



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

*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 move into the second week of January, our focus is on helping children settle back into school routines and feel confident, calm, and ready to learn. After the holidays, returning to school routines can take a little time. Consistent bedtimes, morning routines, and preparing school items the night before can make a big difference. A positive conversation about school at home also helps children feel reassured and supported.

The wellbeing of pupils remains a priority for us. Please keep an eye on your child's energy levels and emotions as they adjust back to school. If your child is feeling anxious or tired, let their teacher know so we can work together to support them.

We value the strong partnership between home and school. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. We also encourage families to connect with one another during drop-off and pick-up times to help build our school community.

Our school values guide behaviour, relationships, and learning every day. Throughout the term, teachers will explicitly model and reinforce these values across classrooms and playgrounds:

- **Kindness** – caring for others, including everyone, and using positive language.
- **Forgiveness** – learning from mistakes, resolving conflicts peacefully, and moving forward with a positive mindset.
- **Honesty** – telling the truth, taking responsibility for actions, and building trust.
- **Respect** – listening to others, following school expectations, and caring for people and property.
- **Love to Learn!** – showing curiosity, perseverance, and enthusiasm for learning new things.



Families play an important role in supporting these values at home through everyday conversations, modelling positive behaviour, and celebrating effort.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a positive and successful term ahead!

*Mrs Samantha Dumbleby*

**Headteacher**

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## Reader of the Week



Each week, teachers nominate a child who has shown fantastic effort and progress in their reading — whether through home reading, Accelerated Reader, phonics, or class work. Our *Readers of the Week* will be celebrated in Collective Worship and will also get to take home the Book Buddy Bag.

**This week's Readers of the Week are:** Chloe M, Henry L, Caleb W, Elise P, Zara K, Flynn B, Lena J, Vienna S, Amelia H, Bella C, Bella H and Miya H

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: Felix & Ivy  
Year 1: Zakariya & Forrest  
Year 2: Mackenzie & Ellara  
Year 3: Amari & Thomas  
Year 4: Dexter & Ben  
Year 5: Abigail & Tommy  
Year 6: Hollie & Fearn



## Accelerated Readers

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

<b>3RE</b>
<b>4VK</b>
<b>5RS</b>
<b>6CM</b>



## Attendance

Well done to 4VC who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 99.69%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 96.55%.

## Term Time Holidays

Children should not be taken out of school during term time unless it is unavoidable. Schools are required to consider requests for leave of absence in term time and should only approve the leave if there are exceptional circumstances. Generally, the DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.

If a request for leave is denied, and the pupil is absent for 5 days or more, then the school is expected to refer the case to Buckinghamshire Council. The Local Authority will issue a penalty notice with no requirement for a formal warning to be issued. Penalty notices can also be issued where a pupil is absent for repeated incidents of unauthorised leave in term time that fall below the 5-day threshold. In every case, the request for the Penalty Notice comes from the school to the Local A for the process to be completed.

The full guidance from the Department for Education can be found here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

Please also see our School Attendance Policy by clicking [here](#).

## FOWS

FOWS are pleased to announce that there will be discos this term on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February. More details are given in the poster at the end of the newsletter and were also sent out on a ParentMail earlier this week. Payments can be made in advance using this [link](#) (ensure you add a merchants note giving your child's name and year group) or payment can be made on the door. The children always enjoy the discos so thank you to FOWS and school staff who are helping make this happen.



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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.

<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 playground.



## Diary Dates

Please find below our spring 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 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Florence Nightingale Hospice Assembly	Whole School
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> January (2:00pm)	FOWS Meeting	Whole School
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	KS2 Author Visit	Year Three, Four, Five and Six
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January (9:00am)	Parents of SEND Coffee Meeting	Whole School
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	KS2 Author Visit	Year Three – Year Six
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February (2:30pm)	Year One Phonics Screening Information Session and Stay and Read Year One	Year One
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Year Four Church Visit	Year Four
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming Gala	Key Stage Two
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	SEND Parent Clinic with SENDCo	Whole School
wc Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Children’s Mental Health Week	Whole School
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day	Whole School
Date TBC	Internet Safety Parent Information Evening	Whole School
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February (4:30pm – 5:30pm) (5:45pm - 6:45pm)	<b>FOWS Disco</b> Reception Year 3 and 4 Disco	Reception, Year Three and Four
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Year Five Victorian Day	Year Five
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February (4:30pm – 5:30pm) (5:45pm - 6:45pm)	<b>FOWS Disco</b> Year 1 and Year 2 Year 5 and 6 Disco	Year One, Two, Five and Six
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February (9:00am – 10:00am)	Maths Workshops for Parents	Year One – Year Six
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Interim Reports to Parents	Reception – Year six
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET DAY – school closed to children	Whole School
<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b> (Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February)		
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children return to school	Whole School
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February (5:00pm)	SATS Information Evening for Parents	Year Six
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February (9:00am)	Parents of SEND Coffee Meeting	Whole School
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March(4:30pm – 7:30pm)	Parents’ Evening	Reception – Year Six
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day	Whole School
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	After School Library Session for Children and Parents	Whole School
wc 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week	Whole School
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	FOWS Mother’s Day Gifts Sale	Whole School
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year Five Church Visit	Year Five
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March (9:00-9:30am)	Stay and Read Session	Reception and Year Two
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day – Non-uniform Day	Whole School

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Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability	Year Three
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents of SEND Coffee Meeting	Whole School
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Group Photos	Reception and Year Six
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year Three Church Visit	Year Three
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March– Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Rock UK Residential Trip	Year Four
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term	Whole School
EASTER HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026		

*This Term's Value is:*

***Kindness***

*"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience".*

*Colossians 3:12*

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FRIENDS OF WINSLOW SCHOOL PRESENTS

# Valentine's Day Disco

## 10 FEBRUARY

RECEPTION - 4.30PM - 5.30PM  
YR 3 & 4 - 5.45PM - 6.45PM

## 12 FEBRUARY

YRS 1 & 2 - 4.30PM - 5.30PM  
YRS 5 & 6 - 5.45PM - 6.45PM

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ON THE DOOR  
OR IN ADVANCE

ENTRY - £3.00

GOODY BAGS AVAILABLE FOR  
RECEPTION - YEARS 1 & 2 - £3.00

TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE  
FOR YR 3 ONWARDS