



WINNS WEEKLY

23.7.2025

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DATES FOR DIARIES SEPTEMBER 2025

Monday 1 st September	INSET Day (Staff only)
Tuesday 2 nd September	Children return to school
Wednesday 3 rd September	Reception Group 1 Start
Thursday 4 th September	Nursery Group 1 Start
Monday 8 th September	Reception Group 2 Start
Tuesday 9 th September	Nursery Group 2 Start
Wednesday 10 th September	Reception Group 3 Start
Thursday 11 th September	Nursery Group 3 Start

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

END OF YEAR MESSAGE

Dear Families,

On behalf of all the staff at The Winns, we would like to wish you a wonderful holiday. We also want to say a huge thank you to everyone in our community for your continued support this year. We are incredibly lucky to be part of a great community who enable us to go about our work knowing we have so much support behind us. It really does mean a lot.

Today, we say goodbye to our amazing Year 6 pupils. While farewells are always emotional, it fills us with pride to see how confident and excited this group is as they prepare for the next chapter. Year 6 - it has been an absolute pleasure to have you at The Winns. You have consistently demonstrated our school values, and we know you will continue to make us proud as you grow into confident young adults ready to achieve great things. Always remember, we are here if you need us. A huge thank you also to the parents who are moving on - we will miss you in September.

As the school year comes to a close, we can look back with pride at so many achievements. Watching our children grow in confidence, engage with their learning, and embrace new challenges makes working in a school such a rewarding experience. This week, we enjoyed seeing some of our children



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END OF YEAR MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

showcase their wonderful musical talents. Earlier in the summer term, we held our first Creative Arts Fortnight, which culminated in a fantastic display of children's work. We're also excited to be opening our very own Art Studio in September. We participated in lots of sports competitions and trips, including the Year 6 visit to Treginnis Farm, and saw our Year 6 pupils shine on stage in their end-of-year production, Shakespeare Rocks. We also welcomed a very special new member to our team - Cybi, our school dog. Cybi has been a huge success and is already an important part of our 'wellbeing toolkit'.

While it's vital that children have opportunities to explore their talents and interests, it's equally important that they are supported by dedicated teachers and staff who challenge and inspire them. One (though not the only) measure of a school's success is the SATs results in Year 6. We are very proud that our pupils once again made excellent progress in reading, writing, and maths. Please [visit our website](#) if you'd like to see how our results compare nationally. A huge thank you to our staff for their tireless commitment to helping children thrive.

Finally, to FOTWs - what can we say? Your hard work and determination have been truly amazing. The Winter and Summer Fairs were fantastic examples of our community spirit - not only raising funds but bringing people together to have fun. The Tour de Winns, even in torrential rain, was another highlight. Parents turned up with smiles (and umbrellas!), enjoyed tea and cake, and watched their children play in the best school puddles ever! A huge shout out to Karen, our chair who will be leaving us this year. Huge footsteps to follow!

As we close for the holidays, school will still be a busy place - with classrooms being decorated and our outdoor toilets refurbished. Please note that in case of an emergency during the holidays, you can contact us via the school office email.

We hope you all have a chance to rest and enjoy some special family time together.

With warmest wishes, The Winns Team

YEAR 5 & 6 MUSICAL SHOWCASE

What a spectacular evening we had at our Summer Musical Showcase! Our talented Year 5 and 6 instrumentalists and choir members truly shone, delivering a memorable performance. The hall was filled with beautiful melodies from our young musicians, featuring trumpet, guitar and piano performances, as well as our choir. Every performance was a testament to the children's passion and no doubt countless hours of practice! A huge well done to all children involved and a big thank you to our dedicated music teachers for making this wonderful event possible. The Showcase was a fantastic celebration of music!



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CELEBRATING OUR YEAR 6 LEAVERS

This week at The Winns Primary School, we have celebrated our wonderful Year 6 leavers with a joyful end-of-year party and a special leavers' assembly. These events were a chance to reflect on the memories, achievements, and friendships the children have made during their time with us. It was a pleasure to see the children enjoying themselves, sharing laughter, and marking the end of this chapter together.

We are immensely proud of each and every one of our Year 6 pupils. They have shown resilience, kindness, and determination, and they leave us ready to take on the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. As they prepare to start at their new secondary schools in September, we know they will continue to shine, and we wish them all the very best on the next stage of their learning journey.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the parents and carers who have supported the children and the school throughout their time at The Winns. Your partnership has made a real difference, and we are grateful for your encouragement and involvement.

Good luck Year 6 – we will miss you!



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LE TOUR DE WINNS: A RAINY BUT WONDERFUL SUCCESS

Despite the rain curtailing our ride around the local roads, Le Tour de Winns was a great success. Many families braved the wet weather to visit the event village, meeting our local Met Police neighbourhood team, enjoying delicious food and snacks in the village café, and getting bikes tuned up by Dr Bike. Spirits were kept high as the rain cascaded down, thanks to our wonderful parent choir who delivered a rather apt rendition of 'Singing in the Rain'. A huge thank you goes out to our army of dedicated volunteers for their support, and especially to Karen and Toby for their calm and well-executed coordination throughout the event.



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FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS

A YEAR IN REVIEW

The Friends of the Winns would like to thank everyone who has helped us to raise money for the school this year. It's been a wonderful year with so many fun events and activities.



