



WINNS WEEKLY

4.4.2025

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Have a good weekend!



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DATES FOR DIARIES WB 21.4.2025

Monday 21st April Easter Monday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 22nd April Children return to school
Y3 Parents' Cycle Maintenance workshop (9:00am)

Wednesday 23rd April IJS Visit to Storyworld

Thursday 24th April 1AS/1ES Visit to Storyworld

Monday 28th April After-school activity clubs restart

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

KS1 MEET THE ANIMALS WORKSHOPS

This week, excitement buzzed in KS1 as the children enjoyed a special visit from some fascinating creatures! The young learners had the unique opportunity to meet giant African land snails, corn snakes and others. Enthusiastic experts guided the children through an engaging session, where they learned intriguing facts about these animals' habitats, diets, and behaviours. For those feeling brave, there was even a chance to handle the gentle snails and snakes, fostering curiosity and building confidence around wildlife.



HAPPY EASTER!

We wish all of our families a restful Spring holiday, and a Happy Easter to those who will be celebrating. We know that you will enjoy the time with your families, hopefully enjoying some warm weather!

HAPPY
EASTER



AUTISM ACCEPTANCE DAY

We celebrated Autism Acceptance Day this week, uniting to understand and honour those with autism. Children and adults wore blue to show support for inclusivity - thank you to everyone who was able to make a donation. Earlier in the week, a special assembly featured talks on autism and the role of allies, broadening our empathy and understanding. At lunch, some of our children worked on art inspired by the day, now displayed around our lunch club rooms as a reminder of the day. Thank you to everyone who made Autism Acceptance Day meaningful. Together, we're fostering a more inclusive community.



4KB CLASS ASSEMBLY

Well done to 4KB who performed their class assembly this week. The children all of their recent learning about volcanoes and earthquakes through a retelling of the story of Pompeii, the ruined Italian city. The children performed brilliantly having learnt their lines really well. Thank you to Mrs Brady for preparing the children so well and to all of the families that came along to support on the day.

2CS CLASS ASSEMBLY

2CS also performed their class assembly this week. Set at the fictional 'Winns Museum' the children guided the audience through the Explorers exhibit featuring Amelia Earhart, Sacagawea and Sir Ernest Shackleton! They shone brightly throughout, but particularly in their performances of Roar and Count on Me. Well done 2CS! Thank you to Ms Summers and Ms Chloe for helping to prepare the children and to all of the families in the audience for your support.



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FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS

THANK YOU!



A BIG THANK YOU to all parents, teachers and children for making this another wonderfully successful and fun term. We hosted a number of events around World Book Day with the Winns Window Story Trail, the Book Swap and the Costume Give or Take all helping the children get into the spirit of the love of literature.

We also held the second Winns Nights Presents.... The Quiz with a parent team taking the crown from the Teachers by answering questions on Geography, History, Sport, Film and for showing their artistic prowess.

So far this academic year we have raised over a whopping £10k with all the money going towards improving the children's school experience.

We couldn't have done this without the support of the school and also the wonderful help of our parent volunteers. **There will be plenty of opportunities to volunteer next term so join the FOTW Whatsapp group to find out how you can help: <https://tinyurl.com/dk7jc2ef>**

WHAT'S COMING UP IN THE SUMMER TERM?



The Summer Term is always a busy one for FOTW with a number of fun and exciting events planned including:

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE - Stock up on pre-loved uniform on **Friday 2nd May** after school.

SPONSORED DANCE - The children will be taking part in a sponsored boogie at the school. More details to follow at the beginning of the new term.

SUMMER FAIR - Put **Saturday 28th June** in your calendars! We'll be hosting another fabulous and joyous fair at the school. An event not to be missed!

There are also discussions taking place about other exciting events so keep an eye out for more details in your Whatsapp groups, emails and the Winns Weekly.

DOING A SPRING CLEAN OF YOUR UNIFORM THIS EASTER?

Then save any good quality pre-loved uniform for our sale on Friday 2nd May. Please drop off any uniform you have to the school from Monday 28th April - Friday 2nd May.



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



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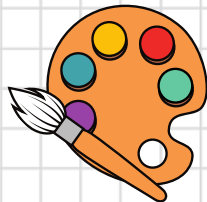


FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS CONT..

FUNDRAISING AIMS

The Friends of the Winns are delighted to be raising money to support the creation of a new **Art Studio** and also to enhance and improve the **Wellbeing** spaces at the school.

The Art Studio will be an exciting addition to the experiences the children can enjoy at the school and we want to help make it full of opportunities for creative expression. Do let us know if you have any ideas to help launch the new studio as we're hoping to get arty!



And don't forget, 10% of all money raised by Friends of the Winns goes to the Family Support Fund. This is managed by the school and offers support to those families that need it most.

