



WINNS WEEKLY

9.5.2025

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Have a good weekend!



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DATES FOR DIARIES WB 12.5.2025

Monday 12th May KS2 SATs (all week)

Thursday 15th May Year 2 - Epping Forest Trip

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

OCEAN WITH DAVID ATTENBOROUGH - FUTURE GENERATIONS SCREENING

A group of our school council reps and Right Respecting Schools ambassadors experienced the glitz of the blue carpet on Tuesday when they attended the global premiere of the new David Attenborough documentary, Ocean in the Royal Festival Hall. Alongside 2000 other children from a select few lucky schools (thank you to one of our amazing parents for helping us apply), the children were amongst the first people to watch the film, which highlights the importance of our oceans to our future on planet Earth. Ocean is in cinemas now, and available to stream on Disney+ in early June.



COMMUNITY POLICING TEAM

You may have seen members of the Mets Safer Neighbourhoods team in the playground just before the Easter break. We have asked them to come along regularly to engage with the school community and to share with parents and children what their role is and to answer any questions. They are a friendly bunch so next time they appear, come along and have a chat.



**METROPOLITAN
POLICE**

1AS CLASS ASSEMBLY

1AS shared their class assembly with their peers and families this week. The children have been working hard on a range of topics so far this year and they shared what they have learnt so far about the animal kingdom and 7 continents. They shared some of their favourite facts, a poem about African animals and sang an African song. The children also showed artwork that they had created inspired by African animal patterns. Well done Year 1! Thank you to Ms Sullivan and the other adults that work in 1AS for making sure the children were ready to present their learning, and also to all the families who came along to support their children.



VE DAY COMMEMORATION

We marked the 80th Anniversary of VE Day in school this week. All the children attended special assemblies earlier in the week where they learned more about what World War 2 was, and the sacrifices that ordinary people had to make to secure our freedom. There were a range of activities completed back in classes on 8th May itself including bunting-making and party-planning (see pictures) as well as observing a moment's silence at noon.





FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS

WIGGLE FOR WINNS - SPONSORED DANCE!



Get ready to Wiggle for Winns!

Our sponsored dance event will be happening at school on Thursday 12th June.

Preparations for dancing fun are underway!



SUMMER FAIR - RAFFLE HELP NEEDED!

Would you like to join the Raffle team? We have a small dedicated team of parents who source prizes, manage donations and deliver prizes for every fair. We could always use more help! **Please email fotw.chair@gmail.com** if you can be a part of making our next raffle even better than the last !

We are also looking for 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: fotwchair@gmail.com



SUMMER FAIR - WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Would you like to help before, during or after the fair? Then please 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

WANT TO WORK ON A MURAL PROJECT?

Calling all artistic parents! The school are interested in creating one or two small murals at the school. Please email fotw.chair@gmail.com if you have ideas or would like to work on a mural project



PRE-LOVED SALE THANK YOU



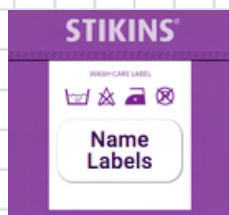
A huge thank you to the school community for making last week's second hand uniform stall the biggest ever! With a lot of ready-to-wear items donated, these were sorted by type & size, before being snapped up at the stall. At just 50p an item, £164 was taken, meaning that over 300 items of clothing were cycled round for re-use.

The next stall will be at the summer fair on 28th June, so do save any outgrown uniform for then. If you'd like to help team pre-loved who organise 5 stalls a year (including World Book Day costume give & take) then please join our WhatsApp group: <https://tinyurl.com/3ce6aruw>



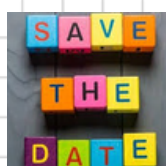
Thanks again for all of your donations & purchases! And thanks to school for facilitating this initiative.

