



WINNS WEEKLY

25.4.2025

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Have a good weekend!



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DATES FOR DIARIES WB 28.4.2025

Monday 28th April Y5 Residential to The Hive (Mon-Wed)

Phonics Screening Check Parents Info Meeting

Tuesday 29th April 3AM Visit to the Young V&A

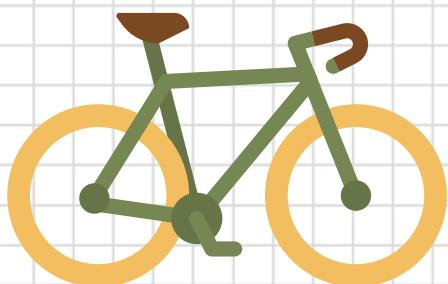
Wednesday 30th April 3SH & 3AF Visit to the Young V&A

Friday 2nd May FOTW Uniform Sale

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

YEAR 1 TRIP TO STORYWORLD

All of our year 1 classes visited the Discovery Centre in Stratford this week to see the Storyworld exhibitions on show. The children were able to explore the hands on exhibition and use their imaginations to help tell a story. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who came along to make the trip possible.



PARENT BICYCLE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOP

Thank you to Toby, one of our parents, for coming into school this week to share his knowledge, expertise and skills in bicycle maintenance with a group of parents. Hopefully you all now know your derailleur from your disc brake, and your spokes from your saddle!



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MEASLES INFORMATION

Measles is an infectious disease which can have very serious side effects to those who are not fully vaccinated, particularly children. London and the UK in general is currently experiencing higher than usual levels of measles in the population due to lower levels of vaccination. If you want to learn more about vaccinating your children against measles, please visit the [Vaccination UK website](https://www.vaccination.uk). For more information about measles in general, please visit the [NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk).

EARTH DAY

This year, our school came together to celebrate Earth Day with a shared commitment to protecting our planet and promoting sustainability. In classrooms, children explored topics such as recycling, climate change, and biodiversity. Outside, we have continued to improve our garden with lots of children spending some of their lunch time helping to cultivate a green area in our school. Each year, Earth Day reminds us all that we each have a role to play in looking after our world. Well done to everyone who took part in an activity.



YEAR 4 TENNIS FESTIVAL

A group of our year 4 children attended the Waltham Forest School Games Mini Red Tennis competition today. As well as small-sided games against other Waltham Forest schools, the children had the opportunity to learn new skills from secondary sports leaders. The event was a huge success, with over 40 teams from 25 different primary schools taking part. Our team were experiencing tennis competitively for the first time and showed continued improvement in their skills across the day. Well done children!

DIGITAL SAFETY INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Have you seen our weekly posters from the National College giving plenty of practical hints and tips for parents & carers on keeping your children safe online and in the virtual world. Please scroll to the very bottom of the newsletter each week to find each update.



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FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE NEXT WEEK!



The Pre-loved Team will be hosting another wonderful **Pre-loved Uniform Sale** in the playground after school next week on **Friday 2nd May**.

Come and help us re-use and recycle good condition uniform, prices start from as little as 50p! With the weather getting warmer there is no better time to pick up a summer dress and/or shorts.

Do you have any good quality pre-loved uniform to donate? Then drop it off at the school office next week between Monday 28th April - Friday 2nd May. **We are particularly looking for summer items, jumpers and cardigans.**

Want to help out sort donations and/ or at the sale? Then join the pre-loved Whatsapp group here: <https://tinyurl.com/3ce6aruw>

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 soon.

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.

EARLY CALL FOR SUMMER FAIR HELP!

The Summer Fair takes place on **Saturday 28th June** which, although is two months away, will come around quickly. So, this is just an early call out for volunteers to help before, during and after the event. If you are interested in helping then please do join the FOTW Whatsapp group here: <https://tinyurl.com/dk7jc2ef> or if you have an idea for something that could be held at the fair then then please email fotwchair@gmail.com



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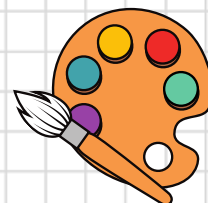


FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS CONT..

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 !

