



Friday 24th April 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 school came together to celebrate Earth Day with a range of engaging and thought-provoking activities. A key focus was the book *I Love You, Blue* by Barroux, which inspired important discussions about caring for our planet and protecting our oceans. The children took part in an oracy task centred around plastic pollution, linked to the topics of climate change and sustainable living. Through a range of activities, including lively balloon debates that successfully engaged all children, they have explored the importance of caring for our planet and recognising how small, individual actions can collectively make a significant difference.

It has been wonderful to see such an enthusiastic response to our whole-school poster competition, challenging the children to answer the question: *"If you had the power to help the planet, what would you do?"* The creativity and thoughtfulness shown in the entries made judging no easy task for our Eco Warriors, who carefully reviewed each design before selecting four overall winners. Congratulations to all who took part, and especially to the following pupils who were chosen as overall winners in each key stage:

EYFS - Celebi C
KS1 – Joselyn S
LKS2 - Henry S
UKS2 - Gracie G



On Tuesday afternoon, our dedicated Eco Warriors also carried out a litter pick around the school grounds. Their efforts were remarkable - they filled an entire bin in just 20 minutes - highlighting both their commitment and the real impact of their actions.

Well done to everyone involved for contributing so positively to this important week and thank you to Miss Kelner, Mrs Rodriguez and Miss Aldridge for organising the activities.

Over the last couple of weeks, all children in upper key stage two have taken part in an interactive workshop about knife crime, designed to help them understand the risks and responsibilities around this critical issue. During the workshop the children explored:

- The risks of carrying a knife or a bladed article
- Common misconceptions about knives
- Reasons why some individuals may feel pressured to carry one
- The serious consequences of carrying a knife even if it's a replica.

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- The impact of peer pressure and how to keep themselves safe in challenging situations
- Sources of support for young people and how to make safe and informed choices.

Recent statistics highlight the seriousness of knife crime:

- **49,600 offences** involving a sharp instrument were recorded in England and Wales (year ending March 2025)
- **262 homicides** involved a sharp instrument—**46% of all 570 homicides** (year ending March 2024)
- **3,500 hospital admissions** were recorded in England due to assaults with a sharp object (2024/25)

The children found the session both informative and thought-provoking. Many shared that they now feel more confident in their understanding of the law and in making safe decisions.

In sporting news, the Year Four and Five Football Club team played their first game against North Marston School this week, demonstrating excellent sportsmanship and teamwork throughout. We would like to take this opportunity to thank two of our parents, Mr Bowles and Mr Charles, for their invaluable support in coaching and refereeing the game.

We are also delighted to celebrate Halle Brown's achievements in gymnastics. Halle is now the South Regional Champion for Tumbling age group 9-10, achieving a Gold Medal on Sunday. Halle will now compete at the English Championships, at Lilleshall National Sports Centre at the end of May. Congratulations Halle – we are very proud of you!

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

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher

Staffing updates

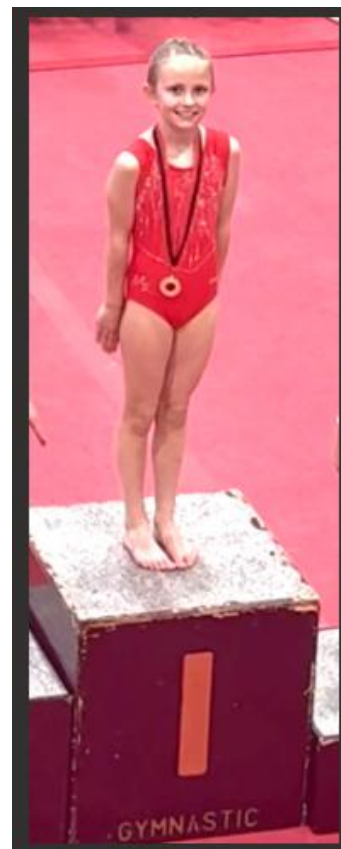
As the summer term gallops ahead, I would like to share that two of our teachers will be leaving at the end of the academic year. Miss Aldridge is preparing for some exciting travel adventures, while Mr Thompson will be embracing full-time fatherhood following the safe arrival of his new baby later this year. Both will be greatly missed by our whole school community, and we send them our very best wishes for everything to come. We are currently in the process of recruiting and will communicate soon with a further update.