SEN PARENTS GROUP



Would you like to join a SEN (Special Educational Needs) parents group? The parents group has been set up to support families of SEN children at The Winns, both those with a diagnosis and/or extra needs.

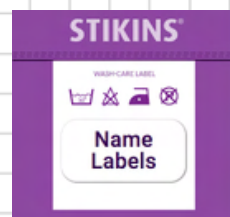
We have regular coffee mornings at school with members of the school SEN team to discuss how the school can best support us and our children, and we will also be meeting up outside of school to chat in a less formal environment.

If you would like to chat with other parents please feel free to use the link to join and say hi. We look forward to meeting you !

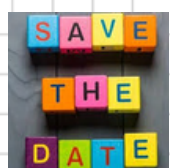
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NEED LABELS FOR YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHES?

Then consider ordering from 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 quote the school's fundraising number - **25586** - when you check out.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



APRIL:

MAY:

2nd - Pre-loved Uniform Sale

JUNE:

28th - Summer Fair

Our events are included in the Winns [online calendar](#) and you can receive automatic updates into your own calendar by subscribing.



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THE FRIENDS OF THE WINNS

WHO ARE FRIENDS OF THE WINNS?

We are you! If you are a parent of a child at The Winns Primary School then you're automatically a Friends of The Winns member. Run by a committee of parents, the Friends of the Winns is a collection of volunteers who run events throughout the year to raise much needed funds for our school. But most importantly, we have fun!

WHERE DOES THE FUNDRAISING GO?

All money raised goes to the school to give the children the best educational experience possible. In recent years, we have supported a number of projects including the Main School and Reception playground transformations, the installation of a teaching kitchen, School Library improvements, and the purchase of new AV equipment.

Also, 10% of all money raised by Friends of the Winns goes to the Family Support Fund. This is managed by the school and offers support to those families that need it most.

WANT TO VOLUNTEER WITH FOTW?

The Friends of the Winns is a charitable organisation that is run completely by parent volunteers. You can volunteer at anytime and can give us as much time as you can (even an hour helps). You don't need to hold an official FOTW role or be voted in to be a volunteer!

We are also on the look out for people to help in a number of ways, whether that is with the Library Team, the Pre-loved Team on at one of our many events. Interested? Then please email fotwchair@gmail.com or join the FOTW Whatsapp group: <https://tinyurl.com/dk7jc2ef>



OTHER 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>



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English Conversation Club

English Conversation Clubs is a drop-in session and really informal (run by volunteers rather than tutors) and suitable for anyone wanting to improve their English speaking skills.

This is a friendly, welcoming group for our parents. Our aim is to improve on conversational English by focusing on spoken English skills and listening skills.

You will discuss different topics and learn vocabulary.

The class is Free of charge and will run once a week during term time.

Lessons will start 30th April 2025 at 2.15-3.15pm at The Winns Primary School. Please click on form.

<https://forms.office.com/e/p9uNP4VbL1>

İngilizce Konuşma Kulübü,

İngilizce Konuşma Kulübü, katılımın serbest olduğu, oldukça samimi ve gayri resmi bir oturmudur (öğretmenler yerine gönüllüler tarafından yürütülür) ve İngilizce konuşma becerilerini geliştirmek isteyen herkes için uygundur.

Bu kulüp, velilerimiz için dostane ve sıcak bir ortam sunar. Amacımız, konuşma ve dinleme becerilerine odaklanarak İngilizce konuşma pratiğini geliştirmektir.

Farklı konular üzerine konuşacak ve yeni kelimeler öğreneceksiniz.

Dersler ücretsizdir ve dönem boyunca haftada bir kez okulda yapılacaktır.

Çarşamba, 30 Nisan 2025, saat 14:15-15:15, Winns İlkokulu'nda. Lütfen formu tıklayın <https://forms.office.com/e/p9uNP4VbL1>

Clubul de Conversație în Limba Engleză

Clubul de Conversație în Limba Engleză este o sesiune deschisă, foarte informală (gestionată de voluntari, nu de profesori) și potrivită pentru oricine dorește să își îmbunătățească abilitățile de vorbire în limba engleză.

Este un grup prietenos și primitiv pentru părinții noștri. Scopul nostru este să îmbunătățim conversația în limba engleză, concentrându-ne pe abilitățile de exprimare orală și de ascultare.

Veți discuta diverse teme și veți învăța vocabular nou.

Cursul este gratuit și va avea loc o dată pe săptămână, în timpul perioadei școlare.

