



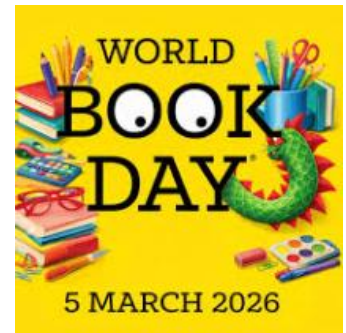
Friday 27th February 2026

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,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable half-term break. As we begin the second half of the spring term, we are looking forward to an exciting and productive few weeks ahead.

This year's theme for World Book Day next week is "**Read for Fun**", and we will be celebrating reading as something joyful, imaginative and accessible to everyone. We have already received many fantastic photographs of children reading in unusual, surprising or creative places for our World Book Day Competition. We are very much looking forward to sharing and celebrating these with the whole school next week.



On **World Book Day, Thursday 5th March**, children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. Alternatively, they may come to school in their pyjamas, ready to enjoy a cosy day of reading and relaxing with a good book. Throughout the day, the children will take part in a range of exciting reading activities designed to celebrate books and further nurture their love of reading - we can't wait to celebrate together!



On Friday before half term, FOWS worked in partnership with the school to organise and fund a fantastic project to transform our woodland area.

Until now, we had only been able to use around one eighth of the woodland, as much of it was unsafe due to brambles, low branches, and dead or unstable trees. We were incredibly fortunate that one of our grandparents, a retired tree surgeon, generously offered his expertise to help create a plan to restore the woodland and make it safe, welcoming and ready for the children to enjoy this spring.

FOWS successfully secured a grant from Winslow Town Council which, together with funds raised at recent FOWS events, enabled Clayton Brothers Tree Surgery to carry out essential work. Dead trees were carefully removed and the wood was chipped to cover the woodland paths and play areas, creating a safer and more accessible environment. Larger sections of timber have been thoughtfully set aside to be used as natural seating within the woodland.

We were also delighted to welcome 13 volunteers from KPMG who joined grandparents, parents and members of the FOWS committee for a wonderfully productive day. Together, they spread woodchip, cleared pathways, cut back brambles, removed rubbish and helped transform the space into a safe and exciting outdoor learning environment for our children.

We are extremely grateful to everyone who contributed their time, expertise and funding to this project. Thanks to this collective effort, our woodland is once again a space where children can explore, learn and enjoy the outdoors.

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We are now looking ahead to the next stage of development, including a further delivery of woodchip and the installation of a special storytelling chair to enrich the space even more. If you feel able to support in any way, we would love to hear from you.

You should all have received a Parent Mail informing you of the Term Dates for the academic year 2026/27 which have now been approved by Governors. This is also available on our school website by clicking the link [here](#). Additional events for this half term have also been added to the calendar of events at the end of this week's newsletter.



As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your ongoing support – we truly appreciate your support and partnership in your child's education. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Samantha Dumbleby

Headteacher

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evenings will take place on **Monday 2nd March** and **Wednesday 4th March** and teachers are looking forward to discussing your child's progress and attainment with you. 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.

Unsafe Parking

Unfortunately, I have been contacted by local residents regarding parking at pick up and drop off times where cars are obstructing driveways and preventing people from accessing their property on Cricketers Row.

I regularly ask that if you drive to school please be considerate of our neighbours by keeping driveways and junctions clear. These simple actions will not only help to give drivers maximum visibility, keep residents happy but, more importantly, keep our children safe and visible when walking to and from school. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

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: Albert P, Khyber C, Lowen C, Ellara M, Skye S, Henry F, Jacob F, Aizah H, Polina O, Jaydon H, Storm C & Ajlajsa M.