Library Volunteers

Do you have some spare time during the school day?

Would you like to volunteer in our school library?

We have a vacancy for someone to join our amazing volunteer team in the library to help out one morning or afternoon per week. If you are interested, please contact our librarian, Mrs Strong, for more details at library@winslow.bucks.sch.uk



Free Child Car Seat Checks June 2026

FREE car seat checks at Broadfields Retail Park near Smyths Toys, Aylesbury, on Tuesday, 2nd June and at Asda Superstore, Cressex High Wycombe, on Wednesday, the 3rd June.

Using the correct seat for a child's age, height and weight can be the difference between a life-changing injury and walking away unharmed - even on short journeys. Research shows that when used correctly, child car seats can reduce the risk of serious injury or death by around 70% in the event of a collision.

In the UK, over 500 children aged seven and under are killed or seriously injured on roads each year, and road traffic collisions remain one of the leading causes of serious injury for children.

The Law – What Drivers Must Do

Highway Code Rule 100

The driver **MUST** ensure that all children under 14 years old use a seat belt or an approved child restraint, where required.

Children under 1.35 metres (approx. 4ft 5in) must use a baby seat, child seat, booster seat or booster cushion suitable for their height and weight, and fitted according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Highway Rule 101

A rear-facing baby seat **MUST NOT** be used in a seat protected by an active front airbag, as this can cause serious injury or death in a crash.

(Laws: Road Traffic Act 1988, sections 14 & 15 and associated vehicle safety regulations)

Good Practice When Carrying Children (Rule 102)

Drivers should also make sure that:

- Children enter and exit the vehicle from the door nearest the kerb
- Child restraints are correctly fitted and adjusted
- Children do not sit in the luggage area of estate cars or hatchbacks unless a specially designed child seat is fitted
- Child safety locks are used, where available
- Children are kept under control throughout the journey

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: Belle & Emily
Year 1: Hudson & Molly
Year 2: Promise & Elise
Year 3: Albie & Denys
Year 4: Caleb & Rex
Year 5: Kainat & Jayden
Year 6: Noah & Poppy



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Child Car Seat Check Event

**Tuesday
2 June 2026
10am - 3pm**

Smyths,
Broadfields
Retail Park,
Bicester Road,
Aylesbury HP19 8BU

Pop along for **FREE** advice
and an independent check!



Child Seat Safety Ltd

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: Jake E, Rowan P, Winter I, Jayden H, Jake M, Anna M, Felix E, Indigo R, Henry R, Ethan M, Isabella H and Casper S

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

Attendance

Well done to 3RE who had the best whole class average attendance this week with 98.86%. Our average whole school attendance this week is 95.54%.

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](#).

Accelerated Readers

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

3RE
4VC
5GW
6CM



Parent Coffee Meeting – Tuesday 9th May @9:00am



On Tuesday 28th April at 9am, Miss Webb will be holding an interactive workshop focusing on managing extreme emotions for our next SEND and behaviour coffee morning. We will explore what causes our children to feel such big feelings and strategies we can try to implement to support them through! Plus, we will have time afterwards for a cake and tea/coffee with a chance to talk to other likeminded people.

If you would love to join - please sign up on the form [here](#). We look forward to seeing you there!

