



Friday 30th 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,

It has been another wonderful week of learning across the school, and I am delighted to share just a few highlights with you.

In mathematics, children have been deeply engaged in problem solving, showing real perseverance and creativity as they tackle challenges together. It has been fantastic to see children explaining their thinking, trying different strategies, and learning that making mistakes is an important part of learning. This kind of rich mathematical thinking is exactly what helps build confidence and resilience.



Meanwhile, in Year 2, learning has been just as exciting. The children have been busy taste testing a range of ingredients, using their senses to describe flavours and textures, and sharing their opinions thoughtfully. This hands-on experience has sparked lots of enthusiasm and some excellent discussions in preparation for designing their own healthily balanced wrap in Design Technology.



On Wednesday, eight children from Year 6 attended a *Futsal Competition* at Aylesbury Grammar School. The ten teams attending were split into two groups where they played everyone in their group. Mrs Burman was very proud of the children's great team work and sportsmanship - well done everyone! You represented our school brilliantly, showing all our school values. Thank you to all the parents for transporting the children – events like this are not possible without you!

These examples reflect the wide range of learning experiences we are proud to offer, where children are encouraged to be curious, thoughtful, and enthusiastic learners.

Spring term school clubs start the week beginning **Monday 2nd February** and will finish the week beginning **Monday 16th March**, starting at 3.15pm and finishing at 4.15pm. You will have been notified via ParentMail the club your child has been allocated.

Thank you for all the orders for school photographs that were made last term. Braiswick, the photography company, contributed 50p to Cancer Research UK for every photo order made, contributing £89 from Winslow CE School sales.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another great week ahead. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Samantha Dumbleby

Headteacher

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Chess Club News from Mr McClellan

I am delighted that the majority of the beginners who completed the "Introduction to Chess" course last term have returned this term to be joined by older and more experienced players. The mixture of beginners and more experienced players adds vibrancy to the club, to the benefit of both groups. The combined group has been entered for the U.K. Chess Challenge and will play a series of seven competitive games this term.

Some of the older children in the Chess Club have had several terms of chess tuition, but they should never get bored as they are taught something new every lesson.

I have enough material to last for over 10 years and, indeed, have had children whom I have taught from primary school age until the end of their secondary education.

I am sometimes asked, "How can my child get better at chess?"

Like anything else in life the answer is to practise, practise and practise. The more a child puts into it the more they will get out of it. I expect the children who have been taught chess for several years to become better players than I am!

This is certainly the case for one of my ex-pupils, now in his twenties, whom I invited to play a simultaneous game against all of my current Royal Latin School students. He didn't lose a single game!

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* are celebrated in Collective Worship and also get to take home the Book Buddy Bag.

This week's Readers of the Week are: Chloe A, Tommy G, Joselyn S, Jayden H, Hylah A, Iris R, Bodhi C, Millie B, Toby M, Ella C, Isabella H and Chloe C.

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 & Enya
Year 1: Serafina & Rowan
Year 2: Arthur & Faith
Year 3: Sophia & Henry
Year 4: Finley & Louie
Year 5: Polina & Stanley
Year 6: Shonel & Evie



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Accelerated Readers

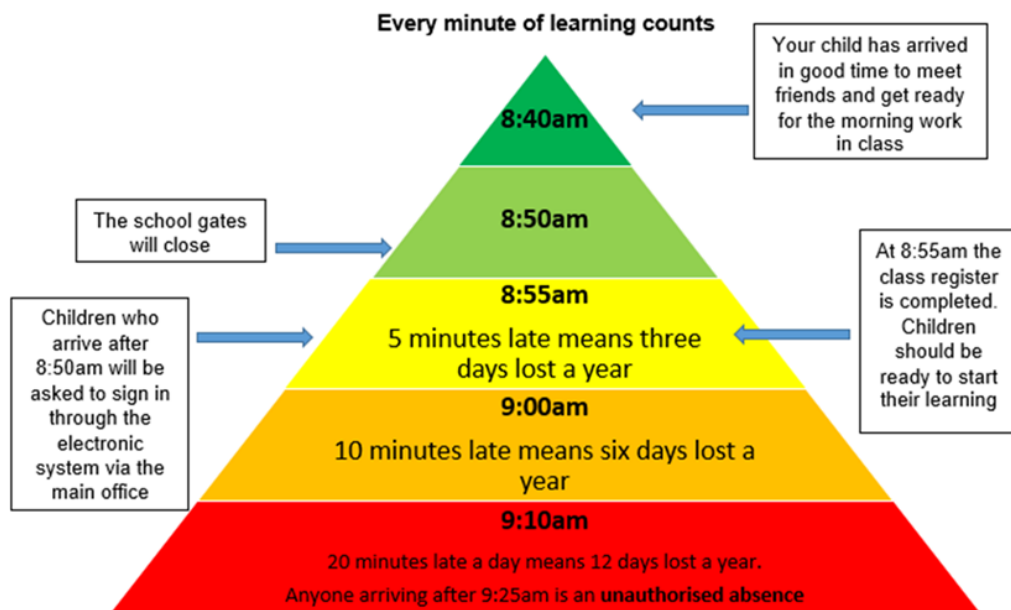
The following classes have been awarded the Reading Bears this week for completing the most Accelerated Reader Quizzes:

3RE
4VK
5RS
6MP



Attendance

Well done to 6CM who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.85%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 94.85%.