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

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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: Jack & Orla

Year 1: Rohan & Michael

Year 2: Mia & Rufus

Year 3: Kiera & Flynn

Year 4: Lena & Willow

Year 5: Frankie & Esmae

Year 6: Chloe & Evelyn



Accelerated Readers

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

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4VK
5GW
6CM



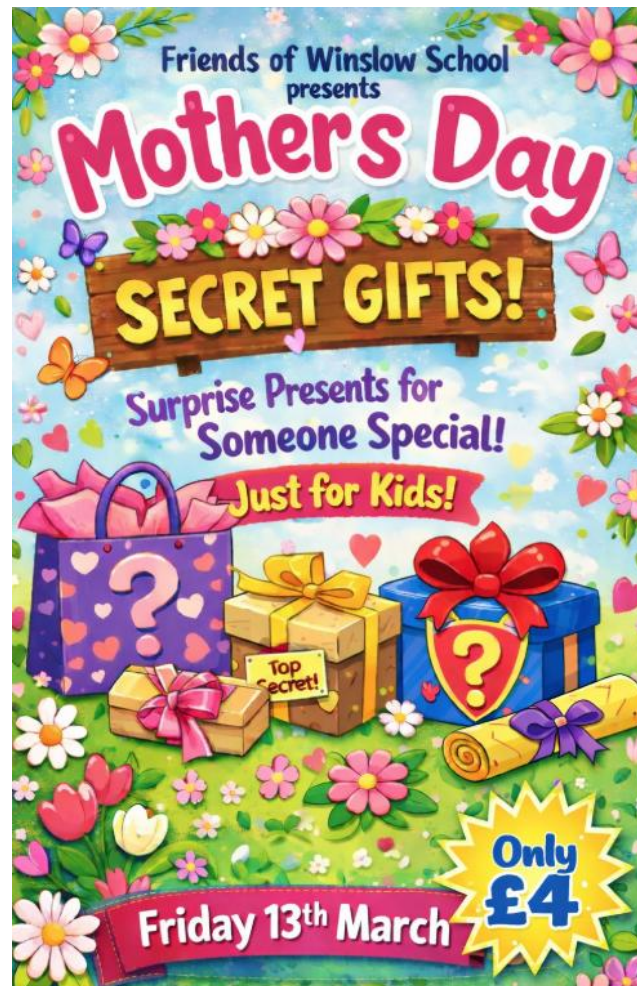
Attendance

Well done to 6MP who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 99.03%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 95.96%.

Thank you for your continued efforts in ensuring good attendance. Every school day is important, and we appreciate your support in making sure children arrive on time and ready to learn. We are currently in the process of analysing attendance data for the first half of the spring term. If over the spring term your child's attendance has fallen to a level of concern, a letter will be sent next week to inform make you aware of this. This is in line with our Attendance Policy and Statutory responsibilities.

FOWS – Someone Special Gift Sale

FOWS are pleased to announce that the Mother's Day gift sale is back! Children are able to select a secret gift on Friday 13th March for someone special on Mother's Day. Payment can be made in advance no later than Monday 9th March using this [link](#). Cash payments will be accepted on the day but gifts will be subject to availability.



FOWS are also part of the Buckinghamshire Lottery. This is an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in the area of Buckinghamshire. By playing this lottery, you will give our fundraising a boost.

Tickets for the lottery cost just £1 a week. Each ticket has a **1 in 50** chance to win a prize each week, with a top prize of £25,000! There's a better chance of winning the jackpot than the National Lottery or the Health Lottery.

Each ticket has six numbers and each number is between 0 and 9. There will be a draw every Saturday night when a six digit winning combination will be picked. Prizes will be given to players with tickets that match the first or last 2 to 6 numbers from the winning combination. Match all six and you win the jackpot! For more information see the following link:

<https://www.buckinghamshirelottery.co.uk/home/howitworks>

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 2 nd March (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 4 th March(4:30pm – 7:30pm)	Parents’ Evening	Reception – Year Six
Wednesday 4 th March	Reception Classes Visit to Winslow Library	Reception
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	KS2 Choir Echoes Rehearsal	Year Four, Five and Six Choir
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		

This Term’s Value is:

Kindness

“Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience”.

Colossians 3:12

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