



WINNS WEEKLY

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DATES FOR DIARIES W.B. 6.10.2025

Tuesday 7th October Nursery Parent Tour (9:30am)

Wednesday 8th October Y3 Reading Morning

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

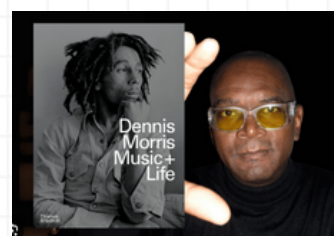
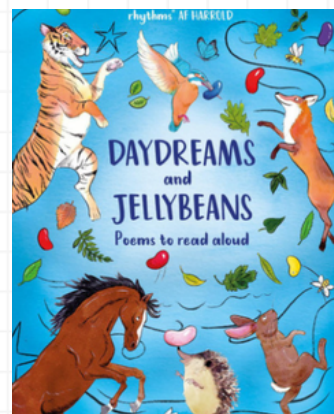
BLACK HISTORY MONTH LAUNCH AT THE WINNS

There has been a real buzz around school this week as we kicked off Black History Month with assemblies across all year groups, launching what promises to be an action-packed month of learning and celebration. Children explored the fascinating stories of key figures in British public life—heroes and role models whose achievements continue to inspire. We also reflected on the Windrush generation, recognising both the struggles they faced and the many contributions they made to British society.

In class, pupils have been introduced to the award-winning poet Alex Wharton, whose work with the BookTrust champions greater representation of people of colour in children's literature. His poetry has already sparked some wonderful discussions and creativity. Looking ahead, we have theatre performances, workshops, carnival and author visits to enjoy. And of course, we'll be donning our aprons and rolling up our sleeves to cook and taste delicious Caribbean and African cuisine... mmmm, we can't wait!



Please also keep a note in your diaries for something extra special in Friday 24th October at morning drop off.



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LET'S TALK ABOUT KIDS AND THEIR TECH

This week, we hosted a parent meeting on the theme "Let's Talk About Kids and Their Tech", led by Ruth Smyth with the support of parent Amie Tridgell. The session drew on the work of PapayaTalks, whose workshops are designed to empower both parents and young people to make informed choices about smartphones, social media, and screen use.

The talk offered expert insights and practical advice, highlighting the benefits of delaying smartphone and social media use, as well as the importance of setting healthy tech boundaries within families. Parents left with strategies they could put into action straight away to support their children's wellbeing in our increasingly digital world.

A big thank you to all those who joined us in person and online. This is the beginning of a positive movement—so watch out for more opportunities to get involved in the near future.



CJ STORYTELLER VISIT TO RECEPTION

Our Reception children were very lucky to receive a visit from CJ this week, who ran some exciting storytelling sessions in each class. There is always a buzz of energy when CJ is in the building and we are already looking forward to their next visit during our World Book Day celebrations in March.



YEAR 2 OUTDOOR LEARNING

Following on from their trip to Lloyd Park last week, 2CS took part in some more outdoor learning this time with Miss Daria, our gardening expert at school, as she let us explore our school garden! The children identified different animals and plants that live in this urban garden environment and also located some microhabitats including bug hotels, cobwebs and the soil itself. 2JS and 2ML are looking forward to exploring the school garden in the next 2 weeks too!



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FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS

MESSAGE FROM KAREN, OUTGOING CO-CHAIR

After two fun filled years it's time for the current FOTW committee to step down. We have had such a wonderful time and achieved so much together it has been an honour and a joy.

I'm so proud to have been a part of making The Winns even better and have loved working with so many of you across all the fairs and events! Winns is very lucky to have such talented, engaged and generous families! Thank you to all our volunteers, there are too many to list here but you've been amazing and very much appreciated. Without you we just couldn't make it happen!

Special thanks to Eleanor for being such a great secretary, Kevin for co chair duties and George who ran the comms. I was lucky to share your time running the FOTW! Also thanks to the treasurer Rolly who has a little extra time in his role.

As our last committee duty we are all delighted to announce your new FOTW co chairs as voted in at the AGM... Bisi and Vic!

They already have lots of experience in supporting the Friends and working with the school across several projects and are eager to start with new ideas! And Matt has stepped up for treasurer duties with Rolly which will be a great help.

I hope you can all support the new committee and the FOTW to make it another great year of fun and fundraising! And do get involved, any expertise, time or help is greatly appreciated. It's a great way to meet parents from across the school and have fun while knowing you are making a difference to your child's school.

Love Winns,
Karen

LIBRARY PROGRESS UPDATE

Frances has added 177+ new books since July-thanks to parent donations and FOTW funds (including Story Trail proceeds). After the call out, a fresh team of volunteers is now helping keep the space tidy and welcoming. thank you to everybody that has volunteered it will make a big difference.

And did you know children can dive into The Phoenix and other fun magazines-there's truly something for everyone!



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HELLO FROM BISI & VIC – YOUR NEW FOTW CO-CHAIRS!

We are Bisi and Vic-your new co-chairs for Friends of the Winns! We are thrilled to be stepping into this role and supporting our wonderful school community. You may have seen us at sports day chopping fruit or selling tea towels, and we're excited to connect with even more of you this year.

👋 A warm welcome to reception families. We'll be hosting a coffee morning next month - date tbc. We can't wait to meet you!

📍 We'll be hanging back at drop-off and pick-up for informal playground chats. If you've got ideas, feedback, or want to get involved, come say hi!



💰 Meet Matt, our new treasurer is dad to kids in nursery, Y1 & Y4. You might know him from the summer fair pizza crew or as the leader of the Winns parent and carer choir. He'll be working closely with outgoing treasurer Rolly.

🧠 We are creating a parent/carers skills directory and exploring ways to connect both online and offline-so everyone can be part of the FOTW magic.

🙏 Thank You to our outgoing committee; Karen, Kev, Eleanor, George, and Rolly for their incredible work. We're delighted many will stay involved and help launch new initiatives.

WE'RE RECRUITING!

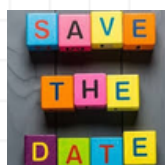


We are looking for a:

- Secretary
- Head of Comms - help with all comms -emails, WhatsApp, and Winns Weekly

Roles can be shared-email us fotwchair@gmail.com or grab us in the playground!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



OCTOBER:

17th - Preloved
Uniform Sale
17th - Playground
chat

NOVEMBER:

tbc - Reception
coffee morning

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.

Have ideas or feedback for FOTW? Email FOTW: fotwchair@gmail.com



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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>

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