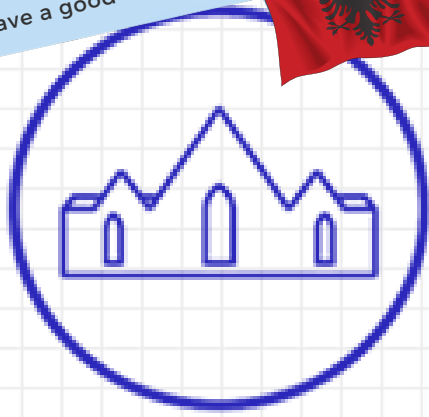




LAST WEEK'S  
WHOLE SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE  
98.8%

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Have a good weekend!



# WINNS WEEKLY

## 29.9.2023

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## DATES FOR DIARIES W.B. 2.10.2023

- Monday 2nd October** Flu Vaccinations
- Tuesday 3rd October** Reception Parent Workshop - Phonics and Early Reading
- Thursday 5th October** Prospective Nursery Parent Tour (appointment only) 9:30-11:00  
CJ Storyteller - after school session with Early Years families and children

Please remember to subscribe to [our online calendar](#) so that you receive automatic updates into your own calendar.

## EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

European Day of Languages took place on Tuesday this week. All of the children had the opportunity to learn more about different languages that are spoken around the European continent. The annual celebration day aims to give the children a newfound appreciation for the diversity of languages and cultures in the world. At The Winns we know it is important to celebrate and promote multilingualism with the children, as it not only enriches our understanding of different cultures but also opens up opportunities for communication and cooperation across borders.



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## INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY

At The Winns, we strive to achieve a positive ethos, which permeates the day to day life of the school and which is sympathetic to pupils' cultural, ethnic and social needs. We create a caring atmosphere based on a sense of community and shared values and we work hard to prepare children for life in modern British society. Occasionally this means challenging hurtful and discriminatory behaviours and language. Whilst extremely rare, these incidents are dealt with robustly and swiftly in accordance with established school policy with the aim of educating children to recognise, value and celebrate our diversity. We are a Rights Respecting school and, as such, carry out a lot of work around respecting the rights of others. This includes working together to ensure that all our children have an equal and strong sense of belonging within our diverse school community. This message needs reinforcing both in school and at home on a regular basis so that our children fulfil our vision to 'Belong, Grow, Explore and Achieve'.

## BBC 500 WORDS WRITING COMPETITION

Children across KS2 were treated on Wednesday to the live launch of the BBC 500 Words Writing Competition. Primary school aged children from across the UK can submit their own original short story from now until 8pm Friday 10 November.

The competition, which is supported by BBC Teach, encourages children of all abilities to dive deep into their imagination and write the story they would love to read in 500 words or less, without fear of spelling, grammar or punctuation errors. Our School even got a big 'shout out' on the day! Children can submit their entries via the BBC 500 Words website. Click [here](#) for details.

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HELLO to all of the storytellers in Winns Primary!

🗨️ A Superrrrrrr Big shout out from all our storytellers at The Winns Primary School in Walthamstow.

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Great to hear!

Thanks for joining us 🥰

🗨️ Kexborough primary school is listening to the live lesson and we can't wait to start writing our stories!

## OUR VISION IN ACTION

**Belonging** - European Day of Languages took place on Tuesday, where we were able to highlight to the children how everyone belongs to one wider community with diverse and unique cultures found within.

**Growing** - Our year 5 children have all been swimming over the last two weeks. For some of our more confident swimmers, it was a chance to refine their skills, whereas for some children, it was their first time learning to swim. Well done to everyone for showing huge improvements over the week.

Don't forget parents' evening!

Please make a note in your diaries for **parent consultation week** which will take place during **W/C 16th October**. You will be sent a link next week to invite you to a meeting with your class teacher to discuss the progress your child is making and to answer any questions you may have. Meetings usually last around 10 minutes and you can choose either a face-to-face, telephone or online Zoom meeting. We look forward to seeing you.





