



Friday 6th February 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 busy and enriching week at Winslow CE School, with our children enjoying exciting learning opportunities both in and beyond the classroom. From inspiring visitors to meaningful discussions around wellbeing, alongside continued partnership with our parents and carers, we are proud of the vibrant and supportive school community we share



Last Friday, we were delighted to welcome the author Yassmin Abdel-Magied to our school. Yassmin shared her inspiring life story with the children, including her journey to becoming the first Black Muslim woman to work on an oil rig in Australia, and how she originally dreamed of becoming a mechanic.

The children were completely engaged by Yassmin's energy and enthusiasm, particularly her passion for writing. They enjoyed asking thoughtful questions and learning more about what inspires authors to write. At the end of the visit, pupils also had the exciting opportunity to have copies of her new book, *Silver Brook*, signed.



Wellbeing is at the heart of everything we do at Winslow CE School and positive mental health is promoted and valued. We aim to create an environment where our children feel able to talk openly about their problems with trusted adults, without feeling any stigma. Through our whole-school approach, we are able to support children to manage times of change and stress and to recognise their emotions.

Next week we will be participating in Children's Mental Health Awareness Week. This year's focus is **This is My Place**. The aim is to focus on our sense of belonging as individuals, in our friendships, in school and in our communities and how this plays a vital role in our mental health and wellbeing. We'll be exploring how it is important to know our place and really feel a part of our environment as a basic human need. This can all have a long-lasting impact on both our physical and mental health.



Jetara from the Buckinghamshire NHS Mental Health Support team will be launching the week with a whole school Collective Workshop on Monday 9th February and this will be followed by workshops for pupils from Year 2 to Year 6 across the week. All year groups will be having a daily Stormbreak after lunch and Jetara will be hosting a lunch time 'drop in and chat' session for Year 5 and 6 pupils.

Everyone deserves to feel like they have a place where they are accepted, cared for, and loved.

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We are very keen to work in partnership with parents and carers. This week, we were delighted to welcome parents and carers of children in Year 1 into school for a Phonics Workshop and Stay and Read session. Information from these sessions can be found on the Year One class page on our website [here](#).

We are now looking forward to welcoming parents and carers of children in **Years 1 to 6** to a **Maths Information Session on Thursday 12th February 2026**. The session will begin at **9:00am in the school hall**, where we will share information about how maths is taught at Winslow CE School. Following this, parents and carers will have the opportunity to visit their child's classroom to observe a maths activity in action.

We appreciate that not all parents and carers will be able to attend, and we will talk to the children about this beforehand. If you are unable to join us yourself, please feel free to send a **grandparent or another family member** instead. We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you there.

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

Mrs Samantha Dimpleby

Headteacher

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will take place the week beginning Monday 2nd March. The booking system for appointments is now open and will close on Tuesday 24th February. If you have been unable to book an appointment please speak to your child's class teacher or contact Andrea Freshwater in the school office who will be able to assist you with this.

Safer Internet Day



On Tuesday 10th February, we will be celebrating *Safer Internet Day*. The theme of this year's Internet Safety Day is Smart tech, safe choices – exploring the safe and responsible use of AI. Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology.

Children across the school will complete age-appropriate activities in class to understand the impact of AI on all of our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good and giving advice and guidance that empowers them to use AI safely and responsibly.

You can find useful information for parents on how best to keep children safe online, on websites such as: www.thinkuknow.co.uk; www.netsmartkids.org and www.childnet.com.

By working together we can help make the internet a safer place for everyone.

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Sport updates

Congratulations and a huge well done to the KS2 Swim Team. Alfred, Blake, Rudi, Arbie, Evie, Chloe C, Miya and Esmæ who attended a Swimming Gala at Stoke Mandeville Guttmann on Wednesday this week, competing in 25m backstroke, 25m breaststroke, 25m front crawl, Medley relay and a Freestyle relay. They all swam brilliantly, cheered each other on and had an amazing morning finishing 6th out of 12. Thank you to the parents/carers who transported and supported the children.



Congratulations also to Stan in Year 6 who competed in the Bucks Schools Cross Country Championships at Stowe School this week. He placed first in his category which means he has now qualified for England Schools which takes place in March. Well done Stan – we are so proud of you!

Parking and Safety

If you must travel to school by car, please observe the parking restrictions around the school and do not obstruct the pavement or block neighbours' driveways. If you cannot find a safe place to park nearby, please do not resort dangerous or inconsiderate manoeuvres or parking. Please note that the car park behind the bungalows is for residents only and should not be used by parents or carers at drop off or collection. Thank you for your support with this to keep all members of our community safe at these busy times of the school day.

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: Arlo N, Zion H, Eva M, Zarah A, Seth G, Katie D, Ely S, Lola T, Fletcher D, Royal E, Stan G and Sasha P.

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: Celebi & Cody
Year 1: Kimberley & Khyber
Year 2: Lillie & George
Year 3: Daisy & Zayne
Year 4: Morgan & Scarlett
Year 5: Connie & Josiah
Year 6: Ollie & Miya



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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 97.70%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 94.64%.

Good attendance plays an important role in supporting children's wellbeing and mental health. Being in school regularly helps children feel secure, build strong friendships and maintain positive routines, all of which support emotional resilience. We continue to encourage open conversations about mental health and to work closely with families to ensure every child feels happy, supported and ready to learn each day

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.



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
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
Monday 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
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		

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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