it is vital that this form is completed for each pupil. Additional consent will be sought for residential visits and adventurous activities and a separate consent form will be sent home for you to complete for your child for these.



Please complete and return the paper copy of the annual consent form by Friday 17th October. Your child cannot attend trips or visits without this form being completed and returned.

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 9th October, Friday 17th October, Thursday 6th November and Thursday 13th 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.



FOWS

FOWS would like to remind you about the clothing recycling bin, from Kids Just Recycle, located near to the main school gates.

This will allow us to both recycle and be paid cash for every tonne collected. A poster explaining more about what can be recycled has been attached to this week's Parent Mail.

The bin will be emptied on a regular basis but if you notice the bin is full, please do not leave your bags of clothes but email FOWS on FOWS@winslow.bucks.sch.uk.

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.

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	

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
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
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

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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
Friday 28 th November	FOWS Christmas Tombola Mufti Day	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
Friday 5 th December	FOWS Christmas Fete	Whole School
Tuesday 9 th December (6:00pm)	Year 5 Christingle Service at St Laurence Church	Year Five
Tuesday 9 th December (2:00pm) and Wednesday 10 th December (9:30am)	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance	Year Three and Year Four
Wednesday 10 th December (2:30pm)	Year 6 Carol Concert	Year Six
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)	Whole School
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Lunch Day	Whole School
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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