

*The more you **read**, the more you **know**.  
The more you **know**, the more you **grow**!*



# The Ulinns Readathon

Join us from 1 – 31 May 2026



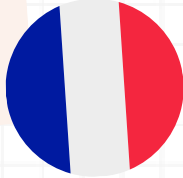


# WINNS WEEKLY

1.5.2026

Bonne fin de  
semaine!

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Have a good weekend!



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## DATES FOR DIARIES W.B.4.5.2026

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May** Bank Holiday - School Closed
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May** 2ML Class Assembly (9:10am)  
Polling Day - Reception and Nursery Closed  
The Hive Y5 Residential Parent meeting  
(online) (4:30pm)

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

### A JOURNEY TO ANCIENT GREECE WITH 5BB!

This week, Green Hall was transformed into a scene from ancient Athens as 5BB delivered a spectacular class assembly on Ancient Greece. The children brought history to life, with a dramatic introduction to the mighty Gods of Mount Olympus, a whirlwind tour of Greek culture, including the Olympics, great thinkers and daily life. All of the children spoke with incredible confidence, showing off both their historical knowledge and their public speaking skills. Thank you to all the families who came along to support the children and a huge well done to 5BB for such an educational and entertaining morning - you truly earned your laurel wreaths!



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## LONDON MINI MARATHON SUCCESS!

The streets of London were buzzing as 15 lucky children took part in the prestigious London Mini Marathon! After winning a highly competitive ballot for our school's secured places, these young athletes joined tens of thousands of others to race through the capital. While there were some speedy times recorded across the finish line, the true highlight was the incredible atmosphere. Every runner gave their absolute best, representing our school with determination and huge smiles. The verdict was unanimous: everyone had a brilliant time and is already asking to sign up for next year! Huge congratulations to our mini marathoners - you've inspired us all to get moving.



## YEAR 4 ACES AT RIDGEWAY PARK!

Four of our Year 4 pupils headed to Ridgeway Park Tennis Hub in Chingford for an action-packed Tennis Festival. The day began with skill-building workshops, where the children practised some fundamental tennis skills. After perfecting their technique, they put their skills to the test in small games against other local schools. Our children displayed fantastic sportsmanship and energy throughout the event. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow on the court - a huge well done to our budding tennis stars!

## HIGH-FLYING HEROES: LONDON'S AIR AMBULANCE CHARITY

We were excited to host the London's Air Ambulance charity for an inspiring assembly in Blue Hall this week. Students learned how their advanced trauma teams provide life-saving care across the city. It was a powerful reminder of the bravery and teamwork required to save lives every day. A huge thank you for visiting!



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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!

### WHAT'S COMING UP FOR SUMMER?

Coming up over the summer term, this could take the form of **signing up to help with the Summer Fair**, the fruit and drinks table at **Sports Days**, or **manning the mocktail stand at the Leavers' Ball** - with many more opportunities to be announced over the coming term. There are lots of different ways to get involved, and every skill and minute of time you can give is deeply appreciated.

### EARTH DAY

What an incredible day organised by Mr Search and the school, full of **reflection, creativity and energy** from the children.

FOTW were delighted to **support with parent/carer volunteers**.

**Thank you to:** Eleanor, Martina, Penny, Leila, Becky and Angela.

And a big thank you to **Eleanor for leading on** volunteer outreach for this event.



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### PRELOVED

A huge thank you to **Team Preloved** for their amazing efforts **sorting and selling second-hand uniform for the school community**. The volume of donations was incredible - thank you to everyone who passed on outgrown items.

Treasurer Matt and Myf counted the intake, and we're delighted to share that **£125 was raised** for Friends of the Winns. **At 50p per item, that's 250 pieces of uniform rehomed!**

Thank you to our brilliant volunteers: **Myf, Lucy, Kristen, Tim, Katie, Ness, Cathy, Ewa, Jess, Shelby, Emma and Catherine**

And a special **thank you to Team Lost Property** - especially **Julia** - for washing and preparing donated uniform, as well as **Manny** for sorting tables and **Mr Millen** for booking the space.

### Stikins

If you picked up uniform, don't forget that Stikins support the school, using our referral code means 30% comes back to FOTW. Visit [stikins.co.uk](http://stikins.co.uk) and quote **25586** at checkout.



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### READATHON - OUR ANNUAL SPONSORED EVENT

**THE READ-A-THON** is now underway!

Inspired by the National Year of Reading, this event encourages children across the school to pick up a book, try something new, stretch their minds in different topics, all whilst supporting fundraising for FOTW.

This year's theme is the **Reading Tree**, and **all Winns children are part of it!**

- Paper sponsorship forms will be sent home with all children
- Online sponsorship form: **see start of this newsletter**
- Donation link: [thewinns.rallyup.com/ReadaThon](http://thewinns.rallyup.com/ReadaThon)
- Fundraising closes: **Friday 5 June, 5pm**

Cash donations are also welcome if this is easier, children can bring these into school on **Friday 5 June**.

**Children can be sponsored for:**

- Reading a book
- Setting a personal reading challenge
- Exploring a new topic or interest

We'd be so grateful for your support, every donation counts. Sponsorship is completely voluntary.



### READATHON PRIZES

To celebrate all the amazing reading, **FOTW will award a £50 book token to each year group** for the class that reads the most.

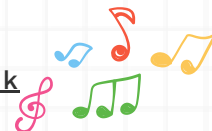
We're also delighted to share a kind donation from **HarperCollins (via Reception parent Beth)** - a beautiful, age-appropriate **anthology for each year group** (8 in total), giving every year group something special to aim for as they take part in the Readathon. These will be **awarded as runner-up prizes or alongside the main prize**.

We're also still **welcoming donations for prizes**, if you work in publishing or book retail and can help, please get in touch.



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### RECEPTION SCHOOL DISCO

Tickets: **£3 per child**

👉📄 Book tickets [here](#)

Please note: this event is for **Reception children only** - parents and siblings won't attend.



### FABULOUS FRIDAY SHOUT-OUT

Last Friday was a busy one for FOTW volunteers - with the **hang-out, Preloved sale and Earth Day** all happening at once.

If we've missed anyone in our thank yous, we're very sorry, please let us know at [fotwchair@gmail.com](mailto:fotwchair@gmail.com) so we can update this.



### READING VOLUNTEERS

Supported reading sessions for **Years 3, 4 and 5** started this week.

We have an amazing **23 volunteers** supporting weekly 1:1 sessions through to the end of term - thank you all!

### SPONSORED SIGNS APPEAL

Our Summer Fair sponsored signs campaign is live - thank you to everyone who has already signed up to host.

👉📄 [Sign up form here](#)



### PLAYGROUND HANG-OUT

Thank you to everyone who stopped by to **chat with Vic and Bisi** at last Friday's playground hang-out. It was great to hear your **thoughts, feedback and ideas**.

We aim to host one each term, alongside future feedback and planning sessions (both in-person and online).



SAVE  
the DATE



#### 1st-31st May

The Read-a-thon! (Winns annual sponsored activity)

#### 14th of May (Thurs)

Summer Fair in-person planning meeting, Evening, details tbc

#### 15th of May (Friday)

Reception disco, after school.

#### 19th May (Tues)

Summer Fair online planning meet, lunchtime, details tbc

#### 20th May (Thurs)

Teatowels night! Evening event; timings & location tbc

#### 4th July

The Summer Fair!

