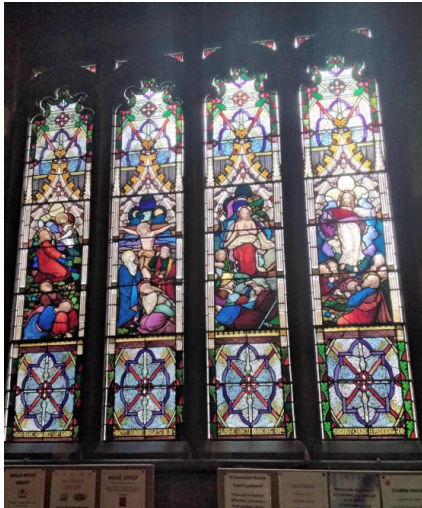




Friday 20th March 2026

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,



This week, our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a special visit to our local church, further strengthening the close links we are proud to share. The visit provided a valuable opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding of faith, explore the church environment, and reflect on the role it plays within our community.

These experiences are an important part of our distinctive Christian ethos, helping to bring learning to life and encouraging pupils to consider values such as respect, compassion, and service. We are grateful to St Laurence Church for their warm welcome and continued support in enriching the spiritual life of our school.

We look forward to building on these strong connections in the future and providing more opportunities for our children to engage with and learn from the wider faith community.

Next week, we are delighted to be welcoming our local MP, Callum Anderson, to the school. This visit provides a valuable opportunity for our Head Boy, Head Girl, and members of the Pupil Leadership Team to engage in meaningful discussion, ask thoughtful questions, and share their perspectives on issues that matter to them.

Our pupils are very much looking forward to showcasing what makes them proud of our school, as well as demonstrating the confidence, responsibility, and leadership skills they have developed. Opportunities such as this play an important role in helping children understand their role within the wider community and encouraging them to become active, informed citizens. We look forward to sharing more about the visit next week.

Thank you to everybody who has supported Red Nose Day today. The link is still open so if you haven't donated and would still like to, please follow the link [Red Nose Day Donations](#)

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

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher

Chess News from Mr McClellan

The School Stage of the U.K. Chess Challenge will shortly be completed and is always popular amongst children who enjoy competing against their school friends. It is a fun and friendly introduction to competitive chess.

The Chess Challenge is a four stage competition and each stage gets progressively harder. Entry is now open for the second stage, the Megafinal, which is open to all players and is held

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regionally. Trophies, medals and certificates are awarded to participants and the best players will qualify for Stage 3, the Gigafinal.

Chess club members will be given a leaflet which provides details about how to enter for the Megafinal. It is on a first come first served basis, so early entry is advisable.

Parents are responsible for transport to and from the Megafinal and for supervising their child while the event takes place. Refreshments maybe available, plus a wide range of chess related literature to browse or purchase aimed at the aspiring young chess player. Take something with you to read while your son or daughter battles it out with an opponent of the same age and comparable strength over the course of six games!

My advice would be to have a go if your son or daughter is serious about wanting to improve their chess, as the Megafinal will provide them with the opportunity to compete against stronger and more experienced players, the best way to learn. Even if they lose more games than anticipated, the day's experience will have been of benefit.

Finally, whether entering for the Megafinal or not, I hope that your child has enjoyed playing chess under my guidance and that their level of skill and power of concentration has improved. Further details about Chess Club in the summer term will be shared shortly.

Reader of the Week



Every page makes a difference.

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:

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:
Year 1:
Year 2:
Year 3:
Year 4:
Year 5:
Year 6:



Accelerated Readers

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



Attendance

Well done to 2AA who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 97.92%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 94.64%.

Top Tips to Help Improve Attendance

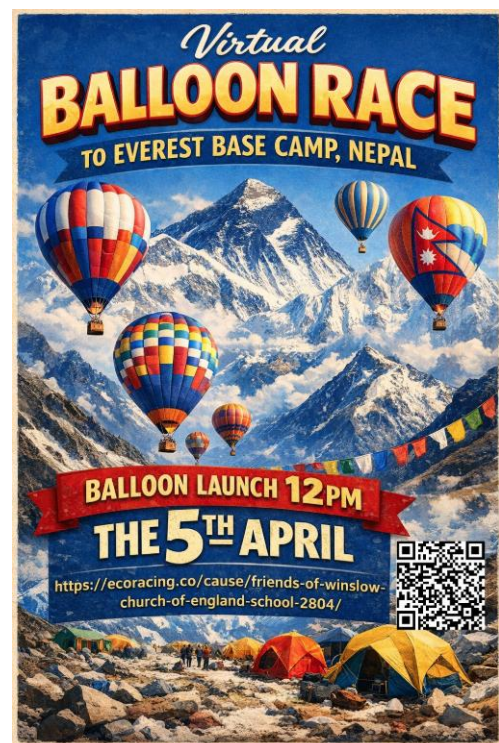
- Talk to your child regularly about school and how they feel about it.
- Phone the school as soon as possible to tell the school why your child is absent and when you expect them to return.
 - Only allow days at home for genuine illness.
- Having a regular bedtime and morning routine can help you to arrive at school on time.

FOWS



FOWS have joined a virtual balloon race to Everest. To be in with a chance of winning £100, use this [link](#) or use the QR code in the poster. Balloons are launched on 5th April. Decorate your own balloon, watch it soar and see how

high it can go!



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Library

We recently trialled our library system to send email reminders to parents when books are overdue. There were a few glitches which we have hopefully sorted so automated reminders will start again after the Easter Break. If you think that the reminders are being sent to an incorrect email address please email our librarian, Mrs Strong, at library@winslow.bucks.sch.uk

We do appreciate there are instances when your child misses their library session. In this situation please return the book at the earliest opportunity. Many thanks for your help.

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 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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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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