



Friday 17th 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,

As a school, we are always seeking ways to enrich our curriculum and provide memorable learning experiences for our children, especially through outdoor learning that helps build character and positive learning behaviours. We believe outdoor learning boosts engagement and motivation, enhances physical and mental well-being, strengthens cross-curricular learning, and promotes teamwork and resilience.

To support this, we have been developing a whole-school, planned approach to our outdoor learning provision, centred around the following themes:

- **EYFS:** Explore nature and senses
- **Years 1–2:** Identify, build, navigate
- **Years 3–4:** Investigate, map, collaborate
- **Years 5–6:** Lead, solve, conserve

Part of this includes opportunities for the children to experience Residential Visits in Year Four and Year Six. On Monday, our Year Six pupils set off on their Residential Visit to PGL in Liddington, where they have enjoyed a wide range of outdoor and adventurous activities. The experience has challenged them physically and mentally, helping them to develop resilience, independence, and leadership skills. They have worked closely as a team, supporting one another, and solving problems together, often navigating new and demanding situations outside their comfort zones.



Beyond the thrill of activities like canoeing, climbing, and navigating obstacle courses, the residential has fostered personal growth. Many children stepped outside their comfort zones, building confidence and self-belief. They have also gained a greater appreciation for nature and the outdoors, while learning practical skills such as cooking and dressing appropriately for unpredictable weather!

The residential offered a unique opportunity for the children to develop their social skills, strengthen friendships, and create lasting memories—all key aspects of their character development that complement their academic learning.

This visit would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our incredible staff team. A heartfelt thank you goes to Mrs. Pool for expertly leading the trip, as well as to all the teachers and support staff who accompanied the children on the residential. Their commitment ensured the experience was safe, enjoyable, and rewarding for everyone involved. After a busy week of adventure and support, they'll be looking forward to a well-deserved weekend and some quality time with their families!

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The Year Six children who were unable to attend the residential have also enjoyed a week full of curriculum enrichment activities. They have had wonderful opportunities to develop friendships and strengthen their teamwork skills, working collaboratively to reason, problem-solve, and think creatively.

Class teachers are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to Parents' Evenings on Monday 20th October and Wednesday 22nd October. Reception, Year One and Year Two meetings will take place in the children's classrooms. All of the Key Stage Two parent meetings will take place in the hall. Please enter the school through the main entrance.

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

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher

Reminder about considerate parking

We have recently received some complaints from residents in Oak Way regarding inconsiderate parking. Please ensure that when parking near the school, you do **not block driveways** or park in a way that could create safety hazards for our children and community.

Your cooperation helps keep everyone safe and maintains good relations with our neighbours. Thank you for being considerate and responsible.

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: Hudson S, Rowan P, Mia W, Darren LK, Kiera W, ~Noah K, Alex M, Amia R, Abigail; M, Luna S, Stan G and Levi H.

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



Every page makes a difference.

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: Indie & Clara
Year 1: Beau & Tommy
Year 2: Harry & Bonnie
Year 3: Jackson & Iris
Year 4: Halle & Vienna
Year 5: Fletcher & Ethan
Year 6: Jayden & Ajla



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Accelerated Readers

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

3CC
4VK
5RS
6CM



Attendance

Well done to 2OW who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.91%. Our average whole-school attendance this week is 96.49%.

Authorised or Unauthorised?

If your child is ill, school will need details of their illness. If the reasons for the absence are made known to us, and are appropriate, the absence will be authorised for the first few days. If their illness continues, you may be asked for evidence from your GP. However, school will not authorise non-attendance for illness if it becomes too frequent. If your child's attendance falls below 90% (persistent absentee), you will also be asked for medical evidence in order to authorise the absence.

FOWS – Break the Rules Day

FOWS are pleased to announce that Break the Rules Day is back on Friday 24th October. The children are invited to bring in 50p for every rule they want to break. They can pick as many as they like, just choose from the following:

- Non school uniform (Full)
- Crazy hair
- Bright tights/socks
- Nail polish
- Temporary tattoo
- Bring a treat for your break time snack/squash instead of water
- Wear trainers



We can't wait to see which rules you choose to break - will you be brightening up the playground with crazy hair, or enjoying a chocolate filled snack in your favourite outfit?

Please make sure you dress appropriately for the weather.

