



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 I write this newsletter, the sound of children rehearsing for their performances is echoing through the school and the Christmas tree has been decorated - the magic of Christmas is bringing excitement to both children and adults alike! Our youngest pupils will be the first to share their performances with parents and carers next week, and we look forward to welcoming you all.



This week, the children took part in a special NSPCC assembly designed to help them understand the different ways a child can be hurt by others and, importantly, that it is never their fault. Follow-up sessions in class provided further opportunities for discussion, including identifying trusted adults they can talk to if they ever need help. Next week, volunteers from the NSPCC will run workshops for all children in Years 2, 5, and 6.

Sporting competitions play an important role in helping children develop confidence, teamwork, resilience and a healthy approach to challenge. They offer valuable opportunities for pupils to experience success, learn from setbacks and celebrate the achievements of others. This term, we are proud to have taken part in three inter-school events, giving our children the chance to represent the school, strengthen their sporting skills and enjoy the excitement of friendly competition. We would like to thank Mrs. Burman for organising these opportunities, our parents for their support and help with transport, and - most importantly - the children, who represented our school with such teamwork, enthusiasm and pride.

We are excited to celebrate **Christmas Book Week** next week. Our theme, **A Christmas Book Flood**, is inspired by the Icelandic tradition *Jólabókaflóð*, which honours the joy of giving and enjoying books. Each year group has selected a Christmas-themed text to explore throughout the week as part of their English curriculum.

On **Thursday 4th December**, children and staff are invited to come to school **dressed as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas**, in keeping with the cosy spirit of the Book Flood celebration.

Following this, from **3:30pm to 4:30pm**, we will be hosting a **Christmas Book Café** in the school hall, led by Mrs. White. Parents and carers are warmly invited to join their children to enjoy Christmas stories in an informal, festive setting. Light refreshments will be available. Children will also have the opportunity to choose a 'lucky dip' book for a small donation of 50p, with all proceeds going towards new resources for our school library.

We very much hope you will join us – not only to celebrate the joy of reading at Christmas, but also to mark **Mrs. White's retirement after 25 years of exceptional service** to our school community

Thank you for your continued support - have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Samantha Dumbleby*

**Headteacher**

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## Christmas Cards



Children will be able to bring Christmas cards for each other into school from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December for posting in the school post box. Please ensure that envelopes are clearly addressed with the full name if possible as well as the class and/or year group they are in. The last day of Christmas card posting will be Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

## The Rotary Club - Christmas Shoebox Scheme Christmas 2025

As previously communicated, we are pleased to announce that this Christmas we are supporting the Rotary Club with their Shoebox Scheme. If you would like to fill a shoebox and donate it to this year's scheme, please make sure that these are dropped off to your child's class teacher no later than **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. Flat-pack shoeboxes can be obtained from your child's class teacher or you can use your own shoebox. If using your own box, please make sure that you label it with the category (child / teenage/ older and the gender).

If you are not able to fill a whole shoebox but would still like to donate some items, we would be happy to receive small items which we can place together in a shoebox.

Many thanks in advance for your support and please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

## Rainbows Pre-School and Starting School in September 2026

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - please do not miss it.

## Christmas Lunch



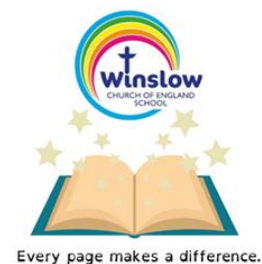
If you would like your child to have a school Christmas lunch on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December please ensure that you order this before midday on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December There will be no option for ordering a late lunch on this day. Click [here](#) to order your child's meal with Fresh Start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

## 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:** Harry R, Elliot M, Milo T, Mya-Rose T, Albie A, Eryn L, Felix E, Elijah C, Georgia W, Jaydon H, Sean P & Chloe D

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: Isla & Sutton  
Year 1: Florence & Isabella  
Year 2: Joselyn & Ayda  
Year 3: Georgie & Lewis  
Year 4: Sofia & William  
Year 5: Ava-Rose & Sebastian  
Year 6: Orion & Lucy



## Accelerated Readers

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

3RE
4VK
5RS
6MP



## Attendance

Well done to 1AA who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.33%. Our average whole-school attendance this week is 93.70%.

At our school, we believe that excellent attendance gives every child the best possible chance to learn, grow and succeed. When children are in school regularly, they build

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stronger friendships, feel more confident in their learning, and enjoy the full range of exciting opportunities we offer each week. We want to thank all our families for the effort you make each day to ensure your children arrive on time and ready to learn—it truly makes a difference.

We will continue to celebrate excellent attendance in school, and we look forward to working together to help every child achieve their very best. Thank you for your partnership in making every school day count!

## FOWS

Thank you for your generous donations of bottles and chocolates for the School Christmas Fair today.

The School Christmas Fair is being held on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 3.15pm - 5.00pm. Along with the usual stalls, the children have been busy making items to sell, so do come along to support FOWS and see if you can spot your child's handiwork. In addition, Santa will be making an appearance! All funds raised provide additional resources for our children. For more information see the poster at the end of this newsletter.



The raffle will be drawn at the School Christmas Fair. Each ticket costs £1 and there is a host of exciting prizes to be won. **All money, sold ticket stubs, along with any unsold tickets should be returned to school no later than Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December** to ensure the tickets are included in the draw.

## 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>	

## 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 playgrou



## 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 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
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December (3:30pm)	Christmas Book Cafe	Whole School
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	FOWS Christmas Fair	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 (2:00pm) and Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December (9:30am)	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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FOWS

CHRISTMAS  
FAIR

GAMES. RAFFLE PRIZE DRAW. TOMBOLA  
REFRESHMENTS. SANTA'S GROTTO  
SECRET GIFTS ROOM. CHOIR PERFORMANCE  
PRELOVED UNIFORM SALE  
EACH CLASS HAS MADE ITEMS TO SELL

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER • 3.15PM - 5PM

AT WINSLOW CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

CASH ONLY PLEASE



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