

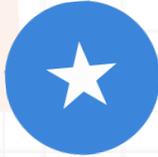


WINNS WEEKLY

27.3.2026

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Have a good weekend!



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DATES FOR DIARIES W.B.13.4.2026

- Monday 13th April Children return (no INSET day)
- Tuesday 14th April Nursery Parent Tour (9:30am)
- Wednesday 15th April School Nurse drop in (see bulletin for details of how to book an appointment)

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

4KB CLASS ASSEMBLY

This week, 4KB delivered the final class assembly before the Easter break, and what a fantastic way to end the term. The assembly focused on their geography and history learning from the unit Restless Earth - My Region and Campania, exploring life in and around Pompeii during the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

The children spoke with confidence and enthusiasm, bringing this dramatic period of history vividly to life. The audience were also enthralled by some beautifully written pieces of work, showcasing both creativity and depth of understanding.

A brilliant assembly and a wonderful reflection of their hard work—well done, 4KB!

Wishing all of our families who are celebrating next weekend a Happy Easter!



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A WARM WINNS WELCOME TO JUNIPER CATERING!

Hello from Juniper - new school meals at your school!

We're really excited to let you know that from April, Juniper will be looking after school meals in your school.

Juniper began in Newham with a simple idea - that school food should be fresh, healthy, and enjoyable. We're proud to be rooted in local communities working closely with schools and families to make mealtimes something children look forward to every day.

Here's what you can expect with Juniper:

- Nutritious menus that help children feel happy, healthy and ready to learn
- Fresh, seasonal ingredients with a chance to try new tastes alongside familiar favourites
- Fun theme days and events that make lunchtimes exciting
- A caring, friendly team who create a welcoming dining space

We can't wait to get started and share mealtimes with your children. For further menu details, please visit the [school website](#).

With warm wishes,
The Juniper Team



MUD, SWEAT, AND CHEERS AT CROSS COUNTRY!

A massive well done to the 23 brave runners from Years 3-6 who tackled the Key Stage 2 cross country event a few Saturdays ago. Competing in a huge field of 398 runners, our team battled through a gruelling one-mile course defined by incredibly muddy conditions - leading to more than a few lost shoes in the sludge! Despite the sticky terrain, our athletes showed incredible grit, securing several impressive top 50 finishes in both the boys' and girls' categories. A huge thank you to all the parents who braved the elements to cheer from the sidelines, and a special shout-out to Penny for her fantastic work coordinating the team on the day. Thank you for your support!



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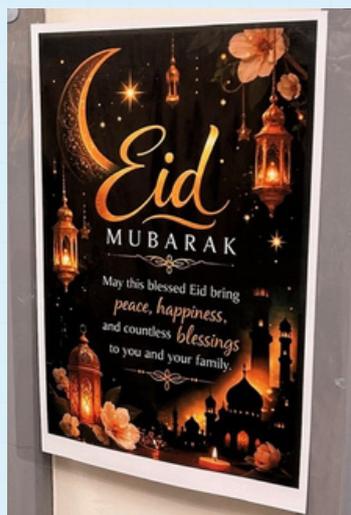
WATERSTONES CHILDREN'S BOOK PRIZE

We were absolutely delighted to hear the announcement of this year's Waterstones Children's Book Prize winners, yesterday evening ([for all the winners, see the Waterstones website](#)) - a wonderful celebration of the very best in children's literature.

However, for us, the real winners were our incredible group of children from Reception and Year 6 classes who were invited to take part in filming back in January as part of the awards ceremony in central London. Representing The Winns with confidence and enthusiasm, they spoke with remarkable insight about this year's shortlisted books, sharing thoughtful, engaging responses that truly highlighted their love of reading.

We are thrilled to report that the audience - made up of industry experts, publishers and a host of internationally renowned authors - were completely wowed by our children. Their passion, knowledge and humour shone through and made a lasting impression on everyone in attendance. You can catch their amazing contributions by clicking [here](#).

We could not be prouder of this fantastic group. What an inspiring showcase of the rich reading culture we nurture here at The Winns.



