



WINNS WEEKLY

4.10.2024

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Punjabi
Have a nice weekend!



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DATES FOR DIARIES WB 7.10.2024

Monday 7th October Author Visit (Claire Linney) Y4, 5, 6

Tuesday 8th October Showkids Drama Workshops Y1 & Y4

Wednesday 9th October Reception 2025 Parent Tour (9:30)

Thursday 10th October Mental Health Awareness - wear something yellow
Spurs Football Coaching (4EB, 2CM, 5CF)
School Nurse Drop in (10:00)

Friday 11th October Spurs Football Coaching (4MH, 2LT)

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

GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Our year 5 & 6 girls football team competed in the borough competition this week. It was another fantastic turnout at a girls' football event with 36 teams from 30 schools taking part in the competition. As always, our children did us proud - they put on a defensive masterclass for large parts of the group stages, without being able to find that killer instinct in front of goal. They won one, drew two and lost two, finishing third in their group. Thank you to all the parents that came along to support on the day!

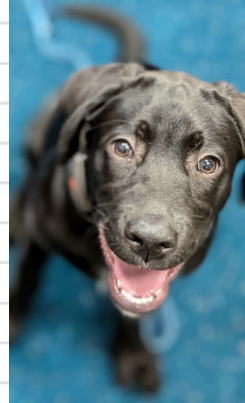
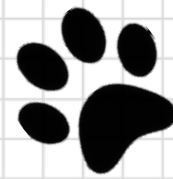
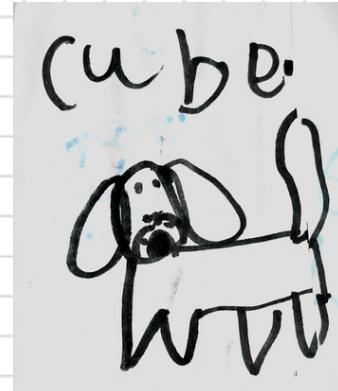


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CYBI'S CORNER

Cybi has continued to visit classes throughout the school over the last few weeks. So far, he has visited everyone in KS2 and has begun visiting KS1 classes this week. The children have been super impressive at helping Mr Jones to teach Cybi how to behave around large groups of children. We can already see the value of having Cybi in school in his calming influence on the children. We know lots of children have been working on some Cybi-inspired artwork at home and we would love to feature some of it here. To get us started, we've had a lovely picture from Martha sent to us. We think you've really captured the size of Cybi's ears, and used your sounds to spell his name phonetically! If you want to send in a piece your child has created, please email cybi@winns.waltham.sch.uk



Y6 WORKSHOP ON RESPECT, SAFETY, AND EQUALITY



This week, our Year 6 pupils took part in a vital workshop addressing some of the key challenges they may face as they prepare for secondary school next year. The session focused on important topics such as misogyny, sexism, racism, victim blaming, peer pressure, harassment, and stereotypes.

Through engaging discussions and activities, the children explored how to recognize and respond to these harmful behaviours and attitudes. The workshop also emphasised online safety, providing practical advice on how to stay safe in the digital world. Students were encouraged to speak up, seek help, and support each other if they encounter any of these issues, now or in the future.

By equipping our Year 6 children with these essential tools and knowledge, we aim to foster a school environment where respect, equality, and empathy are at the forefront as they transition to the next stage of their education.



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MESSAGE TO PARENTS - NEW PLAYGROUND

Exciting News - our playground team, Made From Scratch, have packed up and moved out after a busy September! We are planning to open up our beautiful new space on Monday. The children have been incredibly patient and we are all very much looking forward to seeing them enjoying this space next week.

As I am sure you can appreciate, the children will not all be able to use the space on Monday. We have over 600 children and we will need to manage how we introduce children to the space over the week. The space is full of beautiful plants and we want to make sure that our children really appreciate the planting and play respectfully in the space. Some may have to be a little patient next week as they wait their turn to visit!

Please do not use the space with your child at the end of the school day. We know you will be keen to have a look and perhaps climb up into the treehouse! However, we are asking you to wait until parent's evening week - your child will be able to take you outside for a look and a little play when you come in for your meeting.

Thank you all for your support in making this project happen. We couldn't have done it without your incredible fundraising efforts.



CLAIRE LINNEY AUTHOR VISIT

We are excited to welcome Claire Linney, author of the popular children's book Time Tub Travellers, to our school next week as part of our Black History Month celebrations. Claire will share her personal journey, including her experiences growing up in leafy Surrey and the influences that shaped her as both a writer and advocate for diversity.

In addition to discussing her book, Claire will engage the children in conversations about representation, the importance of diversity in storytelling, and the ongoing fight against racism. She will also offer historical perspectives that highlight key moments and figures in Black history.