The Winter Term saw us reach our £30k target as our contribution towards the cost of the playground transformation which the children have loved playing in this year. It was a fun filled term with the children's designs going on Christmas Cards, Mugs and Wrapping Paper. We also hosted the first ever parent-only evening event with the Winns Nights Presents... The Quiz where 16 teams battled it out to be crowned champions (the teacher's won). And the term ended with all our festive fundraising: the Estate Agent Boards, The Raffle, and of course, the Winter Fair.

The Spring Term was all about books as 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.



And finally, The Action Packed Summer Term has been an epic one with tea towels, the children dancing their socks off at School at Wiggle for Winns, and a record breaking (both in temperature and money raised) Summer Fair and Raffle. **With the Tour de Winns still to come, we are yet to work out the total raised for this school year but we can safely say that it will be over £22K which is such a fantastic figure.**



Money raised has been spent on the playground transformation, new books for the library, and sports kit for the school and is going towards the creation of a new Art Studio and also to enhance and improve the Wellbeing spaces at the school. 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.



So, a BIG thank you to everyone who has helped us this year from the Friends of the Winns Committee. **And an especially HUGE thank you must go to Karen Leach** who has been the lynchpin behind FOTW these past two years as the Chair. As her daughter is leaving the school, we must also say a sad farewell to Karen too. She has been absolutely amazing as Chair and will be sorely missed!



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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>

WE ♥ VOLUNTEERS!



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>

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



Talk Matters

Your school is taking part in **Talk Matters** activities and support to help your child develop their talking and listening skills and improve wellbeing across the school.

Parents and carers
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We are researchers who have been asked to find out what difference **Talk Matters** makes in your school.

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DATE

AUGUST 4-8, 2025



TIME

09:30 AM - 3:00 PM



LOCATION

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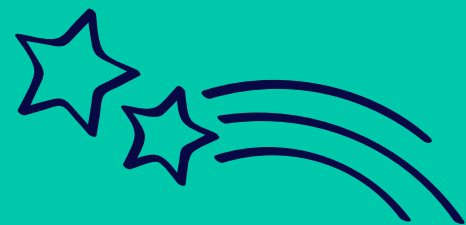


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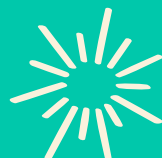
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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE SLANG

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Slang moves fast – and for many young people, it's not just how they talk, but how they share their identity and feelings. Learning key terms helps adults connect and show understanding, even if the lingo seems baffling at first.

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

Words like 'rizz' or 'slaps' can be misunderstood by adults, leading to awkward moments or a breakdown in trust. These phrases often carry subtle social meanings among young people.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Slang changes quickly. A term like 'bop' might sound innocent one week and be repurposed the next. This makes it easy for adults to fall behind and for children to misstep.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR EXCLUSION

Inside jokes and trending terms like 'simp' or 'NPC' can be used to mock or exclude others. What looks like harmless fun might actually reinforce social divisions or bullying.

PERFORMING FOR THE ALGORITHM

Slang often reflects what's popular on platforms like TikTok. Young users might exaggerate or act out for likes, creating online personas that don't match their real selves.

CONTENT MODERATION WITH CODED SPEECH

To avoid content filters, young people sometimes use slang or emojis to talk about serious topics – for example, saying 'unalive' instead of other death-related terms. This makes harmful content harder to spot.

LONG-TERM DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

A slang-filled post might seem funny now but could resurface years later during job checks or university applications – possibly out of context, but still damaging.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP UP, DON'T CATCH UP

Follow youth culture pages or ask your child about new slang. Staying informed shows that you're engaged and open to understanding their world.

ASK, DON'T INTERROGATE

Use open questions to invite conversation. You're not quizzing them – just trying to learn more about their online lives.

FOCUS ON CONNECTION OVER CONTROL

Being someone your child can talk to is more valuable than using strict filters or monitoring apps. Openness builds trust.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL MEDIA LITERACY

Talk about where slang comes from, how it spreads, and how it can impact others. This helps young people use language more thoughtfully.

ONLINE SLANG CHEAT SHEET -

The following slang terms are common examples – please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list and both meaning and prevalence can change swiftly.

COMMON SLANG:

- Sigma** - Independent, self-reliant (often male) mindset; proud outsider status. Often celebrated in motivational memes.
- Skibidi** - Nonsense word from the viral 'Skibidi Toilet' meme; expresses chaos or fun. Usually harmless but pervasive.
- Chat** - The collective audience or group of viewers (e.g. on a livestream). Used when addressing followers directly.
- Lock in** - To focus, commit or get serious (e.g. before gaming or sports). Positive encouragement to concentrate.
- Cooking** - Doing something exceptionally well or gaining momentum. Opposite of 'cooked'.
- Rizz** - Charisma or flirting ability (short for charisma). Can praise social confidence.
- Aura or aura farming** - One's perceived 'energy' or vibe; 'farming' means manufacturing clout.

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING SLANG

- Bop** - An adult content creator (e.g. OnlyFans). Indicates exposure to 18+ material.
- Gyat or gyatt** - Sexualised exclamation about someone's backside. Objectifies appearance.
- Tralero tralala / bombardino crocodilo / tung tung tung sahur** - Spammy references to AI-generated creatures with 'Italian-sounding' names. Can clog chats, derail discussion, and harass others.
- Glazing** - Overpraising or obsessively defending a streamer or celebrity.
- Crash out** - To lose control, give up or have a meltdown; sometimes hints at self-harm.
- Cooked** - Ruined, exhausted or in serious trouble; sometimes mental health-related.
- Unalive** - Euphemism for death or suicide; used to avoid content filters.
- NPC** - Used to suggest someone is lacking independent thoughts or is repetitive and predictable.

Meet Our Expert

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