

Tuesday 20th September 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

With the summer holidays a distant memory, it is wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled into their new classes and the routines of the academic year. We have welcomed new staff and children across the school, alongside our new Rainbows Pre-School and Reception children. The whole school community has demonstrated a warm and sincere welcome, showing care and compassion towards each other and the school is once again full of the exciting buzz of learning.

Thank you to those of you that have taken the time to let us know how pleased you are that your child has settled back in to school life. As always, if you have any concerns please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher sooner rather than later. Remember that school and home need to work together to best support the children in our care.

Start of Term reminders and information

Uniform

I would like to thank all our parents who make sure their children arrive at school in the correct school uniform. We are really proud of our school uniform and expect all children to wear it. Below is a reminder of the expectations for all pupils:

- Footwear with uniform should be black or brown practical school shoes. Trainers or fashion boots are not permitted as an alternative to school shoes.
- PE uniform is a plain white or navy blue t-shirt with blue or white plain shorts and a navy tracksuit for outdoor PE sessions - No football strips allowed.
- Distinctive hairstyles, including tramlines and coloured, dyed hair are not suitable for school.
- If ears are pierced, only one pair of studs may be worn for safety reasons. These should not be worn on PE days, but if they cannot be removed, they must be covered up with tape.
- Make up, including nail varnish, is not permitted in school.
- Long hair should be tied back. Headbands should be plain and simple, in school colours (navy, grey, white and black)

All clothing, including coats and shoes, should and clearly labelled with your child's name.

Attendance

At Winslow CE school we place great importance on good attendance and punctuality. We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Those children who are regularly absent from school and regularly late do not achieve their potential and do fall behind in class.

Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time between 8.40am and 8:50am. Registration is at 8:55am and children arriving after this time should enter the school through the main reception.

Allergies

We have a number of children with severe nut allergies in the school and we are asking for your co-operation in helping us to reduce the risk which these children face every day in school.

The risks are from contact with other children who have eaten allergens and not just from the foods themselves. These allergies are potentially life threatening.

Please help us by trying to avoid nuts in your child's packed lunch. For example: peanut butter sandwiches, chocolate spread sandwiches which contain nuts (e.g. nutella) and snack bars which nuts. Thank you for your support with this.



Parking

Just a quick reminder about parking around our school. Can we ask that as parents and carers you remain courteous to our residents when dropping off and collecting your child from school. Please do not block paths or driveways.

Many of our children live within walking distance and we actively promote this as a safer and healthier lifestyle choice for all.

Parents' Evenings

We are delighted to be welcoming you back into school for face-to-face meetings with your child's class teacher this term. These meetings will take place on Monday 10th October and Wednesday 12th October and will provide an opportunity for you to discuss how your child/children have settled and ways you can support their progress at home. Details for booking appointments will be sent out via ParentMail later this week.

Secondary School Applications

The application process for Secondary Schools for the current Year Six are now open. You can apply for your child's place using the information sent to you from the County Admissions team or by [clicking here](#)

Please note the deadline for applying for secondary school places is 31st October 2022. We encourage you to apply for as many schools as the list allows as a place at your preferred school is not guaranteed.

Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child please contact Mrs Samantha Dimbleby, Mrs Tracy Thomas or Mrs Katie Epps 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. For more safeguarding information please visit our website.



Diary Dates

Please find below our autumn 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
Thursday 22 nd September (1:00pm – 2:00pm)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2023)
Monday 26 th September – Wed 28 th September	Y6 Residential Trip to Green Park
Tuesday 27 th September (8:40am – 9:40am)	KS1 Stay and Read for Y1 and Y2 Parents
wc 3 rd October	Harvest (Pupils only; collection and distribution of non-perishables to local elderly neighbours and the Winslow Food Bank)
Tuesday 4 th October (8:40am – 9:40am)	EYFS Stay and Read for Reception Parents
Tuesday 4 th October (3:30pm – 5:30pm)	FOWS Cinema Afternoon in the School Hall
Thursday 6 th October (9:30am – 10:30am & 1:00pm – 2:00pm)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2023)
Monday 10 th October (3:30pm – 6:30pm) and Wednesday 12 th October (4:30pm – 7:00pm)	Parents' Evenings
Thursday 20 th October (9:30am – 10:30am & 1:00pm – 2:00pm)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2023)
Friday 21 st October	FOWS Break the Rules Day
HALF TERM HOLIDAY (Monday 24 th October – Friday 28 th October)	
Monday 31 st October	Children return to school
Wednesday 2 nd November	Whole School Photographs
Thursday 3 rd November (9:30am – 10:30am & 1:00pm – 2:00pm)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2023)
Wednesday 2 nd November (5:30pm – 6:30pm) (6:45pm - 7:45pm)	FOWS Disco Year 1 and Year 2 Year 5 and 6 Disco
Thursday 3 rd November (5:30pm – 6:30pm) (6:45pm - 7:45pm)	FOWS Rainbows and Reception Disco, Year 3 and 4 Disco
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Service (Pupils only)
Sunday 13 th November	Remembrance in Winslow
wc 14 th November	Anti-bullying Week/Odd Socks Day (Date TBC)
Tuesday 15 th November	Whole School Flu Immunisations
Thursday 17 th November (9:30am – 10:30am & 1:00pm – 2:00pm)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2023)
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need
Monday 21 st November	Y6 Holdenby House Visit
Wednesday 23 rd November	SENDCo Drop in Clinic
Friday 25 th November	FOWS Christmas Tombola Mufti Day
Saturday 26 th November	FOWS Christmas Fete
Thursday 1 st December (9:30am – 10:30am & 1:00pm – 2:00pm)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2023)
wc 5 th December	Christmas Book Week

Monday 5 th December (2:00pm) and Tuesday 6 th December (9:30am)	EYFS Christmas Performance
Tuesday 6 th December (pm) and Wednesday 7 th December (am)	KS1 Christmas Performance
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Lunch Day
Monday 12 th December (pm) and Tuesday 13 th December (am)	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 13 th December (2:00pm – 3:00pm)	EYFS Stay and Play for Reception Parents – Crafts
Date TBC	Year 5 Christingle Service at St Laurence Church
Date TBC	Year 6 Carol Concert
Wednesday 14 th December	FOWS Bags2school (Details to follow)
Thursday 15 th December (9:30am – 10:30am & 1:00pm – 2:00pm)	Reception Class and Rainbows Pre-school Tours (New Starters Sept 2023)
Friday 16 th December	Last Day of School for pupils
Monday 19 th December	INSET DAY
Tuesday 20 th December	INSET DAY
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Children return on Wednesday 4 th January 2023	