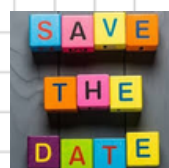
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/E7BKXHgXHkJ0e53RUy2wuw>

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>

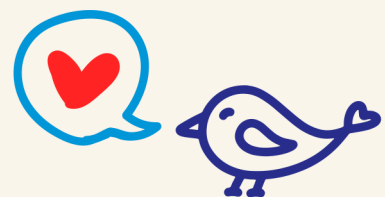


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SAVE the Date!
SATURDAY 28th JUNE



The Winns Primary School, Elphinstone Road entrance, E17 5ET
We can accept cash or cards at the event.

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.

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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 استاد 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۔

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WALTHAMSTOW CRICKET CLUB

48A, GREENWAY AVE, E17 3QN



Summer Junior Cricket

FIRST SESSION FREE!

**U9S & U11S (SCHOOL YRS 2-6)
MON 6-7:30PM FROM 28 APR**

**U12S, 13S, 14S, 15S & 16S
(SCHOOL YRS 7-12)
WEDS 6-7:30PM FROM 23 APR**

**DELIVERED BY EXPERIENCED, QUALIFIED,
DBS CHECKED COACHES.**

**FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER EMAIL:
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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.**



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MAKING FRIENDS ONLINE

In today's digital world, it's increasingly common for children to form friendships with people they've never met in person. While online connections can offer children a sense of belonging, they also carry significant risks. Around 19% of children aged 10 to 15 in England and Wales have chatted online with someone they've never met face to face. This guide offers expert advice for parents and educators on helping children navigate online friendships safely.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE GROOMING THREATS

Predators can use games, chat apps or social media platforms to build relationships with children and gain their trust. This may quickly develop into grooming or exploitation. Between April 2017 and March 2023, UK police recorded nearly 34,000 online grooming offences – an 82% increase in just five years.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Children may encounter distressing or explicit material while interacting with online contacts – especially via TikTok, Instagram or Snapchat. This is evidenced in a survey by the Children's Commissioner for England, which found that 45% of children aged 8 to 17 had seen content online that made them feel uncomfortable, worried or upset.

PRIVACY AND DATA RISKS

Children and young people often overshare personal details – such as where they live or go to school – without understanding the consequences. In fact, 4.4% of 10 to 15-year-olds in the UK have met up in real life with someone they'd only spoken to online.

COMPROMISED PERSONAL SAFETY

Meeting an online 'friend' in real life risks placing a child in serious danger. From abduction to coercion, the consequences can be devastating. Reports of children being harmed after such meetings are becoming increasingly common in the UK, highlighting the need for safeguarding intervention.

PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS

Online harm – such as cyberbullying, grooming or exposure to disturbing content – can lead to long-term emotional issues, including anxiety, depression and PTSD. 'Sextortion' gangs, who threaten to release sexual information about a person unless they pay them money, have reportedly targeted children as young as 11, leaving them traumatised and ashamed.

LONG-TERM REPERCUSSIONS

Children exposed to harmful online relationships early on may develop unhealthy beliefs about relationships, consent, or self-worth. In a recent case, a 26-year-old posed as a girl on Snapchat to befriend children aged 10 to 16, manipulating them into sexual activity and causing profound emotional distress. One 12-year-old tragically died by suicide, highlighting the long-term psychological harm online friendships with strangers can cause.

26 FRIENDS ONLINE NOW

Advice for Parents & Educators

TEACH SAFE ONLINE HABITS

Help children understand how to use privacy settings, protect their personal information, spot fake profiles, and report anything suspicious or concerning, like pressure tactics. Encourage them to think critically about what they share – and whom they're talking to.

KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN

Let children know they can talk to you about their online life. Avoid reacting with anger or judgement, as this may prevent them from opening up in the future. A child who feels listened to is more likely to disclose problems before they escalate.

ENCOURAGE REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS

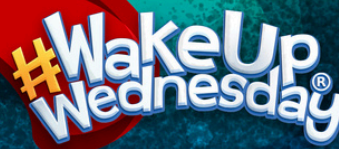
Support children in building friendships through school, clubs, hobbies and activities in the real world. Strong offline relationships help reduce children's reliance on online platforms for social interaction, and can help them develop resilience and social confidence.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Parental control settings on devices, games and apps can help manage screen time, filter out inappropriate content, and monitor activity. While no system is perfect, they provide a valuable layer of protection as children explore digital spaces.

Meet Our Expert

Gabriella Russo is a safeguarding consultant with over 30 years' experience in supporting children, families, and adults across education, local authority, and mental health settings – both in the UK (including at Parliamentary level) and internationally.



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