



Friday 17th July 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,

As another busy and successful school year ends, it is a wonderful opportunity to look back on everything we have achieved together. We are incredibly proud of all our children for the progress they have made in their learning and for the enthusiasm they have shown in the many clubs, events, and activities that have taken place throughout the year.

A huge thank you also goes to our dedicated staff, whose hard work, care, and commitment have helped make this year such a positive one. Our pupils have approached each day with enthusiasm, resilience, and a willingness to embrace new challenges, making the most of every opportunity available to them. Their achievements, together with the support of our staff and families, have made this a rewarding and memorable year for our whole school community.

This week marked a very special occasion as our Year Six pupils took to the stage to perform *Grossbusters*. It was a joy to welcome families into school to share in such a memorable event. The children's energy, confidence, and enthusiasm were evident from beginning to end, and they impressed everyone with their wonderful singing, acting, and dancing. Their performance was a fitting celebration of all they have achieved during their time at Winslow CE School.

As we prepare to say goodbye to our Year Six pupils, we do so with great pride and a touch of sadness. They have been fantastic role models, contributing so much to school life and creating many happy memories along the way. Watching them grow in confidence, develop new skills, and support one another has been a privilege. We wish each of them every happiness and success as they begin the next stage of their education. We hope they leave Winslow with happy memories, lasting friendships, and the confidence to believe in themselves. We look forward to hearing about all they achieve in the years ahead!

Next week, we will also be saying farewell to some of our teachers and support staff as they move on to new and exciting opportunities. We thank them sincerely for their hard work, dedication, and the positive impact they've had on the children at Winslow CE School. They will be greatly missed, and we wish them every success in their future endeavours.

As we look ahead to the new school year, I would like to take a moment to thank all of our families for the continued support, encouragement, and partnership you provide throughout the year. Your involvement and commitment play such an important role in helping our children thrive, and we are truly grateful for the strong sense of community that makes Winslow such a special place.

On behalf of the entire staff team, I wish you all a wonderful summer break filled with happiness, rest, and special moments with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning, growth, and opportunities together.

Mrs Samantha Dimbleby

Headteacher

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Learning Snapshot

Rainbows

This term in Rainbows, the children have made the most of the wonderful sunshine, spending lots of time learning and playing outdoors. The children have loved exploring the woods, building dens, and developing their teamwork and physical skills through a variety of ball games. The warm weather gave us plenty of opportunities for exciting water play, from running through the sprinkler to exploring a range of sensory water trays. These activities encouraged curiosity, creativity, and lots of laughter!

The children also enjoyed joining the rest of the school for Country Dancing, Art Week, and Sports Day, where they took part enthusiastically and showed determination and excitement. Alongside these special events, the children have been learning about the importance of good oral hygiene and how to stay safe around water.



As part of our early phonics journey, the children have had great fun singing nursery rhymes, clapping words into syllables, and exploring words that rhyme, helping to build strong foundations for their future reading and writing.

Our budding gardeners were especially proud to harvest potatoes from the Rainbows Garden, which they then cooked and enjoyed together at snack time. They also enjoyed delicious strawberries and raspberries, and the children were delighted to taste the fruit they had helped to grow.

As we come to the end of another wonderful year, we would like to say how incredibly proud we are of all our Rainbows children. They have grown in confidence, independence, and kindness, and it has been a joy to watch them learn and flourish.

Most of our Rainbows children will be moving on to Reception in September. We wish them and their families every happiness and success as they begin this exciting new chapter. We know they will embrace all the opportunities that lie ahead, and we look forward to hearing about all the amazing things they achieve. Good luck, Rainbows—you will all be missed!

Reception



This term, Reception have been exploring the overarching theme of 'We're not scared!'. As part of this learning, the children have explored different groups of animals including farm animals, sea animals and safari animals. They have compared the animals by what they look like, where they live and what they eat. As a year group, a visit to Hogshaw Farm supported this learning as a wonderful curriculum enrichment opportunity. During the trip, Farmer Phil let the children feed goats and stroke a guinea pig alongside visiting all the different animals on the farm. This then provided a wonderful writing opportunity on the return to school

when the children drew a picture and wrote a sentence about their favourite part of the trip!

