

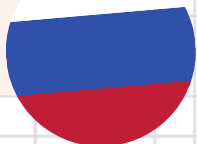


WINNS WEEKLY

7.2.2025

Приятных
Выходных!

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Have a good weekend!



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DATES FOR DIARIES WB 10.2.2025

Monday 10th February School Nurse Drop In (9:00am)

Tuesday 11th February 2LT Church visit

Wednesday 12th February 2CS/2CM Church visit

6ES Class Assembly (9:10am)

Thursday 13th February 4EB Class Assembly (9:10am)

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

2LT CLASS ASSEMBLY

2LT showed off their recent learning about China with a brilliant display of writing, art work and even cooking. The children performed their lines confidently to the audience, demonstrating their impressive knowledge of Chinese culture and history. Well done children! A huge thank you to Ms. Tassell and Ann for helping to prepare the children, and also to all the families who came along to support the children.



DODGEBALL FESTIVAL

A group of year 5 children had the opportunity to attend the WF School Games Dodgeball Festival this morning. The children represented the school excellently and showcased the range of School Games values that we would expect to see from them. Well done all!



CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK 2025: PROMOTING WELLBEING IN OUR SCHOOL

This week, our school is proudly taking part in Children's Mental Health Week 2025, an important nationwide event dedicated to raising awareness and encouraging open conversations about mental health. Supported by Place2Be, a leading children's mental health charity, we have planned a variety of engaging activities to help our pupils understand the importance of emotional wellbeing.

Throughout the week, children will take part in mindfulness sessions, creative workshops, and peer support activities designed to build resilience and self-confidence. We are also encouraging pupils to express their thoughts and feelings through art, storytelling, and group discussions. The aim is to create a safe and supportive environment where every child feels heard and valued.

A highlight of our preparations included a group of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils participating in discussions about mental health last week. Their insightful contributions will soon go live on The Mix's social media platforms. The Mix is the UK's leading support service for young people, and this collaboration allows our students to share their perspectives with a wider audience.

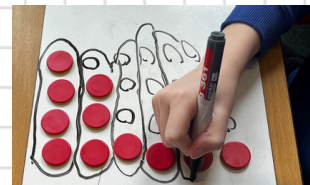
By engaging in these activities, we hope to empower our children with the tools to talk about mental health openly and seek support when needed. We are proud to be part of this important initiative and will continue to prioritise wellbeing within our school community.

Let's keep the conversation going—mental health matters every week of the year!



THE WINNS PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES NSPCC NUMBER DAY!

It was NSPCC Number Day today and The Winns Primary School was buzzing with excitement as children took part in a range of fun, number-themed activities to celebrate maths and support a great cause. From problem-solving challenges to interactive games, our pupils embraced the joy of numbers while raising vital funds for the NSPCC. Seeing children engaged and enthusiastic about maths was truly inspiring. A huge thank you to our staff, pupils, and families for their participation and generosity. Together, we have made learning maths fun while supporting an important charity!



CELEBRATING OUR YOUNG READERS! WATERSTONES BOOK PRIZE

We are incredibly proud of our Reception and Year 6 children who recently took part in filming ahead of the Waterstones Children's Book Prize Shortlist 2025! Their enthusiasm for reading shines through as they confidently share their love for books and articulate what they enjoy about their favourite stories.

Watching the videos will bring some sunshine to a cold, wet, grey day, as our children's excitement and passion for books are truly infectious. We are delighted to see them celebrating stories and inspiring others to read. Well done to all involved! Click [here](#) to see the clips.



The Winns STORY WINDOW TRAIL 2025



The Winns
Primary School



Join the Winns Story Window Trail!

We're back for 2025; bigger and even better!

Last year, over 50 Winns Homes joined in, decorating their front windows with kids' book themes.

The idea behind the trail is to promote the love of reading in the lead up to **World Book Day, Thursday 6th March 2025**.

Thanks to Central Estates' sponsorship, we have 75 sign slots available, **raising £750 for books for the school!**

Ways to get involved

You can take part by decorating a window for the trail, hosting an advertising board outside your home, or both!

If you'd like a sign but don't want to decorate, that's fine too – just check with your landlord if you rent.

Advertising signs will be up from **1st–31st March**, and we ask decorators to keep their windows decorated for the same period. We'll email decorators a special 'Winns Windows' blue plaque to print and display.



An interactive map of the trail will be shared by 1st March for everyone to enjoy.