FOWS

FOWS are pleased to announce that there will be discos this term on Tuesday 10th February and Thursday 12th 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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Free Parenting Programmes

Our parenting programmes will help you develop new and existing parenting skills, offer advice and build your confidence as a parent.

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LITTLE TALKERS

18 months to 3 years old

- Focuses on children's speech, language and communication skills and how parents can promote them
- Designed by Buckinghamshire Speech and Language Therapy



PARENT PUZZLE

0 to 5 years old

- Understand challenges and how to address them
- How to support your child's growth for calmer parenting



TALKING TEENS

11 to 18 years old

- Focuses on relationships within the family, communication, negotiating, decision-making and strategies to reduce conflict
- Learn more about teenagers and their needs



THE NURTURING PROGRAMME

3 to 11 years old

- Help deal with the challenges that come with parenting
- Think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel



BALANCEABILITY

2.5 to 5 years old

- Accredited learn to cycle programme
- Develops confidence, spatial awareness, dynamic balance, and how to ride without stabilisers



KEEPING YOUR CHILD IN MIND

All ages

- Work together in ways that support growing children and a calmer family life
- Explore the conflict between parents/carers both in a current or previous relationship



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Free Youth and Children's Courses

Our free online and in-person courses help children and young people understand and manage their emotions better, so they can handle life's changes more easily.

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WELLBEING MATTERS

(7-11 YEAR OLDS)

- Helps children develop emotional awareness through using the Five Ways to Wellbeing in a creative way.
- Introduces practical tools to help build emotional resilience.

HOW TO COPE WITH STRESS, ANXIETY AND LOW MOOD

11-19 YEAR OLDS (UP TO 25 WITH SEND)

- Introduces creative strategies to feel better and to deal with setbacks.
- Helps young people plan for a brighter future.



HOW TO BUILD CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM

11-19 YEAR OLDS (UP TO 25 WITH SEND)

- Explore ways to increase confidence and self-esteem.
- How to deal with peer pressure and setbacks.
- Explores how the online world affects self-esteem.

MOVING UP TO SECONDARY SCHOOL FOR YEAR 6'S

- Explores what to expect at secondary school.
- Learn skills to make friends, deal with peer pressure and address any worries about the move.
- Practical tips about getting organised.



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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.

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 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 3 rd February (2:30pm)	Year One Phonics Screening Information Session and Stay and Read Year One	Year One
Thursday 5 th February	Year Four Church Visit	Year Four
Thursday 5 th February	Swimming Gala	Key Stage Two
Thursday 5 th February	SEND Parent Clinic with SENDCo	Whole School
wc Monday 9 th February	Children's Mental Health Week	Whole School
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day	Whole School
Tuesday 10 th February	Year Five visit to Mosque	Year Five
Date TBC	Internet Safety Parent Information Evening	Whole School
Tuesday 10 th February (4:30pm – 5:30pm) (5:45pm - 6:45pm)	FOWS Disco Reception Year 3 and 4 Disco	Reception, Year Three and Four
Wednesday 11 th February	Year Five Victorian Day	Year Five
Thursday 12 th February (4:30pm – 5:30pm) (5:45pm - 6:45pm)	FOWS Disco Year 1 and Year 2 Year 5 and 6 Disco	Year One, Two, Five and Six
Thursday 12 th February (9:00am – 10:00am)	Maths Workshops for Parents	Year One – Year Six
Thursday 12 th February	Interim Reports to Parents	Reception – Year six
Friday 13 th February	INSET DAY – school closed to children	Whole School
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February)		
Monday 23 rd February	Children return to school	Whole School
Tuesday 24 th February (5:00pm)	SATS Information Evening for Parents	Year Six
Tuesday 24 th February (9:00am)	Parents of SEND Coffee Meeting	Whole School
Monday 2 nd March (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 4 th March (4:30pm – 7:30pm)	Parents' Evening	Reception – Year Six
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day	Whole School
Thursday 5 th March	After School Library Session for Children and Parents	Whole School
wc 9 th March	Science Week	Whole School
Friday 13 th March	FOWS Mother's Day Gifts Sale	Whole School
Monday 16 th March	Year Five Church Visit	Year Five
Wednesday 18 th March (9:00-9:30am)	Stay and Read Session	Reception and Year Two
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day – Non-uniform Day	Whole School
Friday 20 th March	Bikeability	Year Three
Monday 23 rd March	Parents of SEND Coffee Meeting	Whole School
Wednesday 25 th March	Group Photos	Reception and Year Six

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Thursday 26 th March	Year Three Church Visit	Year Three
Wednesday 25 th March– Friday 27 th March	Rock UK Residential Trip	Year Four
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term	Whole School
EASTER HOLIDAY Children return on Monday 13 th 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

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