EID CELEBRATIONS @ THE WINNS

This week at The Winns, children took part in Eid celebrations, helping to decorate their classrooms and enjoying a special selection of sweet desserts to mark the occasion.

Through our learning, pupils have been exploring the significance of fasting in a range of religions, including Islam, and how this time encourages reflection, self-discipline and compassion. We have also discussed the importance of the celebrations that follow, such as Eid, which is a joyful and meaningful

time for many of our families. Many children were able to share their own experiences which was really insightful. Of course, all our children approached the experience with respect, curiosity and enthusiasm, and thoroughly enjoyed taking part. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate diversity and strengthen our shared sense of community.



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TRY-TIME FOR YEAR 2!

Our Year 2 children have had a fantastic term of PE, developing their skills through weekly rugby sessions led by Coach Paul Quill from Viking Rugby. With Paul's expert guidance, the children have moved beyond basic drills to master the fundamentals of backwards passing and spatial awareness through high-energy games of Tag Rugby. More importantly, these sessions have emphasized the "Viking" spirit of teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship, as pupils learned to support one another and communicate effectively as a squad. The progress in their coordination and confidence has been a joy to watch, and we are incredibly grateful to Coach Paul for sharing his passion and expertise with our budding athletes.



GRANDMASTERS IN THE MAKING: LOCAL CHESS FESTIVAL

Our school's budding tacticians recently took part in an inspiring local chess festival organized by the charity Chess in Schools and Communities (CSC). This event highlighted our fantastic ongoing partnership with CSC, which currently provides expert Year 6 lessons and a popular after-school club for our Year 3 and 4 students.

Twenty of our pupils attended the festival, beginning their day with masterclass lessons from professional tutors. A major highlight was the simultaneous exhibition, where our students went head-to-head against professional players and former junior champions who traveled from as nearby as Walthamstow and as far afield as Singapore and California!

To wrap up the day, the children competed in six intense rounds of speed chess. Despite the ticking clocks and the pressure, our team performed brilliantly against some very experienced opponents. Their focus and sportsmanship were a credit to the school - well done to all our competitors and a huge thank you to the parent volunteers who accompanied the children on the day!



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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!

FOTW BOOK SWAP: THE FINAL JOURNEY OF YOUR DONATED BOOKS!

Thank you to **Karen and Cris** for all their work this week sorting books for their next homes. Any of your kind donations that remained have now gone on to one of three places:

- 1 box saved for **Year 5-6 readers for the 2027 Book Swap**
- 3 boxes set aside to sell at the **Winns Summer Fair**
- 7 bags of good-quality books **donated to the Salvation Army**



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READING VOLUNTEERS

From January to March, an incredible group of parents and carers joined forces to provide **reading support across Years 3, 4 and 5.**

Managed internally by school staff, the FOTW committees helped by recruiting volunteers - and **co-chairs Vic and Bisi** joined the volunteer pool.

We are so grateful to this wonderful group of people who gave up a morning each week to support the children. Volunteers have told us not only **how much progress they've seen in the children's reading** and confidence, but also how much **they have enjoyed forming new friendships and connections with fellow volunteers.**

Here they are, thank you to: **Aliya, Jessica, Laura, Rolly, Sarah, Simone, Theresa, Abi, Anna, Irina, Karen, Katharine, Leila, Martina, Shelby, Becky, Gaele, Barbara, Natalie, Ramona and Shireen.**

A big thank you also to **Allison Tokeley, Mike Waterson and Lucy Cooper** for all their work at school to get the sessions running so smoothly.



SUMMER '26: JOIN THE READING VOLUNTEER TEAM!

As promised, volunteer slots are now open again. Can you join us as a **reading volunteer for the Summer term?**

We're always looking for more parent-carer volunteers to get involved.

- 10 sessions will run from **27th April to w/c 13th July**
- Break for May half-term

- Deadline to complete the form: **midday Wednesday 15th April**
- Returning volunteers: please complete the form again if you'd like to continue
- Allocations will be confirmed **w/c 20th April**

[Volunteer sign-up link here](#)

TEAM ♥ UP!



