

*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

15.5.2026

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Have a good weekend!



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DATES FOR DIARIES W.B.18.5.2026

Thursday 21st May 1BH Class Assembly (9:10am)
Friday 22nd May 5JH & 5BB Robotics Workshop
CJ Storyteller in Y6 (creative writing workshops)

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

CONGRATULATIONS, YEAR 6!

A huge congratulations to our Year 6 children who completed their KS2 SATs this week! We are so proud of the focus, resilience and positivity they showed throughout. To celebrate their hard work, they rounded off the week with a well-earned trip to the park - the weather was our friend for once this week and there was plenty of laughter and playtime. Well done, Year 6 - you've done yourselves proud!



Y6 GIRLS' DYNAMOS CRICKET

The historic Leyton Sports Ground buzzed with energy this week as it hosted the Y6 Girls' borough Cricket competition. Our team did amazingly well, and improved with every game they played. Unfortunately, the weather put an early end to the day during our third group game. Nonetheless, the girls all represented the school brilliantly and learnt new skills to bring back to school.



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FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS



WHAT'S COMING UP FOR SUMMER?

There will be lots of ways to get involved with Friends of the Winns over the summer term - 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 time and help makes a real difference - thank you! ❤️

TIM'S GIFT

We wanted to share **news of an incredibly generous donation** that came to FOTW via **Winns parents Tim and Jenny**. This gift will go directly towards **funding a new PA system** for the school, giving greater flexibility for music at school events, activities during the day, dance-a-thons and future community events, helping keep movement and music at the heart of school life.

We asked Tim and Jenny a little about their gift, what prompted it, and why supporting this project felt important to them as a family:

Hi everyone! I'm Tim, Bobby's dad from 1AS, and I'm excited to share some good news.

Last year, the company I work for, Kinaxis (we're the people making sure your online shopping actually shows up on time),

gave me an award that included a \$1,500 donation to a charity of my choice. Now, choosing where to donate should have been the hard part, but not for me. My partner Jenny, reminded me that FoTW is a registered charity. A chance to give back to our school and community? Absolutely!

When Bisi and Vic asked what I'd like the money to go toward, one option jumped straight off the page: an outdoor audio system. As someone whose house is slowly disappearing under a mountain of vinyl records, I didn't need to think twice. Music is such an important part of growing up, and the idea that every child at the school will benefit from this genuinely made my day. So keep an ear out - the playground is about to get a bit more musical!

Thank you so much to Tim, Jenny and your family for this incredible gift to Friends of the Winns.

Gifting can come in so many different ways - **we're all Friends of the Winns**. Your time, your skills, your feedback are all part of we do together to raise funds for the school, connect as parents and carers and from there, support our school community. Please connect with us fotwchair@gmail.com

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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 - £170 raised so far for FOTW** - keep those kind donations coming in!

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.**



If you have a **readathon story you'd like to share** and are happy for us to run in the newsletter - maybe a fun story of how your child has got involved, or stories they tell you from class, email us at fotwchair@gmail.com



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RECEPTION SCHOOL DISCO

STOP PRESS ALERT!

A huge thank you to our brilliant Reception parents and carers volunteer team who organised the inaugural FOTW kids disco - so much fun! 🎉🕺

A full round-up and photos from the event will be shared in next week's newsletter. Congratulations on a fantastic first disco!



SUMMER FAIR PLANNING MEETINGS


Thank you to everyone who joined us for the first Summer Fair planning meeting at The Rose & Crown on Hoe Street. Ideas and feedback were shared, first volunteers signed up, and there was plenty of chat and community along the way ♥



ONLINE PLANNING MEETING

We're holding an online Summer Fair planning meeting next week for anyone who couldn't make the in-person session.

 Tuesday 19 May

 1-1:45pm

 [https://teams.live.com/join/9360887628093?](https://teams.live.com/join/9360887628093?p=3ypR2R1bMmAloxRCP3)

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Everyone welcome!



SPONSORED SIGNS APPEAL - WE'RE HALFWAY THERE!

Thank you so much to everyone who has signed up to host a Summer Fair sponsorship sign 🌟

We're now **70% of the way there**, with 40 homes signed up and 10 more still needed to help us reach our fundraising target.

 **Deadline extended to: Sunday 17 May, 5pm**

 <https://forms.gle/B74xe31yNL6DdCSf9>



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SUMMER FAIR DONATIONS ALERT

We'll officially launch the volunteer appeal after half term, but in the meantime we can confirm the first Summer Fair donations day:

Friday 26 June (non-uniform day)

We'd love donations of:

- Games
- Toys
- Raffle prizes

If you're able to donate, children can bring items into school that day.

Phase 2 Donations

- Second-hand uniform: **week beginning 29 June**
- Baked goods: **Friday 3 July 7 Saturday 4 of July** (No nuts please + allergen info required)
- Street food stall donations: on the day of the fair itself, **Saturday 4 July**

TEATOWEL TIME UPDATE!

Due to changes in production deadlines, we've had to **cancel the planned teatowel "sticky night" social event.**

FOTW co-chair and reigning **Teatowel Queen, Bisi** will now heroically take on the teatowel prep solo over May half term 👑

Thank you Bisi! We'll look to involve the wider parent/carer community again for the 2027 teatowel production.



SAVE
the DATE

1-31 May
The Winns Readathon

Tuesday 19 May
13-13:45pm
Summer Fair online
planning meeting:
[meeting link](#)

Friday 26th of June
School non-uniform day,
donation where possible for
Summer Fair

Saturday 4 July
The Winns Summer Fair