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 summer 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 27 th April	KS2 Choir Trip to Royal Albert Hall - Echoes	KS2 Choir
Tuesday 28 th April (9:00am)	Coffee Meeting for parents – Managing Extreme Emotions	Whole School
Wednesday 29 th April	Y4 Collective Worship with parents– St Laurence Church	Year Four
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed	Whole School
Tuesday 5 th May	Visiting Author – KS2	Year Three, Four, Five and Six
Wednesday 6 th May	Quad Kids Sports Festival at Waddesdon School	Year Five and Year Six
wc Monday 11 th May	KS2 SATS Week	Year Six
Tuesday 12 th May	11+ Meeting for Year 5 Parents	Year Five
Monday 18 th May (3:30 – 4:30pm)	Y5 Relationships and Sex Education Meeting	Year Five
wc Monday 18 th May	Walk to School Week	Whole School
Wednesday 20 th May	EYFS & KS1 Country Dancing	Rainbows, Reception, Year One, Year Two
Friday 22 nd May	Royal Latin Science Festival	Year Five
Friday 22 nd May	Break the Rules Day	Whole School
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May)		
Monday 1 st June	INSET Day	Whole School
Tuesday 2 nd June	Children Return to school	Whole School
Tuesday 2 nd June (9:00am)	Coffee Meeting for parents – Transitions and Moving On	Whole School
wc Monday 1 st June – Friday 12 th June	Y4 Multiplication Checks	Year Four
Thursday 4 th June	SEND Clinic	Whole School
Thursday 4 th June	Knife Crime Workshop	Year Six
Tuesday 9 th June	Visiting Author - Reception and KS1	Reception, Year One and Year Two
Wednesday 10 th June	Times tables Rock Stars Day in KS2	Year Three, Four, Five and Six
Wednesday 10 th June	Rounders Festival at Waddesdon School	Year Five and Year Six
w/c Monday 8 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check	Year One
Tuesday 9 th June (9:00am)	Maths Information Session for Parents	Whole School
Thursday 11 th June	Knife Crime Workshop	Year Five
Thursday 11 th June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford	Year Six
Friday 12 th June	Whole School Collective Worship at St Laurence Church	Whole School

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wc Monday 15 th June	Refugee Week	Whole School
Thursday 18 th June	Reception Trip to Hogshaw Farm	Reception
Friday 19 th June	Year 2 Trip to Waddesdon Manor	Year Two
Friday 19 th June	FOWS – Father’s Day Sale	Whole school
Thursday 25 th June	EYFS and KS1 Church Worship with parents – St Laurence Church	Reception, Year One and Year Two
Thursday 25 th June	Winslow Pupil Talent Show	Whole School
Friday 26 th June	FOWS Mufti-Day	Whole School
Friday 26 th June (3:30pm – 5:30pm)	FOWS Summer Fayre	Whole School
Monday 29 th June	Water Safety Assembly	Whole School
Tuesday 30 th June	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day (am)	Rainbows, Reception, Year One and Year Two
Wednesday 1 st July	KS2 Sports Day – Y3 & Y4 (am), Y5 & Y6 (pm)	Year Three, Year Four, Year Five and Year Six
Friday 3 rd July	Pupil Fundraising Day	Whole School
Tuesday 7 th July	Whole School Transition Day	Whole School
Tuesday 7 th July (3:30pm)	Transition meeting for parents of children moving into Years 1, 3 and 5	Reception, Year Two and Year Four
Wednesday 8 th July (3:30pm)	Transition meeting for parents of children moving into Years 2, 4 and 6	Year One, Year Three and Year Five
Tuesday 7 th and Wednesday 8 th July	Y6 Buckinghamshire Transition Days	Year Six
Date TBC	Bridgebuilder – It’s Your Move Y6	Year Six
Thursday 9 th July	Year Six Transition Games at Cottesloe School	Year Six
Friday 10 th July	End of year Reports to Parents	Whole School
Monday 13 th July	Y6 Production (Afternoon performance)	Year Six
Tuesday 14 th July	Y6 Production (Evening performance)	Year Six
Thursday 16 th July (9:00am)	Coffee Meeting for parents of SEND Children	Whole School
Monday 20 th July (Time TBC)	Y6 Leaver’s Service at St Laurence Church	Year Six
Wednesday 22 nd July	Last Day of Term	Whole School
SUMMER HOLIDAY Children return on Thursday 3 rd September 2026		

This Term’s Value is:

Love to learn

“Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance”

Proverbs 1:5

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