Our pupils are especially thrilled about this visit, having already begun writing units inspired by Claire's life and work. We look forward to hearing her insights and are excited to further deepen our understanding of these crucial themes as a school community.



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FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS

AGM FINAL WORD

The minutes from the AGM are now available and can be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ers3zcy>

BECOME A FOTW VOLUNTEER!

Want to volunteer? The Friends of the Winns is a charitable organisation that is run completely by volunteers. Here are a some of the areas that we are always on the look out for extra help:

Pre-loved Uniform

The pre-loved team hold uniform sales regularly throughout the school year and have a focus on sustainability above profit, aiming to ensure that school uniform is re-used and re-cycled wherever possible, rather than ending up in landfill. The next sale is on the 11th October.

Interested in helping out? Then join the Whatsapp group here:

<https://tinyurl.com/3ce6aruw>.



The Library

The library has undergone a huge renovation over the last two years funded by money raised by the FOTW. The library team have done an incredible job in creating an engaging, colourful, immersive space to inspire the children and cement reading right at the heart of the school. The team also continually update the library books available to ensure there is always a refreshed, modern, and diverse collection of books.

Do you have half an hour a week free? The library team would love some more librarian minded people to help out. Please email fotwsecretary@gmail.com if you are interested.



Estate Agent Boards

The money raised by parents hosting an estate agent sign outside their property helps us maximise the money we raise from events as the board revenue helps keep our costs down.

Interested in hosting a board outside your home then please email fotwvictoria@gmail.com



Have ideas or feedback for FOTW? Email Karen, Co-Chair of FOTW: fotwchair@gmail.com



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Raffles

At both our Winter and Summer Fairs we hold a wonderful raffle with the most amazing prizes such as restaurant vouchers, event vouchers, gift cards and food and drink items.

We are always on the lookout for more fabulous raffle prizes so if you own, work for or know of a wonderful business that could offer a prize for our raffles then please get in touch here: Ramona.mincu@winns.waltham.sch.uk



Christmas Cards, Tea towels and Leavers t-shirts

Your child will soon be designing their Christmas card for this year and in the summer they will also be doing a self-portrait for the annual year group tea towel. These are all organised by volunteers with the money raised going both to the FOTW and to giving the year 6's a wonderful t-shirt to commemorate their time at the school.

Events

As well as the Winter and Summer fairs, the FOTW volunteers organise a number of other events throughout the school year. Last year we organised a book swap, a costume swap, the story trail, a bake sale, a movie night at the school for the children as well as the inaugural Tour de Winns. All these events require several helpers both before and after each event.

Interested in helping at one of our events or have an idea for an event that you would like to help organise? Then please email fotwchair@gmail.com or join the FOTW Whatsapp group: <https://tinyurl.com/dk7jc2ef>



Do you have these specific skills?

- **Accountancy** - As a charitable organisation we must produce a financial report each year. As part of this we are required to have our accounts independently examined to ensure that all our money has been properly accounted for. We are, therefore, looking for someone in the school community who could do this for us. If this is you then please contact fotwtreasurer@gmail.com
- **Website Design** - We are investigating setting up a FOTW website and would love the expertise of someone in the school to help us with this. If this is you then please contact fotwcomms@gmail.com

WE NEED YOU!



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Employer Supported Volunteering

It's worth noting that many employers offer days off work for volunteering. Given that we are a registered charity (registration number: 1196921), you may be able to use corporate volunteer days for working with FOTW if this is something your company supports. Please check with your employer to see if you could benefit from this.

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE - DONATIONS NEEDED

There will be a pre-loved uniform sale after school on Friday 11th October in the playground (or library if raining). Although we are well stocked with lots of dresses, skirts, trousers, jumpers, cardigans, and PE kit, we are more than happy to take more donations. We're especially looking for jumpers in all sizes. Clean and ready to be worn, these can be dropped off to the school office from Monday 8 October.

A big thank you to everyone who donated items for the last school uniform sale. And big thanks to all those who came and browsed and bought. We sold over 60 items in 30 minutes before the Friends of the Winns AGM!

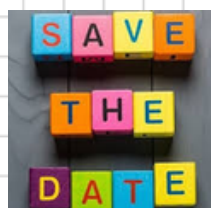
A FRIENDLY REMINDER – WAYS TO SUPPORT

ASDA - Up until November 30th, every time a customer shops with Asda using their rewards app, the supermarket will give a percentage of your spend towards your chosen school. To sign up, simply use the Asda Rewards App when you shop and select the Winns as your chosen School.