Lecțiile vor începe pe 30 aprilie 2025, la 14.15-15.15, la școala primară The Winns <https://forms.office.com/e/p9uNP4VbL1>

(انگریزی میں بات چیت کرنے کا کلب)

انگلش کنورسیشن کلب، یعنی انگریزی میں بات چیت کرنے کا کلب، ایک ڈراپ ان سیشن، یعنی ایسی کلاس ہے جہاں آپ وقت لیے بغیر آ سکتے ہیں، اور وہاں سے جا بھی سکتے ہیں۔ یہ سراسر بے تکلفانہ طور پر چلائی جاتی ہے۔ اس کو اساتذہ کے بجائے رضاکار چلاتے ہیں اور یہ ہر اس شخص کے لیے موزوں ہے جو اپنی انگریزی کی بات چیت کو بہتر بنانا چاہتے ہیں۔

یہ ہمارے بچوں کے والدین کے لئے ایک دوستانہ اور خوشگوار ماحول پر مبنی گروپ ہے۔ ہمارا مقصد انگریزی بولنے اور سننے کی مہارت پر توجہ کر کے انگریزی میں بات چیت کرنے کو بہتر کرنا ہے۔

آپ مختلف موضوعات پر گفتگو کریں گے اور انگریزی کے الفاظ سیکھیں گے۔

اس کلاس کا کوئی معاوضہ/فیس نہیں اور یہ ٹرم ٹائم کے دوران اسکول میں ہفتہ میں ایک بار ہوا کرے گی۔ کلب کے شروع ہونے کی تاریخ ہے --- اس برائے مہربانی فارم پر کلک کریں۔

<https://forms.office.com/e/p9uNP4VbL1>



YEAR 1 PHONICS SCREENING CHECK

Parent information session

Monday 28th April

Please join us to find out more information about the statutory test taking place for Year 1 pupils in June 2024.

- ✓ **9 - 9.20am - Please enter via large gates on Elphinstone Road and meet under the shelter.**
- ✓ **4.30 - 4.50pm - online - link will be emailed.**



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EASTER 2025

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about INSTAGRAM

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Instagram remains one of the world's most popular social media platforms, especially among teens – with around 70% of 13 to 17-year-olds using it. Owned by Meta, Instagram allows users to share photos and videos, create interactive 'stories', broadcast live, send private messages and follow others. With regular updates and new features, it's essential for parents and educators to stay informed about how children are using the app – and what the risks are.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME

Instagram's design encourages prolonged use through endless scrolling of trending content and generating a fear of missing out (FOMO). Children can quickly lose track of time browsing posts from friends, influencers, and strangers, which may disrupt their day-to-day activities.

AI CHATBOT CONCERNS

Meta's AI, which is available on Instagram, allows users to chat with an in-app chatbot. While often helpful, it can blur boundaries for young users, who may ask for or read content that is inappropriate or see it as a real friend or confidant. Privacy issues also arise, as conversations may not be as secure or private as children assume.

RISKS OF GOING LIVE

The livestream feature allows real-time broadcasting to followers – or anyone, if the account is public. This increases the chance of unwanted contact from strangers and pressure to act in ways that gain attention, including engaging in inappropriate behaviour. Viewers may also post offensive or harmful comments during live sessions.

THREADS INTEGRATION

Threads is Instagram's sister app for public, text-based conversations. Posts from Threads appear in users' Instagram feeds and can lead children to view, share, and comment on public conversations with strangers. The content may not always be age-appropriate and can be misleading or false.

SCHEDULED MESSAGING

Instagram's newer ability to schedule direct messages means that children could receive messages late at night or early in the morning. This can disrupt their sleep or keep them preoccupied before the school day even begins.

EXCLUSION AND LOW SELF-WORTH

Feeling left out online can have a real emotional impact. Being left out of photos, receiving fewer likes, being unfollowed, or being ignored in chats and comments can leave children feeling excluded, which often hurts as much as in real life. There is a risk this can lead to reduced self-esteem and a sense of not belonging.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE INSTAGRAM'S SUPERVISION TOOLS

Instagram's built-in Family Centre lets parents monitor how much time their child spends on the app. Specialised 'teen accounts' are private by default and offer controls on who can message them. Make sure that children use their real age when registering their account to ensure they have these protections.

OPEN UP THE CONVERSATION

Talk regularly to the children in your care about what they enjoy on Instagram – and what makes them uncomfortable. Encourage honest chats about filters, body image, and online approval. Reassure them that they don't need to edit their appearance or chase 'likes' to feel valued.

SET BOUNDARIES FOR THREADS AND AI

Parental controls on Instagram also apply to Threads. These allow parents to monitor time spent in the app, check follower lists and adjust exposure to sensitive content. Discuss AI features, too, therefore helping children understand that chatbots aren't real people and should be used with care.

BE MEDIA-SAVVY WITH INFLUENCERS

Parents should follow a few of the influencers their child watches, so they can better understand the content they're seeing. Use this as a springboard to talk about the difference between genuine recommendations and paid promotions – and how online personalities can shape opinions and behaviour.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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