★★★ Last week's whole school attendance: 96.3% ★★★

WINNS WEEKLY

26.9.2025

Kalofsh një fundjavë të mirë!

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Have a good weekend!

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DATES FOR DIARIES W.B. 29.9.2025

Monday 29th September	Flu Vaccinations (see bulletin for details)
Wednesday 1st October	CJ Storyteller in Reception classes
	Reception 2026 Parent Tour (9:30am)

Please remember to subscribe to our online calendar so that you receive automatic updates into your own calendar.

BELONGING, RESPECT AND STANDING TOGETHER

At The Winns, we know that the world outside school can sometimes feel unsettling, and recent events and protests across the country and closer to home have raised understandable concerns within our community. We want to reassure families that we take seriously our role in supporting children to grow up with a strong sense of belonging, respect, and empathy.

Our school values, alongside our Rights Respecting Schools agenda, guide us in helping children understand the importance of kindness, equality, and celebrating difference. Through assemblies, class discussions, and our curriculum, we provide children with the tools to think critically, challenge stereotypes, and appreciate the richness that diversity brings to our wonderful community.

We also strongly believe it is important to give children safe spaces to ask questions and share their feelings. Staff are always ready to listen, and we actively encourage children to speak up if they feel worried or confused by events they see or hear about beyond the school gates.

Together, we are committed to building a school where every child feels safe, respected, and valued, and where divisive views have no place. By working in partnership with parents and carers, we can ensure our children develop the compassion and resilience needed to thrive in today's world.

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RACKET PACK BADMINTON FESTIVAL

On Friday morning, we took a group of year 3 & 4 children to Peter May Sports Centre to take part in the 'Racket Pack' badminton event. All the children learnt new skills which they will be able to bring back to school to share with their classmates, represented the school fabulously and had lots of fun in the process. Well done all!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT THE WINNS

October marks Black History Month, and we are excited to share an action-packed programme of events for our children and families. This year, our theme is Belonging – Our Story and Standing Together as One, and we will be celebrating through a wide variety of creative and inspiring activities.

Across the month, children will experience a **colourful carnival**, **thought-provoking art installations**, and **special theatre performances** that bring to life the stories of significant figures from history and author visits. Our older pupils will also take part in **workshops** designed to counter prejudice, strengthen community ties and explore what it means to stand together with respect and unity.

We are particularly excited about our show-stopping finale, which we are keeping under wraps for now—but we can promise it will be a memorable conclusion to the month's celebrations.

We look forward to sharing these experiences and celebrating belonging, history, and community together.

LOCAL CHAMPION: JAXON TAKES GOLD!

A huge congratulations is in order for one of our very own pupils, Jaxon, who achieved an outstanding victory at the East Anglia BMX Championships 2025 held a few weeks ago in Braintree!

Jaxon, in the Under 6's age group, flew past the competition to finish in 1st place, officially making him the new East Anglia BMX Champion for his category!

This incredible achievement comes from a lot of hard work. Jaxon rides for the local team, 'Cog', which is based just down the road - a fantastic place for any budding young cyclist to hone their skills.

We are so proud of Jaxon for his dedication and fantastic success on the track! Keep an eye out for more great things from this young champion.

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FREE BIKE MARKING EVENT

Following interest from some of our families at our own Tour de Winns event in the summer term, we are delighted to share that our local Safer Neighbourhood Team from the Met Police will be running a Free Bike Marking Event this month.

📍 Location: Forest Road, outside The William Morris Gallery
📅 Date: Saturday 27th September
⏰ Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm

Bike marking is a great way to deter theft and help recover bikes if they are ever lost or stolen. This is a free opportunity for families to get their bikes security-marked, so do pop along if you're able to. A huge thank you to our local Safer Neighbourhood Team for offering this support to our school community.

For more info please visit https://www.bikeregister.com/

FREE EVENT FOR PARENTS – TUESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

In today's digital world, parents often face the challenge of helping their children stay connected with friends while also avoiding overuse or dependency on devices. To support families, we are delighted to host a free talk from PapayaTalks, who specialise in empowering parents with practical advice and expert guidance on children's wellbeing in a digital age.

Join us at The Winns on Tuesday 30th September at 7pm. If you are unable to attend in person, you can join online via a link that will be sent out on Monday.

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FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS

THANK YOU, GEORGE!

This is the last time George will be putting together the Friends of the Winns section of the Winns Weekly and I wanted to say a big thank you for all his efforts to squeeze in the valuable information and updates every week! George is stepping down from managing the FOTW comms and has done a great job sending the messages and reminders you have in the Winns Weekly, your inbox and whatsapp for our fundraising events, donations and schemes like easyfundraising. But don't worry, he will still be running the quiz night....

AGM NEXT MONDAY!

The FOTW AGM will be hosted at the school the evening of next Monday 29th September (6:30pm). Everyone is welcome, so please come along to meet a group of parents dedicated to making the Winns even better for all the children. **Several of the committee are stepping down so we will be voting in new members, your vote and your volunteering matters!**

You can also hear about how the FOTW have used the funds raised this year and plans for what's next. We would love to hear your ideas and feedback and share volunteering opportunities. Snacks and drinks provided.

For more information about becoming part of the committee please contact fotwchair@gmail.com

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you help out in the school library? FOTW need some new volunteers to help in the library, no experience necessary even hour a week would be helpful ! Training provided.

Interested? Then contact fotwchair@gmail.com

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

SEPTEMBER:
29th - FOTW AGM

OCTOBER:
17th – Preloved Uniform Sale

NOVEMBER:
Dates to be announced soon

DECEMBER:
6th - Winter 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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