Alongside this, the children have been exploring the theme 'People Who Help Us'. As part of their learning, we were delighted to welcome several special visitors, including our school librarian, Mrs Strong, a dentist, and firefighters, who even brought their fire engine!

The children enjoyed finding out about the important roles these people play and how they help us in our local community and beyond. The highlight for many was undoubtedly the firefighters' visit. The children had the exciting opportunity to use some of the firefighters' equipment, spray the fire hose, and try on protective firefighting clothing. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that everyone thoroughly enjoyed and will remember for a long time.



Year One

As we come to the end of a fantastic year in Year One, we are incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved. They have worked hard, shown a wonderful attitude to learning, and made excellent progress across the curriculum. It has been a pleasure to watch their confidence, independence and resilience grow throughout the year.



During English lessons, the children enjoyed reading *The Great Explorer*, using exciting adjectives and conjunctions to write engaging sentences before creating clear instructions on how to build the perfect sandcastle. In Maths, they developed their understanding of place value to 100, time and money, and thoroughly enjoyed putting their money skills into practice during our Pupil Fundraising Day.

Our History learning focused on the incredible achievements of Tenzing Norgay and Ernest Shackleton, while in Science the children explored plants and seasonal changes, focusing on the signs of summer. They also loved learning through our continuous provision, where they explored, investigated and applied their learning in creative and meaningful ways. Sports Day was another memorable highlight of a busy term.

It has been a wonderful year, and every child should be incredibly proud of how much they have achieved. They are leaving Year One as confident learners, ready for the exciting challenges of Year 2. We wish all our families a happy and restful summer break.



Year Two

It has been a busy and exciting final term for our Year Two children, filled with creativity, discovery, and hands-on learning.

The children enjoyed comparing Tulum in Mexico with Winslow, identifying the similarities and differences between the two locations. A field trip around Winslow gave them the opportunity to observe and record its human and physical features first-hand.



Our RE learning focused on the big question, '*What are the best reasons to follow a leader?*' We were delighted to welcome Reverend Steve and Mrs Dimbleby for a Big Questions session, as well as Mrs Lou from Milton Keynes Synagogue, who introduced the children to Shabbat, Hebrew writing, and the Torah.

During Design and Technology, the children developed their sewing skills by creating their own fabric pouches, showing great perseverance and pride in their finished work.

English lessons were inspired by *There's a Rang-tan in My Bedroom* and *The Dragon Machine*. These texts encouraged the children to write persuasive letters, character and setting descriptions, and to design and describe their own imaginative dragon machines.

The children also developed their scientific enquiry skills by investigating what plants need to grow, making predictions, carrying out fair tests, and recording their findings. Their creativity shone in Art, where they explored architecture before designing and constructing their own imaginative buildings using recycled materials.



It has been wonderful to see the children approach every challenge with enthusiasm and curiosity this term. They have worked incredibly hard, and we are so proud of everything they have achieved. We wish them all a happy, restful summer and look forward to seeing them continue to flourish in Year Three.

Year Three

Year Three have had a fantastic end to what has been a very successful and enjoyable year, demonstrating enthusiasm, resilience and a real love of learning across the curriculum.

One of the highlights of the year was taking part in 25 weeks of recorder lessons delivered by Buckinghamshire Music Trust, MK Music and Paul Harris. The programme culminated in a wonderful concert at The Stables Theatre, where the children performed alongside pupils from five other local schools. They confidently showcased the skills they had developed throughout the programme and thoroughly enjoyed listening to a professional recorder player perform. The concert ended with all the schools joining together to play *Infinite Ceremonial Canon*—a truly memorable experience and an incredible performance to be part of.

During our Art focus days, the children created beautiful seascapes using fabric, paint and thread. They demonstrated impressive sewing skills, creativity and attention to detail, and their individual pieces were combined to create a stunning collaborative tapestry.



Building on these skills in Design and Technology, the children designed and made their own cushions in a variety of shapes and styles. They carefully applied

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appliqué and reverse appliqué techniques, showing patience, perseverance, and pride in their finished products.

Throughout the year, Year Three have embraced every opportunity to learn, whether developing their reading and writing, investigating new ideas in science, solving mathematical challenges or exploring history and geography. They have grown in confidence, independence and resilience, and should all be incredibly proud of their achievements.

