



Friday 21st 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,

As we've all noticed, the weather has become noticeably colder this week. Thank you for your continued support as we move through the seasonal shifts and look ahead to the festive period. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather, including a warm coat and suitable footwear. Wearing layers is especially helpful, as it allows children to stay comfortable during both indoor and outdoor activities throughout the day.

This week, we were delighted to welcome Buckinghamshire's High Sheriff, Pippa Kirkbride, who has recently been sworn into office for the 2025–2026 year. She visited our school to speak to the children about her important role within the county.

Pippa explained that she is one of 55 High Sheriffs in England, appointed by the King to support him in upholding law and order. The children were fascinated to learn about the history of the role, which dates back over a thousand years and originally involved collecting taxes for the monarch.



She also spoke about the many aspects of her work today—supporting charities, meeting community groups, and working closely with the police and magistrates. The children listened with great interest, especially when Pippa described the ceremonial outfit she was wearing. The big white ostrich feathers on her hat and her matching white gloves were particular highlights!

Our pupils had the chance to ask their own questions and discovered some fun facts too—including that her favourite fruit is a pear!

Pippa shared that her term as High Sheriff will conclude in April 2026, when she will take part in a formal closing and handover ceremony. At that time, the new High Sheriff, a lady from Buckingham, will be appointed.

We are very grateful to Pippa for visiting and inspiring our children with such an engaging and memorable talk.

Thank you for your support for our non-uniform day for Children in Need last week. We raised a total of £405.00 for this fantastic cause.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support – have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher

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NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe.

You should have received information via ParentMail this week about the NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme that all children across the school will be participating in next week. This programme aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

Parent/Carer support

Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.

www.nspcc.org.uk/parents

Activities to extend learning at home

Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.

www.nspcc.org.uk/activities

Online Safety Hub

For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.

www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety

Childline – under 12's

Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.

www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7)

www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)

Talk PANTS with your children

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages.

Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

Rainbows Pre-School and Starting School in September 2024

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 you can now apply for a school place at [Buckinghamshire School Admissions](#). If you would like a place for child in Reception in September 2026, you must apply for a place, even if your child is at currently attending Rainbows Pre-school.

The application deadline is 15th January 2026 - please do not miss it.

Christmas Lunch



If you would like your child to have a school Christmas lunch on Thursday 11th December please ensure that you order this before midday on Thursday 4th December. There will be no option for ordering a late lunch on this day. Click [here](#) to order your child's meal with Fresh Start Catering. If you have forgotten your log on details and would like to order a meal, please contact Mrs Freshwater in the school office.

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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.

This week's Readers of the Week are: Patrick P, Thomas B, Tiger S, Freddie G, David B, Denys F, Lily B, Willow H, Ledi M, Matthew S, Taylor L, Gracie G



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: Penny & Jeremy
Year 1: Hudson & Joshua
Year 2: Eleanor & Hannah
Year 3: Skye & Alysia
Year 4: Chloe & Josh
Year 5: Neveah & Maya
Year 6: Grace & Sophia



Accelerated Readers

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

2AA
3CC
4VC
5RS
6MP



Attendance

Well done to 4VK who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 99.33%. Our average whole-school attendance this week is 95.88%.

Reminders about reporting an absence

If your child is too ill to attend school, please contact the school office via Parent Mail, the telephone absence line or the office email address before 9.00am. Please give full details of your child's illness/symptoms. If we do not hear from you, we will call or email you to find out why your child is not in school. If we are unable to make contact and you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

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FOWS



It is the Winslow Christmas fair next Thursday between 5pm and 8pm in the Market Square. FOWS will be selling Christmas crafts, glow sticks, hot chocolate cones and raffle tickets which will be drawn at the School Christmas fair on 5th December. Please do support the FOWS stall - remember all funds raised benefit our children and our school. See the poster at end of newsletter for further information

This week, you will have received a book of raffle tickets for the raffle to be drawn at the School Christmas Fair on 5th December. Each ticket costs £1 and there is a host of prizes to be won. **All money, sold ticket stubs, along with any unsold tickets should be returned to school no later than Monday 1st December** to ensure the tickets are included in the draw.

We are also holding a mufti day next Friday 28th November to collect items for the extremely popular tombola stall at the Christmas Fair. Children are invited to wear their own clothes to school in return for Boxes of chocolates (Reception to Year 2) and wine, drinks or spirits (Years 3-6).



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



Introduction to Parenting Groups

Buckinghamshire Family Hub Service

Are you a professional working with families or parents/carers curious about the support available through our parenting programmes?

Join us for a 1-hour session designed to give a clear and practical overview of our parenting groups. These sessions are perfect for anyone wanting to understand which programme best suits different family needs.

What is included

- A marketplace-style event showcasing our core parenting programmes
- Insight into each programme's aims, structures, and outcomes
- A chance to explore how the groups are delivered, what sessions look like, and how they support families
- Opportunities to speak directly with the lead facilitators of each programme
- Guidance to help professionals and parents match the right support to the right situation



Thursday 20 November 2025
From 1:30pm to 2:30pm
Mapledean Family Centre

Thursday 27 November 2025
From 1:30pm to 2:30pm
Southcourt Family Centre Plus

Proud to be part of
Family Hub Network
Buckinghamshire



Book via Eventbrite



Buckinghamshire
Council



familyhubnetwork@bucks.gov.uk

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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 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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FRIENDS OF WINSLOW SCHOOL
MUFTI DAY
ON FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

ALL CHILDREN WILL BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND SCHOOL IN THEIR OWN CLOTHES AND IN RETURN WE ARE LOOKING FOR THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS TO SUPPORT THE CHRISTMAS FAIR:



**RAINBOWS, RECEPTION, YEARS 1 AND 2 -
SMALL BOXES OF CHOCOLATES**

**YEARS 3, 4, 5 AND 6 -
BOTTLES OF WINE, SOFT DRINKS
AND SPIRITS**



PLEASE BRING ALL DONATIONS OF CHOCOLATE AND BOTTLES INTO SCHOOL ON THE MORNING OF FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

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Thursday 27th November

Winslow Christmas Fair

5pm to 8pm In The Market Square

Lights Switch On at 6pm

Father Christmas with Presents For Under 8's. Ticketed System To Reduce Waiting Times. Sessions starting at 5.15pm, 5.30pm, 6.15pm and 6.30pm. Collect Tickets From The Entertainment Stall (next to Grotto) from 5pm.

Festive Food and Drink, Carousel, Entertainment, and Christmas Shopping

Festive Stalls and Refreshments in the Brownie and Guides Hall

Local Shops Will Be Open

Carols Sing Along in St Laurence Church at 7pm and other activities

Please avoid single use plastic where possible



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