EASYFUNDRAISING - Easyfundraising is a simple way for you to support the school. Over 7,500 brands will donate to Friends of the Winns for free every time you use the app or browser extension to shop. It costs you nothing extra!

Simply sign up here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofthewinns>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



OCTOBER:

Fri 11th - Pre-loved Uniform Sale

NOVEMBER:

Thurs 21st - Quiz Night

DECEMBER:

Sat 7th - Winter Fair

Have ideas or feedback for FOTW? Email Karen, Co-Chair of FOTW: fotwchair@gmail.com



Attendance Information for Parents/Carers

Why is school attendance important?

Pupils with good attendance are more likely to do well at school. When pupils miss school, even if the time period is very short, it can lead to gaps in their learning which might make future lessons more difficult for them.

Regular attendance helps pupils to feel part of the school community and enables them to develop good relationships with their peers and other members of the school community. This can have a positive impact on their wellbeing and help them to feel more settled in school.

When a pupil attends school every day, it helps to establish good routines and habits for their later life.

What does the law say?

It is a legal requirement for schools to keep a record of attendance and the reasons for any absences. There are clear guidelines set out by the government about how schools should manage attendance and schools are expected to follow these.

Only the headteacher can officially authorise an absence but, unless there is a concern, other staff will usually do this on their behalf. Parents and carers should provide reasons for absences to enable the school to decide whether or not to authorise the absence based on government guidelines.

Parents and carers must ensure that their child attends school regularly. Failure to do so, without good reason, is an offence, even if they are missing school without your knowledge. Parents and carers of children with unauthorised absences may be subject to a fixed penalty notice/legal action.

What are the different types of absence?

There are two broad categories of absence:

Authorised absence: This is an absence that has been authorised by the school for a legitimate medical, emergency or unavoidable situation.

Typical examples of authorised absence include:

- illness that means a child is too unwell to come to school;
- following NHS advice regarding remaining off school following a period of illness (in the case of certain infectious illnesses);
- an emergency medical or dental appointment;
- the recent death of a close family member;
- religious observance, as long as certain conditions are met.

Unauthorised absence: This is where a pupil's absence is for a reason deemed to be unacceptable by the school or where the reason for a pupil's absence has not been provided and cannot be established.

Some examples of unauthorised absence include:

- looking after a younger sibling;
- time off for birthday celebrations;
- a family holiday (unless there are exceptional circumstances);
- oversleeping;
- shopping trips or days out;
- waiting in for a delivery.

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Why is it important that my child is on time each day?

When children are late to school, they may initially feel unsettled and they might miss important information and activities.

Schools are required to record late arrivals. If pupils arrive after the start of the school day but when the register is still open, it will be recorded as a late mark. If pupils arrive after the register closes (which government guidelines state must be within 30 minutes of the register opening), then their morning mark will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, unless evidence can be provided that there are exceptional circumstances that led to the late arrival.

How does occasional absence affect my child?

Missing occasional days from school may seem unimportant at the time; however, this can have a significant impact on your child in the long term:

% of attendance in a school year	Number of days absent	Weeks missed
98%	4	Less than 1 week
95%	9.5	Nearly 2 weeks
90%	19	Nearly 4 weeks
85%	28.5	Nearly 6 weeks

A pupil with 85% attendance is missing nearly half a term of learning time each school year.

Regular absences can result in poorer outcomes over time. Research shows that pupils who miss between 10% and 20% of school (which is between half and one day per week on average) stand only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSEs, compared to 73% of those who miss fewer than 5% of school days.

Late arrivals also add up over time – being 10 minutes late each day adds up to two weeks of lost learning time over the whole school year.

What about medical appointments?

We understand that pupils need to attend medical and dental appointments and that it is not always possible to arrange this outside of school time. However, we would request that any non-emergency appointments are made for outside of the school day as this keeps the disruption to a minimum and ensures that they do not miss important lessons.

Why won't the school usually authorise absence for a family holiday?

We recognise that family vacations during the school holidays can be expensive and that booking a cheaper term-time holiday might be tempting. However, headteachers can only authorise leave during term time if there are exceptional circumstances, even if your child has an excellent attendance record or if you believe that the reason for the absence is justified.

Parents and carers should plan their holidays around school holidays and avoid asking for permission to take their children out of school unless it is absolutely unavoidable.

There are exceptional circumstances, then a request can be made to the school using our absence request form by clicking the link <https://tinyurl.com/yc6r989n> or contacting the school office.

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Requests for term-time absences should be made as soon as possible. However, we recognise that in some rare instances, this will not always be possible.

Requests for term-time absences will be considered on a case-by-case basis taking the facts, circumstances and any supporting evidence into consideration. Leave of absence due to exceptional circumstances is at the discretion of the headteacher. This includes the length of time that the leave will be granted for.