If you'd like to join in, please fill out this Google form: if you can

[Click here](#)

The deadline to host an advertising sign is **Thursday 20th February**, and for window decorators, it's **Friday 28th February**. Thank you!

How many Winns Story Windows can you find?





FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS



WORLD BOOK DAY EVENTS

World Book Day is on the 6th March and Friends of the Winns have planned a number of fun activities related to the love of reading:

WINNS STORY WINDOW TRAIL - 1ST TO 31ST MARCH

The Winns Story Window Trail will be taking place between the 1st and 31st of March. The trail is designed to promote children's reading by decorating a window in your home inspired by a favourite book or character. There will be an interactive map detailing where all the windows are. **How many Winns Story Windows will you be able to find?!**



You can take part by decorating a window at home. We are also looking for **75 households** to host an advertising board from Central Estates who are donating £10 for every sign they put up. **The deadline to host a sign is the 20th February, and for window decorators, it's the 28th February.**

SIGN UP TO BE PART OF THIS FABULOUS EVENT NOW by filling in the form here: <https://tinyurl.com/2bbjbxz3>

FANCY DRESS RE-USE & RECYCLE! - 28TH FEB

Need a costume for World Book Day? Then come to the main playground (or library if raining) after school **on Friday 28 February** and help yourself to character costumes, clothes and accessories. **All donated items will be FREE to take.**



Donated items needed! Please drop off any outgrown costumes and accessories (wings, crowns, wands, hats, scarves, glasses, capes etc) to the school office from Monday 10 February up to the morning of Friday 28 Feb. Please make sure that donated items are clean and good to be reused and are in bags. **LET'S HELP EACH OTHER GET READY FOR WORLD BOOK DAY!**

BOOK SWAP - 13TH/14TH MARCH

Children can bring a book from home and swap it for a different pre-loved book at school:

Thurs 13th March - Years 3, 4, 5, 6

Friday 14th March - Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2



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



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FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS CONT..

QUIZ NIGHT



The 'Winns Nights Presents.... The Quiz' is back!

It will take place on Thursday 20th March and the teachers team will be there to defend their crown. Keep an eye out for more information and ticket details soon

INSTAGRAM

Did you know that the Winns has an Instagram account?

You can follow what's happening at the school and FOTW will be sharing info on upcoming events too. Follow them here:

<https://www.instagram.com/winnsprimary/>



WAYS TO SUPPORT

SIGN UP TO 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!**

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



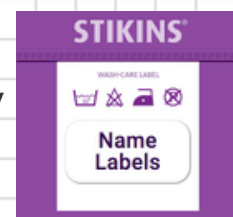
ONLINE DONATIONS - You can set up a regular payment or make a one off donation through the Charities Aid Foundation. All the details can be found here:

<https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/26249#!/DonationDetails>

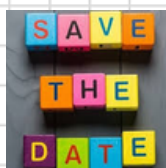
NEED LABELS FOR YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHES?

Then consider using Stikins.

As a member of **Stikins fundraising scheme** we receive a 30% donation every time you make a purchase. To order, visit <https://www.stikins.co.uk/> and use the school's fundraising number - 25586 - when making your purchase



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



FEBRUARY:

28th - Costume Re-Use & Recycle

MARCH:

1st-31st - Winns Story Window Trail
13th/ 14th - Book Swap
20th - Quiz Night

APRIL:

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SHOWKIDS

THEATRE SCHOOL

Easter Holiday Musical Theatre Course SISTER ACT JR.

5 days: 7th to 11th April, 9am to 4pm.

With a performance to families on Friday 11th.

At The Winns Primary School, Walthamstow, E17.

£295 (we accept childcare vouchers & HMRC tax free payments).

To book, go to showkids.co.uk
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- Make new friends and have fun!
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Call for entries

An exciting opportunity for students aged 4–18, who are living and studying in the UK, to exhibit their artwork on site or online at the Royal Academy of Arts.

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6 January – 5 March 2025

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2025

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January - March 2025

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**Best Start
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February Half Term Gymnastics Short Courses at Walthamstow Leisure Centre



5 – 7 years	8 + years
Friday the 21 st of February 2-4pm	Friday the 21 st of February 2-4pm

Price - £12.90

Available to book now on Better App or Better website

<https://betterflow.courseprogress.co.uk>

Come along and try out our fun packed gymnastics lessons or improve on existing gymnastics skills! Everyone is welcome

Please note places are limited we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment.

How to find us

Walthamstow Leisure Centre
Markhouse Rd, London E17 8RN

For more info email: walthamstow@gll.org

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and suchlike. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk for more.



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