



WINNS WEEKLY

27.2.2026

Mitego weekendu!

Polish
Have a good weekend!



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DATES FOR DIARIES W.B.2.3.2026

- Monday 2nd March** 5CF Swimming (all week)
Nursery visiting Higham Hill Library
- Tuesday 3rd March** CJ Storyteller in school
Front Row Music performance (Blue Hall, 9:10am)
- Thursday 5th March** World Book Day - dressing up
3NM Class Assembly (9:10am)
School Nurse drop-in
- Friday 6th March** British Science Week starts

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

YEAR 5 & 6 GIRLS FOOTBALL

Our year 5 & 6 girls football team competed in the borough competition this week. The girls had to wait a long time for their chance to take to the pitch - the tournament was due to take place in October but was postponed twice due to bad weather. It was another fantastic turnout at a girls' football event with 35 teams from 25 schools taking part in the competition. The girls finished one point short of qualifying for the knockout stages, but represented the school brilliantly.



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YEAR 5 BOYS FOOTBALL

Well done to our year 5 boys' football team who competed against other schools from across the borough at Chingford Goals on Friday this week. The boys battled hard to earn a spot in the quarter finals, losing only one of their group games, but unfortunately progressed no further. The boys represented the school brilliantly throughout the day and showed a fabulous team spirit throughout. Thank you to Coach Sim for all his support both in school, and on the day, as well as the parent volunteers who accompanied the boys.



YEAR 5 TUNE INTO TECHNOLOGY WITH CONDUCTIVE MUSIC!

Year 5 recently enjoyed an immersive "Micro: Melodies" workshop led by Conductive Music, blending music, science, and coding. This award-winning STEAM session turned the classroom into a digital studio where pupils used BBC Micro:bits to compose their own music.

Using block-based coding, the children programmed rhythms to create original tunes. The innovation didn't stop there; by using the BBC Make Code site, the children were able to create simple 8-bit style arcade games.

The workshop perfectly bridged the curriculum, linking Computing skills like debugging with Science and Music. It was fantastic to see our pupils develop their problem-solving skills while exploring the future of music technology.



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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?

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!



FRIENDS OF THE WINNS - PARENT FEEDBACK SESSION

FOTW would love to hear **your ideas and feedback** on how we can all work together as a community. This is also a chance to learn more about the charity and the proposed events calendar for 2026. We're looking to host an **online meet-up on Wednesday 11th March, 7.30-8.30pm**. Joining links will be shared closer to the time, we hope you can make it!

In the meantime

Please do contact us at fotwchair@gmail.com or share your thoughts and feedback via your class reps. And the FOTW committee of Matt, Vic, Ness and Bisi are always up for a chat.



BREAKING NEWS

COSTUME SWAP SUCCESS - THANK YOU TEAM PRELOVED!

A huge thank you to Team Preloved for all their hard work on **today's costume swap event**, helping children and carers source a **costume for free** ahead of World Book Day. We're so grateful for the time, energy and organisation that went into making it such a supportive and community-spirited event.

Pictures and highlights will be shared in next week's edition of Winns Weekly.



1-31st March:

Winns Story Windows trail

12th & 13th of March:

The Book Swap!

11th March

Online FOTW Feedback Session

1st-31st May

The read-a-thon!



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WORLD BOOK DAY - RECAP OF EASY DIY COSTUME IDEAS

By Lucy and Myfanwy from the Preloved Team

World Book Day is on **Thursday 5 March**.

If you're still deciding, here's a reminder of some easy, last minute DIY costume ideas!

Animal characters

- **Plain clothes** in the right colour (brown, grey, white, etc.)
- **Mask:** paper plate or cereal box card
- **Tail:** old tights stuffed with newspaper
- **Optional extras:** face paint, whiskers, card ears

Witches & magical characters

- **Dress or dark outfit** as a base
- **Pointy hat:** made from paper or card
- **Wand:** card, ribbon or eco-glitter
- **Optional cape** (no-sew is fine if it opens easily)

Everyday-clothes characters

- **Matilda:** blue dress + red ribbon
- **Katie Morag:** green/plaid skirt, jumper, wellies
- **Pippi Longstocking:** mismatched socks, patched dress, hair in bunches
- **Tintin:** white shirt, blue jumper, brown trousers (quiff optional)

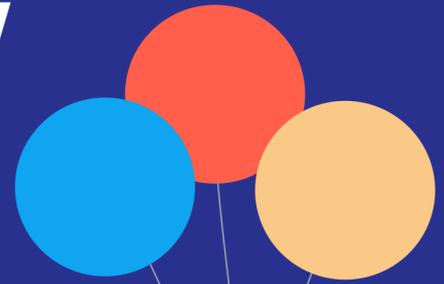
Superheroes

- **Mask:** paper plate or cereal box
- **Cape:** scarf, fabric or sheet
- **Logo:** drawn or stuck on
- Works well for many book and graphic novel characters

Homemade, shop-bought, simple or last-minute, it all counts!