What is school refusal?

If your child is refusing to go to school, this is known as 'school refusal'. There are a number of different reasons for school refusal, including general anxiety, worries about leaving home, problems with friends or peers, academic problems and depression. Sometimes, the cause can be a combination of different factors.

If your child is refusing to attend school, you should let us know immediately so that we can work together to put a plan in place to deal with any underlying issues and get your child back into school. The longer school refusal goes on, the more difficult it is to address.

How do I request an absence in advance?

If you want to request authorisation for a planned absence, please use our absence request form which can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/yc6r989n>.

Paper copies of this form are also available from the school office.

Please submit any requests as early as possible as we may need to ask for additional information before we can consider your request. Please do not make any plans until you have been told the outcome of your request.

Please be aware that we can only approve absences that are for exceptional circumstances so will be unable to authorise family holidays in most cases.

How do I report an unplanned absence to the school?

Unexpected absences should be reported to school by:

Using the absence link <https://tinyurl.com/vmemsv6v> or you can call the school office. If there is no answer please leave a clear message stating your child's name, class and the reason for the absence.

Please report any absences by **9am** or as soon as you become aware that your child will be absent.

In the case of illness, the absence will usually be authorised unless there are grounds for concern that the illness may not be genuine or that it might not be sufficient to require time off school. In these cases, the school may ask for additional evidence, such as a doctor's note, appointment card, hospital letter or medical report. The school will not ask for this additional evidence unnecessarily.

If you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, we will contact you to find out why they are not in school. Unexplained absences will be recorded as unauthorised.

Who should I contact if I have any questions or concerns about my child's attendance?

Allison Tokeley

[The information in this leaflet is based on our attendance policy which can be found on the school website or paper copies provided upon request.]

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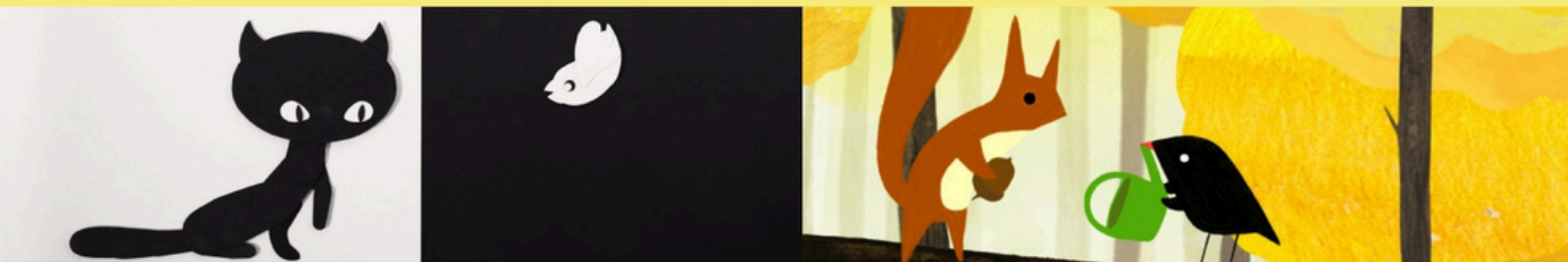
ANIMATED SHORTS for children WITH and WITHOUT SEND + ART WORKSHOP

The Social Cinema present a series of relaxed screenings of shorts without dialogue **for disabled and non-disabled children to enjoy together** in a relaxed environment.

With **sensory art workshops** to play with shape, colour and texture.

Children: £5
Adults: £1
25% of tickets will be available **FOR FREE** if you feel cost is a barrier

These events have been produced in partnership with **The Together Space**
<https://thetogetherspace.co.uk/>



Programme 1: Cat and Bird, Kuap, Kiki La Plume, Pond

Workshop: Engraving and printing with soft foam.

Saturday 5th October 2024
Priory Court Community Centre

Scan for info
on all venues,
times and
programmes



Or go to: <https://socialcinemalondon.square.site/>

Programme 2: Hopfrog, Fruits of Clouds and The Little Bird Series

Workshop: Printing with shaving foam and with bubbles

Sunday 17th November 2024
Higham Hill Hub
(Part of The Together Space event)

Saturday 18 January 2025
Good Shepherd Studios

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Get to know the

WALTHAM FOREST MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Please join us to find out about the work we do in the school, including the 1-to-1 support we offer to families.

MONDAY, 7TH OCTOBER

9:15 - 10:15am at The Winns
Primary School

TUESDAY, 8TH OCTOBER

17:00 - 18:00 online on MS Teams



*Please use this QR
code to join the
Teams meeting:*