We are extremely proud of everything the children have accomplished this year and wish them a happy, restful summer. We look forward to seeing them continue to thrive as they begin the next stage of their learning journey in Year Four.

Year Four

Year Four have had a fantastic summer term, packed with exciting learning, creativity and memorable experiences.

One of the biggest achievements this term was completing the Multiplication Tables Check. The children approached the challenge with determination and resilience, and we were incredibly proud of the confidence and perseverance they showed.

In English, the children developed their writing skills by creating thoughtful memoirs before celebrating Poetry Week, where they explored a range of poetic forms, including haiku, cinquain and tanka poems. Our class novel, *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold, sparked thoughtful discussions and encouraged the children to reflect on important themes such as friendship, courage and caring for the environment.

Learning has been just as exciting across the wider curriculum. In Science, the children became investigators as they carried out practical experiments to explore tooth decay and learnt about the importance of good dental hygiene. Meanwhile, History lessons transported the children back in time as they re-enacted a Viking battle, helping them to develop a deeper understanding of what life was like during the Viking era.

It has been wonderful to see how much Year Four have grown in confidence, independence and resilience over the course of the year. They have worked incredibly hard, embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and curiosity, and should be extremely proud of all they have achieved. We wish them a happy and restful summer and look forward to seeing them continue to flourish in Year Five.

Year Five

Year Five have had a busy term and we are all incredibly proud of how much the children have achieved this year both academically and personally. Every single one of them has worked hard to let their light shine. This term the children have explored the themes of poverty, child labour and hope and composed a persuasive letter to a famous sportsperson. This led into composing a persuasive speech linking with the theme of plastic pollution. In History, they have learnt all about the cause of WW1, life of a soldier on the front line as well as what was



happening at home during that time period. Furthermore, we all thoroughly enjoyed our Art week where we created landscapes of Winslow inspired by the work of Lowry.

As well as working hard on curriculum subjects, the children have also had incredible experiences outside of school, attending the Royal Latin Science Fair where we were taught by Royal Latin teachers and students in the areas of Biology, Chemistry and Physics. It was a fantastic morning and all children participated in investigations using practical equipment. They even created their own rockets



which the students set off outside. More recently we were lucky enough to be invited to a morning of sporting activities with our linked school, Aylesbury Vale Academy. It was lovely to see the children finally getting to meet after corresponding through post and via zoom call. Overall, a fantastic final term of Year 5. All of the team wish the children the very best of luck for Year Six.

Year Six

Year Six have had an unforgettable journey this year, filled with growth, achievement and lasting memories. The children have challenged themselves academically, completing important assessments like the 11+ and SATs and explored fascinating topics such as World War II and Our Changing World, deepening their understanding of history, human geography and their impact on the world today.

One of the highlights of our year was the exciting residential trip to PGL, where the children developed skills in resilience, teamwork, and independence. They also had the honour of visiting Oxford Cathedral for a special Leaver's Service, a celebration where students and teachers gathered to reflect on their achievements, share memories and look forward to the future.

Creative talents have shone brightly in their end-of-year production, *Grossbusters*, which has been a fantastic celebration of all the children have learned and shared. As they look ahead to secondary school, the children should feel proud of their achievements and excited for the adventures that lie ahead.





Pupil Leadership Team – a year in review!

Being a Pupil Leader is fun but it comes with responsibilities – reflecting on the school and yourself. We have met throughout the year and have been asked to give our opinions and return to our classes to get their opinions as well.

The most recent focus has been to help make suggestions about how to use the fundraising money to best effect to make the playground better for playtimes and lunchtimes. The younger members of PLT will be meeting Mrs Dimpleby and the SLT, to discuss our ideas in September.

Along with sharing our ideas there have been more fun activities like helping with the Talent Show. Alongside the Head Boy and Head Girl, we helped with the judging and compered, introducing each act! Other PLT's welcomed the parents and helped with setting the stage for the performers.

We have worked with Mrs Epps this year to help the school find an additional school value. We had quite a few meetings about the new value and are positive that it is a great addition to the current ones, a benefit to everyone. We believe the launch of it is due very soon – watch this space! Having a 6th Value will mean we will now have a different focus value each half-term, which is something we discussed at the very beginning of the year.