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## CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK

This week, we celebrated Cycle to School Week. It was an exciting week for children, staff, and parents alike, as everyone came together to promote a healthier and more sustainable way of commuting to school. Many students took the initiative to dust off their bikes and ride to school, while others walked or scooted. Not only is cycling a great way to stay active and reduce traffic congestion, but it also helps to reduce carbon emissions and promote a cleaner environment. Overall, Cycle to School Week was a huge success, and we look forward to continuing to promote sustainable transportation options in the future.





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## YEAR 6 MACBETH WORKSHOP

Our Year 6 pupils took part in a fantastic workshop on Monday. Actors from the Young Shakespeare Company performed Shakespeare's mesmerizing story of ambition, guilt and revenge in a fast-moving fully-costumed interactive production. The play was brought vividly to life around and among the children, at times including the whole audience to create such dramatic scenes as the meeting between Macbeth and the witches, the royal banquet at which Macbeth sees Banquo's ghost and the thrilling battle in which Macbeth comes face to face with his greatest enemy Macduff.



Throughout the performance the workshop enabled the children to become actively involved in the play through a carefully structured range of drama and language activities. The children will use this workshop to inspire their own writing when creating a playscript based on the story.



## 6AM MUSIC WORKSHOP

Some of our year 6 children were lucky enough to take part in a composition workshop this week with the London Sinfonietta Orchestra. The children created their own rhythmic patterns and then arranged them collaboratively in their group to create layered pieces of music.

## OUR VISION IN ACTION

**Exploring** - Our year 3 & 4 chess club continued this week. As the children explore the game further, they will develop their problem-solving and logical thinking skills.

**Achieving** - Our Year 3 footballers attended the WF School Games tournament today. They demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. Well done to all the children that played!





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## YEAR 3 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

A group of our Year 3 children attended the WF School Games football tournament today. With lots of children attending their first tournament and some with more experience, we were hugely impressed with the level of teamwork and sportsmanship that the children showed. Well done to all the children that took part, but a particularly special mention to the white team, who came 2nd overall!



## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

We currently have a vacancy on our governing body for a parent governor. Parent governors are elected by parents. If more than one parent applies to be a parent governor, we will hold an election.

No special qualifications are needed. The most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and to be prepared to play an active role in the governing body's work. You will need to be available to attend meetings in the evening (approximately 6 meetings over an academic year) and to visit the school at times during the year.

If you would like more information about what the role entails, please do approach Fiona at the end of the day or contact the office for an appointment and we can discuss the position further.

**We are particularly keen to ensure our governing body is diverse and represents our community. We are actively looking for parents who are from a black or ethnic minority group, and we would encourage applicants from this community to apply.**

Next steps: please submit an expression of interest to the office email [office@winns.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:office@winns.waltham.sch.uk) by Friday 13th October. Please include a personal statement to support your application (approximately 250 words).



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## FRIDAY 13TH OCTOBER, SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

After school on Friday 13 October, there'll be a second-hand school uniform sale in the playground (near the climbing frame). The last after-school second hand uniform stall was a huge success - we sold over 100 items and raised around £70 for the school!

All items 50p each, so please bring your 50p pieces with you.

If you've got outgrown school uniform to donate, please bring it in to the school office from Monday 9 October. Please make sure that the items are in good condition, washed and ready to be resold. Please note that small holes and tears can be mended.

Jumpers and cardigans with The Winns logo on are always popular, and we could do with more dresses to sell too. Other uniform items such as PE kit are also welcome, but no non-uniform items like coats please. If you'd like to help with the stall on the day, please get in touch with Lucy via Cass & Katy the Friends of the Winns Chairs ([FotWChair@gmail.com](mailto:FotWChair@gmail.com)).