Christmas Cards

I know it's very early to be thinking about Christmas but FOWS have set up a fundraiser with IQ cards this year. Next week your child will bring home their Christmas card design - if you want to place an order then please see the information on the design sheet. Orders are not just limited to Christmas cards - tea towels, coasters, cushions and mugs are also available!

All orders will be delivered back to school ready for you to share with your nearest and dearest. A Parentmail will also be sent on Monday with additional details.

October Half Term Multi-Activity Holiday Club



Kidz Zone October half term Multi-Activity Holiday Club will be taking place at school from Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025. If you would like your child to attend please book a place using the following link www.kidzzoneclub.com.

Bucks Children's Choir
27TH OCT 2025
THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL

OPEN TO ANYONE FROM YEAR 4 TO 8

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE REQUIRED
PERFORMANCE AT THE END OF THE DAY

SIGN UP HERE

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/4976FJC2](https://tinyurl.com/4976FJC2)

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL AYLMUSIC@BUCKSMUSIC.ORG

Diwali Festival of Lights
2025

Sunday 2nd November
Discover Bucks Museum, Church Street, Aylesbury HP20 2QP
12 till 5pm

Fun family event

EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Cultural and Bollywood Dance
- Henna Tattoos
- Craft Activities
- Dhol Drummers
- Street Food & Chai Stalls
- plus much more!

FOR MORE DETAILS VISIT:
holycowcommunityevents.org

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Charity Reg No: 1194665

HOLY COW HOME | Discover Bucks Museum | HOLY COW TEA

photohello | The Anson Charitable Trust | ROTHSCHILD FOUNDATION

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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



Who to Contact

To make it easier for you to get your queries answered quickly we have created this guide. We **always** promote speaking to the class teacher first as they know your child best. If unsure the office will always direct you to the right person to support you.

To discuss...	Who should I speak to?
Reading books, learning, home learning, behaviour, personal wellbeing, friendships, Special Educational Needs queries or any worries	<p style="text-align: center;">Class teacher</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Leave a message via the office 01296 712 296 or email: office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</p>
To further discuss Special Educational Needs, ECHP & additional support for pupils, after speaking to the class teacher	<p style="text-align: center;">SENDCO Miss Webb via 01296 712 296 or email: senco@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</p>
Safeguarding/Child Protection concerns, confidential information	<p style="text-align: center;">The Safeguarding Team</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Dimbleby, Mrs Epps or Miss Allen via the office 01296 712 296 or email: office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</p>
Family support/home difficulties, worries, emotional difficulties, wellbeing/mental health/counselling	<p style="text-align: center;">Miss Webb or Mrs Heal</p> <p style="text-align: center;">via the office 01296 712 296 or email: senco@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</p>
Attendance/lateness, medical concerns, injuries, medicines, diabetes, return to school after an illness	<p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Knapman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">01296 712 296 or email: office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</p>
Lunches, exceptional leave of absence, messages, change of information, trips, school events, appointments with staff, clubs, admissions, PP enquiries	<p style="text-align: center;">The Office Team</p> <p style="text-align: center;">01296 712 296 or email: office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</p>
Rainbows Preschool enquiries and Admissions	<p style="text-align: center;">Mrs Freshwater</p> <p style="text-align: center;">01296 712 296 or email: office@winslow.bucks.sch.uk</p>
TFG Kidzone Breakfast and After School Club enquiries	<p style="text-align: center;">Telephone: 01525 630199</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Email: www.kidzzoneclub.com</p>

If you have contacted the class teacher & still have concerns, please contact the Phase Leader.

EYFS (Nursery & Reception) – Miss Allen

Years 1 & 2 – Miss Allen

Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 – Miss Moseley

If you have already contacted the Phase Leader, then contact Mrs Epps or Miss Allen(Deputy/Assistant Headteachers) – via the school office.

If you have already contacted the Assistant Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher, then contact Mrs Dimbleby – Headteacher – via the school office.

If you have concerns in the first instance you should speak with the class teacher; this is also the case with any SEN concerns.

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
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
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

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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 5th 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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FOWS BREAK THE RULES DAY

RULES TO BE BROKEN:

1. wear school uniform
2. Bring a healthy snack
3. No crazy hairstyles
4. No temporary tattoos
5. No nail varnish
6. No makeup
7. wear school shoes only
8. Fill your water bottle with water only

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

Pay 50p for every rule you would like to break.
Please bring cash into school.

WHEN:

Friday 24th October 2025

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