



WINNS WEEKLY

16.1.2026

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Σαββατοκύριακο!

Greek
Have a nice weekend!



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DATES FOR DIARIES W.B.19.1.2026

Wednesday 21st January 3CS Class Assembly (9:10am)

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

A WORLD OF INSPIRATION: AUTHOR JANEEN HAYAT VISITS YEARS 4, 5, AND 6

Our Upper Key Stage 2 students were treated to a captivating morning today as we welcomed acclaimed author Janeen Hayat to The Winns. Janeen shared the fascinating story of her journey to becoming a writer, proving to the children that every great book begins with a single, simple idea and the courage to put pen to paper. She spoke candidly about the challenges she faced and the perseverance required to see her stories in print, which resonated deeply with our aspiring young authors.

The highlight of the session was Janeen's empowering message on heritage. She encouraged the children to look into their own family histories and cultural backgrounds for inspiration. By reflecting on their unique identities, she explained, they can find authentic voices that make their writing truly stand out. It was a wonderful day of creativity that left our Year 4, 5, and 6 classes buzzing with new ideas for their own stories!



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Y3 & 4 TRI GOLF FESTIVAL

A group of our Year 3 & 4 children attended the School Games Tri-Golf festival on Friday morning. The children had the opportunity to learn some new skills in a fun environment, alongside children from other schools in the borough. Well done children!



WATERSTONES CHILDREN'S BOOK PRIZE FILMING

This week, we were delighted to welcome the Waterstones team into our school library to film children taking part in the Waterstones Children's Book Prize project. A group of our Reception and Year 6 pupils were chosen to share their thoughts on the shortlisted books they have been enjoying, and they did so with huge enthusiasm and confidence.

The children were wonderfully animated, speaking about their favourite characters, exciting moments and the parts of the stories that really captured their imaginations. It was a pleasure to see just how much they love reading and how confidently they can talk about books and authors.

Reading is at the heart of life at The Winns, and opportunities like this help to nurture curiosity, enjoyment and a lifelong love of stories.

We will be sharing news of the shortlisted titles – and the eventual prize winners – over the coming weeks, so watch this space!



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FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS

WE'RE ALL FRIENDS OF THE WINNS

As a parent/carer to a child or children who attend the Winns, you are already a Friend of the Winns. The Friends of the Winns is a **registered charity** which organises opportunities to connect, share ideas, volunteer and support the school through fundraising, wellbeing and social activities.

Did you know?

As we appeal for your kind support, donations and volunteering time, did you know that as a registered charity, **if the company you work for offers paid time off** for volunteering leave, this can be used to help with Friends of the Winns events!



PARENT/CARER READING VOLUNTEERS!

Can you help the school as a reading volunteer?

FOTW are supporting the school with a call for volunteers to build a **team of parents and carers to support children** with extra reading support.

The commitment

One 30-minute session per week during the Spring term (up to Friday 27 March). You're very welcome to volunteer for more than one session per week.

Session timings

9.00am - 9.30am

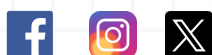
Key Dates

The sign up sheet will stay open until 12noon Monday 26th of January. The reading sessions will start on w/c 2nd February.

Year group/day of the week

Y5 - Tuesday, Y4 - Wednesday, Y3 - Thursday

For more information on the programme flow and also if you are open to signing up as a reading volunteer for this term, please read and complete the google form [here](#)
Thank you!



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THE WINNS STORY WINDOWS TRAIL 2026

We're delighted to announce that the Winns Story Windows Trail will be back in 2026, as one of the many fantastic activities taking place at the school throughout March to celebrate World Book Day.

We're also incredibly grateful to **Central Estate Agents** for coming on board as our annual book trail sponsor. This year, they're pledging **£1,000 towards new books for the school if we reach our target of 100 homes** hosting a Central Estate Agents sign during the period 1-31 March.

The trail is an activity organised by Friends of The Winns (FOTW), where children and carers sign up to **decorate a panel in their front window**, inspired by their favourite book or book character.

Winns families can also sign up to **host a sponsored sign**, which helps raise funds for the school and promotes the event.

All families can take part in the trail by using the Google Map of decorated homes, which will be created and shared throughout March.

Keep an eye out for next week's newsletter, when we'll be launching the appeal for sign hosts and/or decorators.



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THE WINNS COMMUNITY SKILLS DIRECTORY

One of the projects the FOTW committee will be leading this year is the creation of **The Winns Community Skills Directory** - a shared record of the skills, experience and knowledge within our parent and carer community.

This could be the job you do and might offer a student a chance to shadow, a life experience you'd be happy to share, or a practical skill that could support FOTW projects.

We'd love to explore how we can connect these and support the school together.

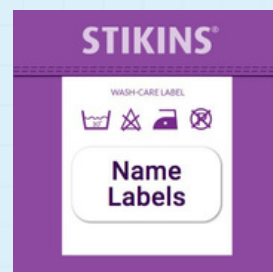
As we begin thinking about **how to build a safe, accessible and secure directory**, we'd especially welcome insight from anyone with **experience in records or information management**. If you're happy to offer advice or feedback, please contact Bisi and Vic, FOTW co-chairs, at fotwchair@gmail.com.

SUPPORTING WITH SPARE UNIFORM

A big thank you to everyone who has already donated spare uniform for the emergency uniform box! Thanks to your generosity, the office now has a much-needed boost of size 10-11 trousers and skirts.

FOTW will also be funding uniform stickers for the school, so that any borrowed uniform can be easily identified, washed, and returned.

And a reminder: if you need stick-in name labels for uniform, when you buy **via Stikins**, FOTW receives a 30% donation. Visit stikins.co.uk and quote our fundraising number **25586** at checkout.



27th February:
Team Preloved
Costume Swap

1-31st March:
World book day activity
including the Book Swap
and Winns Story
Windows trail