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TEAM PRELOVED SALE

Team Preloved are back, offering a low-cost, sustainable way to pick up school uniform. Next sale: **Friday 24th April**

All items are **50p each**. Cash and card accepted.

If you're having a uniform clear-out over the Spring holidays, please consider donating good-condition items. **Donations can be dropped at the main office from Monday 20th April until 9am Friday 24th April.**

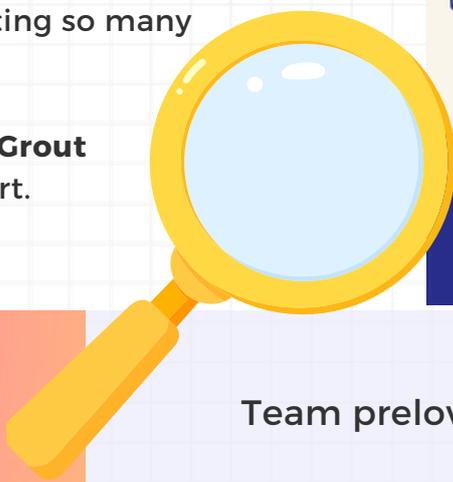
TEAM LOST PROPERTY

A huge thank you to **Julia and everyone on Team Lost Property** for sorting, photographing and reuniting so many items with their owners.

And thank you to **Debbie Grout** for all your internal support.



SAVE
the DATE



The poster for the Preloved Uniform Sale features illustrations of various school uniform items: a blue long-sleeved shirt, a grey skirt, a grey pair of trousers, a blue and white checkered shirt, a blue cardigan, a white polo shirt, a blue and white checkered skirt, a grey dress with a bow, and a grey pair of trousers. A magnifying glass is also visible. The text on the poster includes: 'The Winns Primary School', 'Preloved UNIFORM SALE', 'Friday 24 April in the main playground', 'Give school clothes a second life - and save money too! Jumpers, cardigans, dresses, shorts, pinafores, trousers, PE kits and more - all at great prices.', 'Donations Welcome!', and 'Donations of clean, good-quality uniform items (no shoes please) can be dropped at the main office from Monday 20th April until 9am Friday 24th April'. There are also '50p' price tags on some items.

24th April

Team preloved uniform sale, after school.

24th April

Playground hang-out with Bisi and Vic, after school.

1st-31st May

The read-a-thon!

15th of May

Reception disco, after school.

4th July

The Summer Fair!



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THE WINNS STORY WINDOWS TRAIL 2026

Can your home join the Winns Story Windows Trail?

Thank you all so much for taking part in the Winns Story Windows Trail, whether you decorated a window at home, supported a child decorating one at school, journeyed around the trail, or even picked up a book that a window inspired you to read. The Winns Story Windows for 2026 is now coming to an end.

A huge thank you again to **Central Estates**, whose sponsored boards enabled us to raise **£1,000 towards new books** for the school - and to our **100 host homes** who kindly displayed them.

Thank you also to the **52 homes and venues** that created a window decoration, including, for the very first time, the school itself! **Year 1 and Year 2** showed off their artistry with beautiful book-themed displays adorning their doors and windows. If you haven't had the chance yet, **the trail will remain up until 31st March**. See here for the [Interactive map](#).

A big thank you as well to Ness, FOTW Secretary, for creating a **slideshow of all trail decorations**, which has now been shared with the school. Classes can choose to use it as a resource, a lovely way to ensure all children get to experience the full trail.

JOIN THE TEAM FOR 2027!

Vic (Co-Chair) and **Ness (Secretary)** have run the event since 2023 and will have children in Year 5 by the time the 2027 trail comes around. **We'd love more people to join the Story Windows team**, whether that's helping with comms, taking photos, creating the map, or building even more interactive opportunities.

We'd also love to keep the legacy of the trail going strong for future Winns families and children.

If you're interested in joining the team for 2027, please email fotwchair@gmail.com.



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WINNS STORY WINDOWS TRAIL - PICTURES

A huge thank you to everyone taking part and helping make the trail so special!



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