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:

JUNE:

12th - Wiggle For Winns
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>

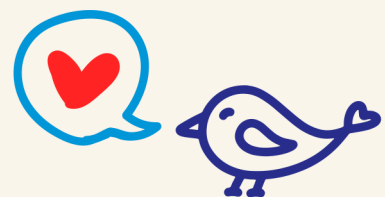


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SAVE the Date!
SATURDAY 28th JUNE



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 استاذہ 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 ترم 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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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

FOSTERING A SENSE OF BELONGING

Feeling a genuine sense of belonging is essential for the emotional and social development of children and young people. Belonging significantly boosts self-esteem, resilience, and mental wellbeing, reducing feelings of isolation and anxiety. This guide provides practical strategies to help parents and educators cultivate inclusive environments, enhancing both academic outcomes and overall happiness among young people.

1 CELEBRATE INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES

Acknowledge and celebrate the uniqueness of every child. Promoting diversity and inclusion creates an environment where differences are valued rather than stigmatised. This acceptance empowers children to confidently express their identities and feel genuinely included, fostering a robust sense of belonging within both school and home settings.

2 CONSISTENT COMMUNICATION

Regularly communicate and actively listen to children, showing genuine interest in their thoughts and experiences. Creating open communication channels helps young people feel heard and valued. This approach not only builds trust but also reinforces children's perception of themselves as a vital part of their family, school and community.

3 MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION

Give children opportunities to actively participate and contribute, whether in classrooms, at home, or in community activities. Meaningful participation helps children feel their input matters, reinforcing a sense of purpose and value. Including them in decisions and responsibilities enhances their self-worth, promoting a deeper sense of belonging and inclusion.

4 FOSTER STRONG RELATIONSHIPS

Support and encourage positive relationships between peers, educators, and families. Strong, healthy relationships significantly impact a child's sense of belonging, providing emotional support and reducing feelings of loneliness. Facilitate social interactions through group activities, teamwork, and collaborative learning to strengthen these vital connections.

5 CREATE INCLUSIVE SPACES

Design environments that reflect diversity and are welcoming for everyone. Inclusive spaces where all children see themselves represented can dramatically improve their feelings of safety and acceptance. Consider classroom displays, books, and resources that celebrate various cultures, abilities, and backgrounds to visibly reinforce inclusivity and belonging.

6 MODEL POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Adults play a crucial role by demonstrating inclusive, empathetic, and respectful behaviours. Modelling positive interactions and attitudes sets a clear standard for children to follow. Children are likely to replicate inclusive behaviour, creating a supportive community atmosphere where everyone feels accepted and valued for who they are.

7 BUILD EMOTIONAL LITERACY

Teach and encourage emotional expression and understanding among children. Developing emotional literacy enables young people to articulate their feelings and empathise with others. An emotionally intelligent environment cultivates mutual respect and compassion, fostering a deeper sense of belonging and interpersonal connection within groups.

8 SUPPORT PEER MENTORSHIP

Encourage peer mentorship or buddy systems within educational settings. Peer support enhances feelings of connectedness and security, reducing feelings of isolation. When children support one another, they naturally build community bonds, nurturing a supportive culture where belonging and friendship thrive.

9 RECOGNISE EFFORTS REGULARLY

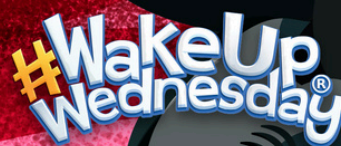
Consistently acknowledge children's contributions and achievements, however small. Recognition reinforces a child's understanding that their presence and efforts are important. Celebrating individual and collective successes helps cultivate a positive environment where children feel acknowledged, motivated, and deeply connected to peers and adults around them.

10 ADDRESS BULLYING PROMPTLY

Quickly address any incidents of bullying. Promptly intervening demonstrates a clear commitment to an inclusive and safe environment. Creating a culture where incidents are swiftly and effectively addressed reinforces trust, security, and a sense of belonging for everyone involved.

Meet Our Expert

Anna Bateman is Director of Halcyon Education Ltd and Director for Wellbeing and Family Services at Leigh Trust. With extensive experience in systemic mental health in schools, she supports educational leaders across the UK to develop inclusive, resilient, and supportive learning environments. Anna is also the lead expert for mental health at The National College.



The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: nationalcollege.com/guides/fostering-a-sense-of-belonging