

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



The Ulinns Readathon

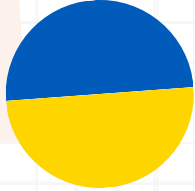
Join us from 1 – 31 May 2026



WINNS WEEKLY

8.5.2026

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Have a good weekend!



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DATES FOR DIARIES W.B.11.5.2026

Monday 11th May Y6 SATs begin (continue to Thursday)
Application window for Reception 2026 wraparound closes

Wednesday 13th May Elm Class - Spring Walk to Lloyds Park

Thursday 14th May Pine & Cedar Classes - Spring Walk to Lloyds Park

Friday 15th May Reception Disco (after school)

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

2ML: MAKING OUR VALUES LOUD AND CLEAR!

The spotlight shone brightly on 2ML during their fantastic class assembly! Through creative sketches and song, the children brought our school values to life. From showing us how to be brave to practising how to be kind, 2ML reminded us all what makes our school community so special! Thank you to all the families who came along to support the children and to Ms Loh, Ms Cooper and the rest of the Year 2 team that helped to prepare the children. Well done, Year 2!



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BUGFEST BRILLIANCE: RECEPTION GETS UP CLOSE WITH NATURE'S MINIBEASTS!

The reception children had an exciting visit from Bugfest, where they enjoyed a hands-on experience holding a variety of fascinating bugs. Some of them included millipedes, centipedes, variation of stick insects, an African snail, a cockroach, beetles, and even a tarantula.

During the session, they learned about where these bugs come from, what they eat, and the habitats they live in. They also discovered how important bugs are in helping plants grow and keeping our planet healthy. The children showed wonderful curiosity and confidence throughout and they were incredibly brave!



CREATIVITY AND CONFIDENCE IN YEAR 2

It has been an incredibly busy and inspiring few weeks for our Year 2 children! The classrooms have been buzzing with energy, starting with a wonderful Reading Morning. Some of the children performed poetry for their parents, showcasing fantastic expression and growing oracy skills. It was a joy to see their confidence shine through every verse.

Back in the art studio, the children have been collaborating with our resident artist, Helen. Under her expert guidance, they explored new techniques and textures, pushing their creative boundaries.

Finally, To celebrate Earth Day, this artistic flair was put to good use as pupils created some handprint art. These vibrant displays serve as a beautiful reminder of our commitment to protecting the planet - one small handprint at a time!



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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?

Over the summer term there will be lots of ways to get involved with Friends of the Winns, whether that's helping **prep teatowels**, **supporting set-up for the Summer Fair**, **slicing fruit for Sports Day**, or **helping run the mocktail stand at the Leavers' BBQ** 🍉🍷



There are so many ways to volunteer, meet new families, chat, connect and support the school community, every bit of help makes a difference ❤️

SUMMER FAIR SPONSORED SIGNS APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to host a sign.

We still need **around 40 more homes to help raise £1500 for the Summer Fair on Saturday 4 July**.

Signs are kindly sponsored by **Plus Rooms** and each one hosted raises **£30** for The Winns. As Plus Rooms **specialise in house extensions**, we're looking for **houses rather than flats** to host signs.

- 25 May - 6 July
- Front garden space needed
- Houses only please
- Renters welcome with landlord permission

If you can help, or know someone who can, please complete this short form by **Friday 15 May, 5pm**:

👉 [Sign up form here](#)



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READATHON UPDATE

THE READ-A-THON is now underway!

Inspired by the **National Year of Reading**, the Readathon encourages children across the school to pick up a book, **explore new topics and enjoy reading together**, all whilst raising funds for FOTW enrichment pots. **Thank you everyone** - donations from readers and their families have already started coming in online!

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
- 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.



SUMMER FAIR PLANNING MEETINGS

IN PERSON MEETING

Come and **share ideas, feedback, volunteer interest**, or simply come along for a **chat and some crisps!**

The FOTW committee will be at:

- The Rose & Crown, Hoe Street
- Thursday 14 May
- Meeting starts at 8pm
- Committee members onsite from 6:30pm for early drop-ins

ONLINE MEETING

Prefer an online meet-up? We've got you covered. FOTW will also host an online Summer Fair planning meeting **later in May**, details and joining link to follow.



SAVE
the DATE

1-31 May
The Winns Readathon

Thursday 14 May
Summer Fair planning meeting (in person)

Friday 15 May
Reception Disco

Tuesday 19 May
Summer Fair online planning meeting (details tbc)

Thursday 21 May
Teatowels Night

Saturday 4 July
The Winns Summer Fair