The Winns STORY WINDOW TRAIL 2026



AND WE'RE OFF!

Click here to view the [Winns Story Window Trail](#) map, launching this Sunday the 1st of March.

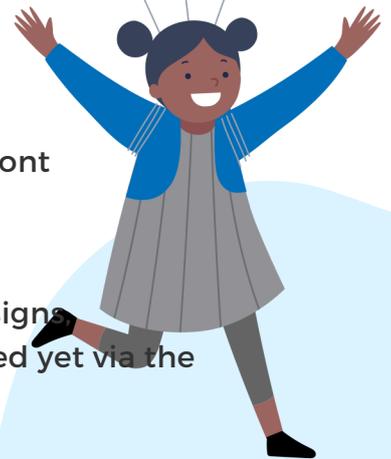
We currently have **48 homes and venues** signed up to decorate a front window - our highest response yet. Thank you!

And thank you to those **hosting a sponsored estate agent sign** to promote the trail. We've now reached our target of 100 sponsored signs unlocking **£1,000 for library funding**, which is the highest sum raised yet via the trail.

Bringing every child closer to the trail

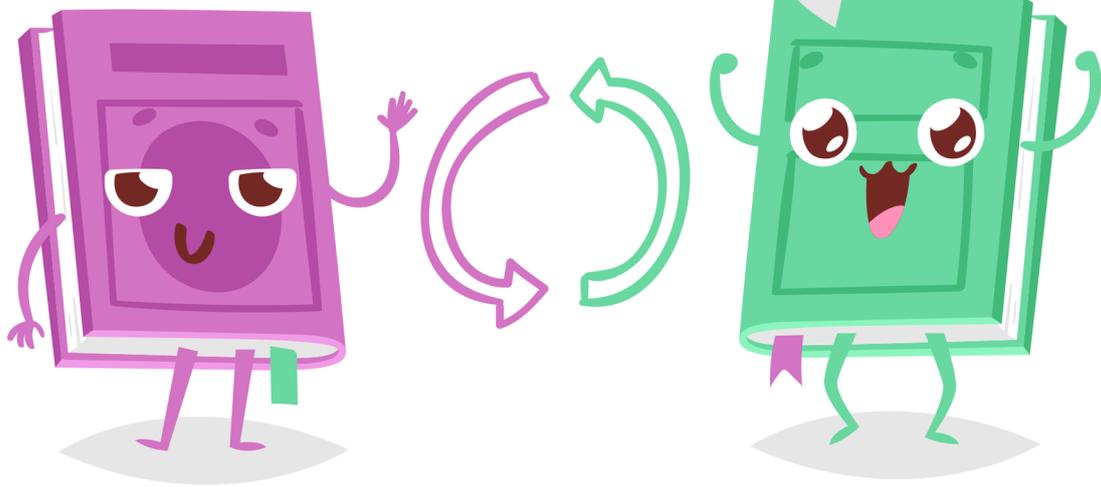
For the first time, The Winns Primary School will be a **featured decorator** on The Winns Story Window Trail. Throughout March, children will be creating **World Book Day artwork to be displayed externally at school** for the community to enjoy. To help ensure every child gets to experience the trail, FOTW will also **share a short slideshow with staff** towards the end of March, featuring decorations (from homes that agreed to be photographed) to spark classroom conversations about favourite books, characters and what to read next.

Although the main sign-up sheet is now closed ahead of launch, if the trail inspires your child and you'd **still like to decorate** a window at any point in March, please email fotwchair@gmail.com and we'll happily add you to the interactive map.





Bring a book from home and
swap it for a different one



Book Swap

Thursday 12th March for Years 3, 4EB, 4KB, 5 & 6

Friday 13th March for Nursery, Reception,
Years 1 & 2 and class 4LT

Changing lives through a **love of books and reading** with a fun packed month of events at The Winns Primary School

STORY WINDOW TRAIL

Running from 1st-31st March

Kids and carers can follow an interactive map showing decorated front windows, which are themed to celebrate the love of reading and World Book Day. How many windows can you find?

WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATION

Thursday 5th March

Come dressed as your favourite book character. Some costumes will be available at school free of charge at pick up in the playground on Friday 27th February.

THE TRAVELLING BOOK FAIR

5th -10th March

The travelling book fair rolls into town with a whole host of captivating children's books to buy

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MAY READATHON

Running from 1st-31st May

Join us on a reading adventure and raise money for the school