We were thrilled to be able to welcome our local MP Callum Anderson to school just before Easter, where we were able to ask him questions and find out more about his role in Parliament. It was interesting to hear him talk about what he does and how he hopes to help the community in Winslow. It is hoped in the future that the PLT will be able to visit the Houses of Parliament, as part of our role in school.

We have enjoyed being on the PLT this year and hope that future members also get to do great things like we have.

Maisie, Storm, Millie, Caleb and Mrs Pool

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: Arthur & Charlotte

Year 1: Teddy & Forrest

Year 2: Violet & Jack

Year 3: Jake & Noah

Year 4: Molly & Indigo

Year 5: Neveah & Ella

Year 6: 6CM & 6MP



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: Rex S, Thomas B, Lowen C, Arthur B, Rubie C, Greyson S, Emily S, Amia R, Connie R, Rebecca M, Noah D, Chloe D

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

Accelerated Readers

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

2AA
3RE
4VK
5GW
6CM



Termly Values Awards

Each Term we choose children who have displayed all the School Values throughout the term to be awarded the Values Cups. Each Values Cup winner is awarded with a lovely trophy that they can keep at home for the next term. We look forward to awarding these in next week's Collective Worship.

Miss Weston Award

Miss Weston was a teacher who taught at Winslow School several years ago and gave her time generously so that all children could achieve their best both academically and socially. Every year, one pupil from Year Five is awarded the Miss Weston Cup. The criteria for the award recognises that the nominated individual has gone the 'extra mile' and reflected the school values in all areas of school life. They might have had to overcome difficulties to achieve socially or academically or, may have supported others to overcome their barriers.

This Cup will be awarded in our final Celebration Collection Worship next week.

House Points

Congratulations to Barnardo House who have earned the most House Points this year. In Collective Worship today, the House Captains, Chloe and William were presented with the Cup, adorned with house colours.

Parks	Barnardo	Wiltshire	Anning
13,189	13,636	12,766	12,713

Attendance

Well done to **6MP** who had the best whole class average attendance this week with **98.92%**. Our average whole school attendance this week is **94.34%**.

Thank you to all our pupils and families for supporting good attendance throughout the school year. Every day in school matters, as regular attendance helps children build confidence, develop friendships, and make the most of every learning opportunity. We are proud of the commitment shown by so many of our pupils and look forward to continuing this positive partnership next year.

FOWS Update



academic year.

I would like to thank FOWS for their support over the past academic year. Despite having a small committee, they have held many events which have been a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by our children and their families. Last week we were delighted to take delivery of a class set of iPads which have been funded by FOWS. These make such a difference to the children's learning and we are all very excited to use them across the school in the new

Do look out for their pre-loved uniform sale after school today and if you visit Tesco in Buckingham during the school holidays make sure you pick up your blue token to vote for FOWS and win up to £1500 for our school.

Finally, FOWS are always pleased to welcome new committee members. If you think you can help please email fows@winslow.bucks.sch.uk

Kidzone Summer Multi-Activity Holiday Club



Our Ofsted registered Multi-Activity holiday clubs at Winslow CE School is open from Thursday 23rd July - Friday 28th August 2026. Each full day consists of 4 guided activity hours accompanied with free play and weekly themed activities, there is something for everyone!

Childcare vouchers/tax free child care accepted.

To book a place for your child or for more information, please contact Kidzone directly by emailing: www.kidzzoneclub.com (10% off listed prices: 'KZ10')

BOWS Football

Bows Soccer Bucks — Summer Football Sessions Coming to Winslow Primary School

Bows Soccer Bucks, led by former professional footballer Dean Bowditch, brings academy-style coaching to young players across the county! All abilities welcome for boys and girls ages 5-13 years old. Since launching in June, the response has been fantastic, and now you have the chance to take part too. This summer, Bows is coming to Winslow Primary School, running 24th July – 17th August:

- Mondays: 5.30–6.30pm (ages 6–7) and 6.30–7.30pm (ages 10–11)
- Fridays: 5.30–6.30pm (ages 8–9) and 6.30–7.30pm (ages 12–13)



Sessions are booked and paid week by week, so there's no commitment to a full block, and new players get a chance to try FOR FREE! Find out more or book: <https://bows-soccer-buckinghamshire.classforkids.io/> or follow Dean at @bowsoccerbucks on Instagram & Facebook.

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 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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