



Friday 14th November 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,

On Sunday, it was an honour to attend the Remembrance Service in Winslow as we paid our respect to those who have fallen. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Alfred L, Sumana D, Alfie M, Scarlett B, Patrick B, George B, Ben R, Luna S, Molly S, Rex S, Kit S, and Olivia S for taking part in the parade. They were a real credit to the school, and I am immensely proud of them all. All of the children who attended the service - whether wearing school uniform or representing their guiding or scouting groups - showed deep respect and exemplary behaviour throughout. Their conduct was a fitting tribute on such an important occasion.

On Tuesday Year Six led a whole school Remembrance Service. It was a wonderful reminder of the impact of peace and the sacrifices that made it possible. Thank you to all the Year Six staff and pupils and all the parents/carers who attended the service.

This week, our school has been proudly raising awareness of bullying as part of Anti-Bullying Week. The theme has been all about celebrating what makes us unique and understanding how we can all play a part in standing up for kindness.



We began the week with Odd Socks Day, and it was wonderful to see so many children wearing brightly coloured odd socks! The day was a brilliant celebration of our differences and a reminder that each and every one of us is special in our own way.

Throughout the week, classes have continued exploring this theme in their PSHE lessons, learning about the difference between being a bystander and an upstander. The children have had thoughtful discussions about how we can all use our voices and actions to make a positive difference.

One of the highlights of the week has been our 'The Power for Good' Superhero competition. The creativity and imagination shown in the children's superhero designs were truly inspiring - each one featuring unique superpowers and special qualities that promote kindness and courage. It was an incredibly tough decision to choose the winners from so many fantastic entries!

Congratulations to our winners:

KS1 – Paige P

LKS2 – Ila L

UKS2 – Alfred L



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Well done to all of our talented artists who took the time to design their own superheroes. Look out for these entries displayed around the school for everyone to enjoy.

Anti-Bullying Week has been a wonderful reminder that together, we all have the power for good. Thank you, as always, for your continued support – have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher

Pupil Leadership Team

The members of our Pupil Leadership Team are elected each academic year by children in their class in a secret ballot. They have an important role to play in seeking the views and opinions from pupils, putting forward improvement ideas and being a voice for pupils on how they want their school to work. Our Pupil leadership Team this year are:

Year Two	2OW - Harry and Hannah 2AA - Winter and Albert
Year Three	3RE - Rubie and David 3CC - Lewis and Thomas
Year Four	4VK - Ila and Vienna 4VC - Alex and Cedar
Year Five	5RS - Bella and Poppy 5GW - Stanley and Josh
Year Six	6CM - Caleb and Millie 6MP - Storm and Maisie

A few words from the team.....

We are pleased to share that our chosen charity this year is the Florence Nightingale Hospice Charity. Based in the grounds of Stoke Mandeville Hospital in Aylesbury, the charity provides vital care and support for people with life limiting illnesses and their families. They also operate several charity shops in the local area, including in Winslow and Buckingham.

In Collective Worship last week, we shared with the whole school the important areas we will be supporting Mrs Dimbleby and the Senior Leadership Team with this year. We are really looking forward to working together to help make our school the best it can be.

These are our main areas of focus for the year

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- *We plan on producing posters about how to keep safe online and offline and who to speak to in school if you are worried.*
- *We would like to arrange some buddy sessions where older pupils support younger pupils in writing and maths.*
- *We are going to collect suggestions from each class about how to improve how we move about the school.*
- *We hope to organise events to promote the virtues of resilience, courage, curiosity and compassion.*
- *We are going to become “Values Monitors” in our classes. We will have a focus value and each term collect examples of how it’s being lived out and then we will share with the school in Collective Worships focused on each Value.*

Pupil leaders are here to help everyone and that includes how we ensure everyone is included.

We look forward to more about our ideas with everyone over the next half term.

Coffee Meeting for parents of SEND children



Are you a parent or carer of a child with Special Educational Needs?

We would like to invite you to our SEND Coffee morning on **Thursday 20th November** at **9am**. This is an informal space for any parent, including parents of children without

SEND, to network with other parents and families.

A guest speaker from the Mental Health Support Team will be attending and giving a presentation on emotional regulation. We look forward to welcoming you.

Children in Need

Thank you for your support for Children in Need today. This charity supports so many good causes for young people and changes lives across the United Kingdom, for example, supporting children with mental health issues, and children living in poverty.

Please follow the link below to make your donations on our Just Giving Page. Don't forget to tick the Gift Aid option, if you can, so Children in Need can claim an extra 25% from the government.



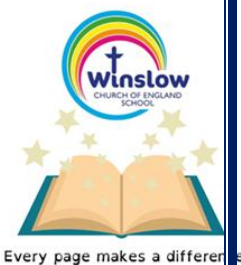
[Winslow Church of England School Winslow is fundraising for BBC Children In Need](#)

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: Teddy L, Jacob B, Lillie F, Ethan R, Seth G, Szymon A, Dexter F, Darcey B, Abigail M, Lizzie C, Bella H and Kitty P.

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: Albie & Joey
Year 1: Chloe & Zara
Year 2: Paige & Jayden
Year 3: Zara & Henry
Year 4: Salem & Elijah
Year 5: Mason & Ella
Year 6: Rueben & Levi



Accelerated Readers

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

3RE
4VK
5GW
6CM



Attendance

Well done to 1AA who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 99.15%. Our average whole-school attendance this week is 95.92%.

All school absence is a serious matter monitored very closely by ourselves and the Local Authority, Buckinghamshire council.

Penalty Notices

Under the new national framework, Fixed Penalty Notices will be considered when a child has missed ten or more sessions (five days) due to unauthorised absence in a period of ten school weeks. In September 2024, Penalty Notices (fines) charged to parents will rise to £80 (if paid within 21 days) or £160 (if paid within between 22 and 28 days). Where a penalty notice is unpaid, legal action would be pursued. Under the new framework, only two penalty notices can be issued to the same parent for the same child within a three-year rolling period. Where a second Penalty Notice is issued to the same parent for the same child, the charge will be £160.

Lateness and Punctuality

An additional reminder that the Department for Education states that when a pupil arrives at school late, after morning registration has closed, pupils must be marked using the absence code U. Therefore, being late to school will impact on your child's overall attendance as a U code counts as one session missed.

PLEASE NOTE: It is not the school issuing penalty notices to parents, and any monies generated from these fines remain within the Local Authority to provide attendance support.

FOWS

The FOWS committee plans for the Christmas Fair on **Friday 5th December @3:30pm** are now well under way. More information will be shared soon but please remember the Mufti Day for the Christmas Tombola will be on Friday 28th November. If you are able to provide help or join the committee, we are still welcoming new attendees.



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
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
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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SATURDAY
15TH NOV

9:30AM - 5PM

SUNDAY
16TH NOV

10AM - 4PM

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