## WE NEED YOU!

If you are a parent/carer of a child at the Winns, or a member or staff at the school, then you are already a member of Friends Of The Winns! As well as the ordinary members, we also have a **committee** of elected volunteers to take care of some essential tasks. The current officers are stepping down so we need to install a new committee if FOTW is to continue to fundraise and run events for the school. Without the minimum number of trustees in place, the association will regrettably need to dissolve.

In particular we are looking for a **Secretary** and **Treasurer**. If you wish to become a committee member and charity trustee, but are not up for one of these positions, you can put yourself forward for another role that suits your strengths. All committee members have voting rights to manage Friends Of The Winns and should be voted in at the AGM on **12th October** (7pm, at school). If you are interested please email [fotwtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:fotwtreasurer@gmail.com) or [fotwsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:fotwsecretary@gmail.com) to find out more.







# RECEPTION PHONICS AND EARLY READING

Parent information session

**Tuesday 3rd October  
9am and 3pm**

Please join us to find out how we teach early reading at The Winns and how you can support your child at home.

- ✔ **9am - enter via large gates on Elphinstone Road**
- ✔ **3pm - entrance via the main office**





# Learning, Achieving, Caring and Sharing

## School Calendar for 2023-2024

### Term dates

#### Autumn Term 2023

Monday 4th September 2023 to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Children return to school Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Half term holiday Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 to Friday 27th October 2023

Children return to school Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

Christmas Holiday Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024

#### Spring Term 2024

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Children return to school Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Half term holiday Monday 12th February 2024 to Friday 16th February 2024.

Children return to school Monday 19th February 2024

Easter holiday Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to Friday 12th April 2024

#### Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April 2024 to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

Children return to school Monday 15th April 2024

Half term holiday Monday 27th May 2024 to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

Children return to school Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024

#### INSET (Staff Training) Days

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

#### POLLING DATE

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024 – School closed to Nursery & Reception





# FRIENDS OF THE WINNS AGM



## THURS 12TH OCTOBER 7PM

The Friends of The Winns (FOTW) are holding their AGM on Thursday 12th October at 7pm in school. Please come along if you want to get involved in any capacity to support our school in raising much-needed funds to improve the quality of provision. Current committee members are stepping down from their roles so we need to elect new members to continue the great work they have already done. Please do come along if you think you can use your skills to support our great school. Entry via the main office and the meeting starts at 7pm with refreshments provided. Thank you for your support.







# Holiday Club

# OCTOBER '23



**23- 27 October @ The Winns Primary**  
**09:00-15:00, £45.00 for single days**  
**£30 per day for full week booking**

## SPORTS

- Football
- Basketball
- Baseball
- Dodgeball
- Athletics
- Tennis

## ARTS, CRAFTS & DANCE

- Decorate a pumpkin
- Autumn Holiday Designs
- Dance
- Arts Projects
- Craft Challenges
- Origami



**KDW SPORTS COACHING**

Please note, if we do not have our minimum threshold of completed bookings by **9th October** we will have to cancel the club and issue a full refund to anyone who has already signed up.

10% Sibling discount available on full week bookings. Scan QR code or book on:  
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**Walthamstow - The Winns Primary**  
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# SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2024

Do you have a child who was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 or who is currently in Year 6?

If so, they are due to start Secondary School in **September 2024**. To make an application please apply online [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) by **31 October 2023**. For more information visit the Waltham Forest Secondary Admission page on <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/applying-secondary-school-place> where you can download a copy of the **Starting Secondary School 2024 brochure** which has full details of how to apply for a Secondary School place.



# RECEPTION CLASS ADMISSION 2024

Do you have a child who was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020?

If so, they are due to start Reception Class in **September 2024**. To make an application please apply online at [www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk) by **15 January 2024**. For more information visit the Waltham Forest Primary Admission page <https://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/content/applying-primary-school-place> where you can download a copy of the **Starting Primary School 2024 brochure** which has full details of how to apply for a Reception Class place.

