



Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 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,

The festive season is truly upon us, and our rehearsals and performances are now in full swing. This week, Rainbows, Reception and Key Stage One children delighted us with the most heart-warming nativity productions. Their singing and enthusiasm filled the hall, and I'm sure parents and carers were as proud as we were of their confidence and joy on stage. Thank you for coming along and supporting these special moments.

This time of year is always full of activities that bring happiness and a real sense of community to our pupils, staff and families. We are eagerly anticipating the Key Stage Two performances next week - the children have been working incredibly hard and cannot wait to share what they've achieved.

And of course, we're excited to welcome you all to the FOWS Christmas Fair this afternoon!

This week, we have been enjoying our *Christmas Book Week*, with every class taking inspiration from a festive story to guide their writing. Keep an eye on Class Dojo for wonderful examples of the children's work as they are shared.

We have also been celebrating a very special milestone: 25 incredible years of service from our librarian, *Mrs White*. In honour of Mrs White's dedication to fostering a love of reading, we themed the week around the Icelandic *Jólabókaflóð*, or "Christmas Book Flood" - a tradition that began during the Second World War, when books became cherished Christmas gifts and families spent Christmas Eve reading together.

It was wonderful to see the children and staff dressed as their favourite book characters or in cosy pyjamas for our special *Book Flood Theme Day* on Thursday. As part of our own "book flood," children gathered in their house groups to unwrap and share a story - creating a joyful moment of reading, connection, and excitement.

After school, our Christmas Book Café opened its doors and was warmly attended by both children and adults. A huge thank-you to everyone who joined us and supported the event. It was wonderful to see so many children and adults enjoying books, sharing stories, and celebrating the magic of reading together.

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

*Mrs Samantha Dimbleby*

**Headteacher**





## Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day



On **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** we will be supporting Save the Children with **“Wear a Christmas Jumper Day.”** Pupils should come to school in their usual school uniform but instead of their navy blue sweatshirts, jumpers or cardigans they may wear a

Christmas or brightly coloured jumper. This event will also coincide with our Christmas Lunch day in school. This is a voluntary activity and any donation to the Save the Children Charity, will be greatly appreciated. For this event we have set up a Just Giving page to collect donations for Save the Children. Please click [here](#) to make a donation.

Please note **we will not be collecting cash donations** in school.

## Christmas Cards



Children are able to bring Christmas cards for each other into school 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.

## 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:** Ronan R, Zara G, Promise H, Hannah D, Skye S, Riley B, Ollie B, Vienna S, Callie A, Ethan C, Noah D and Evelyn K

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

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE



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: Kayde & Niall  
Year 1: Harry & Thomas  
Year 2: Albert & Harry  
Year 3: Arlo & Anna  
Year 4: Cedar & Leo  
Year 5: Cameron & Esmee  
Year 6: Lola & Nathan



## Accelerated Readers

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

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| <b>3RE</b> |
| <b>4VK</b> |
| <b>5GW</b> |
| <b>6MP</b> |



## Attendance

Well done to 6CM who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 97.99%. Our average whole-school attendance this week is 95.25%.

## Count down to Christmas - don't miss the Magic!

December is filled with special activities that children love - from rehearsals and celebrations to surprise festive treats. Every day is a new piece of Christmas magic, and we don't want anyone to miss out. Let's make these last days of term full of joy, learning and strong attendance!

## Kidz Zone

If you use Kidz Zone after school sessions please be aware they have changed their policy for late bookings.

From Monday 8 December, the online booking cut-off time for same-day after school sessions will change from 2:00pm to 12:00 noon. Online bookings for after school sessions must now be made by 12:00 noon on the day of the session. Emergency bookings after this time may still be possible, but only by telephone and are subject to availability and staffing ratios. If you require an emergency booking after 12:00 noon, please call Kids Zone on 01525 591036

## 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.

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| <b>Mrs Samantha Dimbleby</b><br>Designated Safeguarding Lead   |  |
| <b>Mrs Katie Epps</b><br>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead   |  |
| <b>Miss Daisy Allen</b><br>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead |  |
| Child Protection Governor<br><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               |
|--|--|--------------------------|
| 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             |
| CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY<br>Children return on Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026                |  |                          |

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*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 GROTTTO  
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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