



# WINNS WEEKLY

2.10.2026

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Have a good weekend!



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## DATES FOR DIARIES WB 5.10.2026

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October** Drum and Dance assembly KS1, workshop Y3-6  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October** CJ Storyteller in Reception  
Reception 2027 Parent tour (9:10am)

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

### CELEBRATING NATIONAL POETRY DAY

We have been celebrating National Poetry Day at The Winns! National Poetry Day is an annual celebration of poetry across the UK, encouraging everyone to enjoy, share and create poems. This year's theme is 'Wonder', inviting us to notice the extraordinary in the everyday.

To mark the occasion, the children have taken part in special assemblies and enjoyed reading poetry in their classes. It has been wonderful to see them listening carefully, sharing their thoughts and responding so enthusiastically to the rhythm, humour and imagination in each poem.

We hope this celebration inspires our children to keep enjoying poetry throughout the year. Parents can visit [the National Poetry Day website](#) to find out more, explore poems and discover resources for families. You can also try [five poetry activities at home](#) to help bring poetry to life together.



REST, PLAY,  
CULTURE, ARTS



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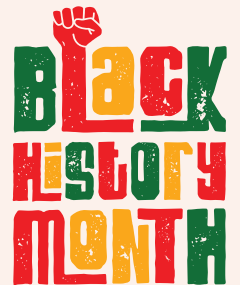
## BLACK HISTORY MONTH BEGINS AT THE WINNS

October marks the beginning of Black History Month, a time for schools and communities across the UK to celebrate the achievements, histories and contributions of Black people. This year's theme is 'Honouring Our Communities', reminding us that Black history is shaped not only by famous figures, but also by the everyday acts of leadership, care, service, creativity and commitment that strengthen our communities.

At The Winns, we will be exploring this theme throughout the month and thinking about the people and communities who have helped to shape Britain. We are also inviting all children to take part in our Black History Month 2026 competition.

Children may choose one of the following projects:

- Create an art piece
- Design a poster
- Make a fact file
- Design a Black History Month 40th Anniversary flag for next year
- Create a profile of someone who inspires them



We are looking forward to seeing the children's thoughtful and creative responses. Entries should be given to Ms Dodge by Friday 6 November 2026. Every child who takes part will receive a certificate and be entered into a final prize draw, with one mystery book prize winner chosen from each year group.

You can find out more about this year's theme and resources on the [Black History Month UK website](#).



## SPOTLIGHT ON LEARNING

This week, our spotlight falls on our budding writers in Years 1 and 2! Year 1 welcomed Cybi for a special visit to help prepare for their upcoming writing unit. Meanwhile, Year 2 have been busy writing about Leo and the Octopus, paying close attention to sentence structure and punctuation. The children have also put their own imaginative spin on the story by changing the main character and setting, with colourful front covers to accompany their writing. Well done to both year groups!



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## CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK - 5<sup>TH</sup> - 9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER



Next week is Cycle to School Week, the Bikeability Trust's annual celebration encouraging children and families to discover the benefits of travelling to school on two wheels. Running from Monday 5th to Friday 9th October, the week is about building confidence, developing healthy habits and showing how cycling can make the school journey more enjoyable. The Bikeability Trust highlights the wider benefits too and you can find out more about this year's campaign and make a family pledge on the [Cycle to School Week website](#).

At The Winns, active travel is something we try to encourage throughout the year rather than for just one week. Anyone arriving at school in the morning only has to look at the enormous number of bikes, scooters and, increasingly, skateboards parked around the site to see how many of our children already choose an active way to make their journey to school. Our recent **Tour de Winns** was another fantastic celebration of this, bringing our school community together around cycling and helping to reinforce the message that travelling actively can be sociable, enjoyable and part of everyday life.

Families can find lots of useful information, advice and details of cycle training at the [Bikeability website](#), including information about [finding a Bikeability course](#). Whether your child cycles every day or next week provides the encouragement to give it a try for the first time, we would love to see as many Winns families as possible embracing Cycle to School Week!



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## FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS

### Tour de Winns!

What an incredible day it was! The weather was on our side, with so many happy faces as kids and carers rode, ran and walked the protected laps around the school.

In the DT Kitchen we had the brilliant **Café Tokeley**, including tasty Brick Lane beigels, while over in the Event Village on the main playground we had **Dr Bike** fixing bikes, **The Cycle MOT** offering maintenance advice, our **local PCSOs** meeting families, **Outspoken Cycles** with their brilliant smoothie bikes, an activity table from **The Walk Wheel Cycle Trust**, support from **St John Ambulance**, and a fabulous welcome table full of takeaway goodies for the kids.

Our brilliant **ride leads, marshals and cycle buddies** were out on the roads throughout, helping to keep the route clear and safe to navigate.

We were also very lucky to have two parent-carer **photographers** onsite for the day, **Theo and Roger**. We're currently collating and checking all the fantastic photos and will share a selection over the next few newsletters.



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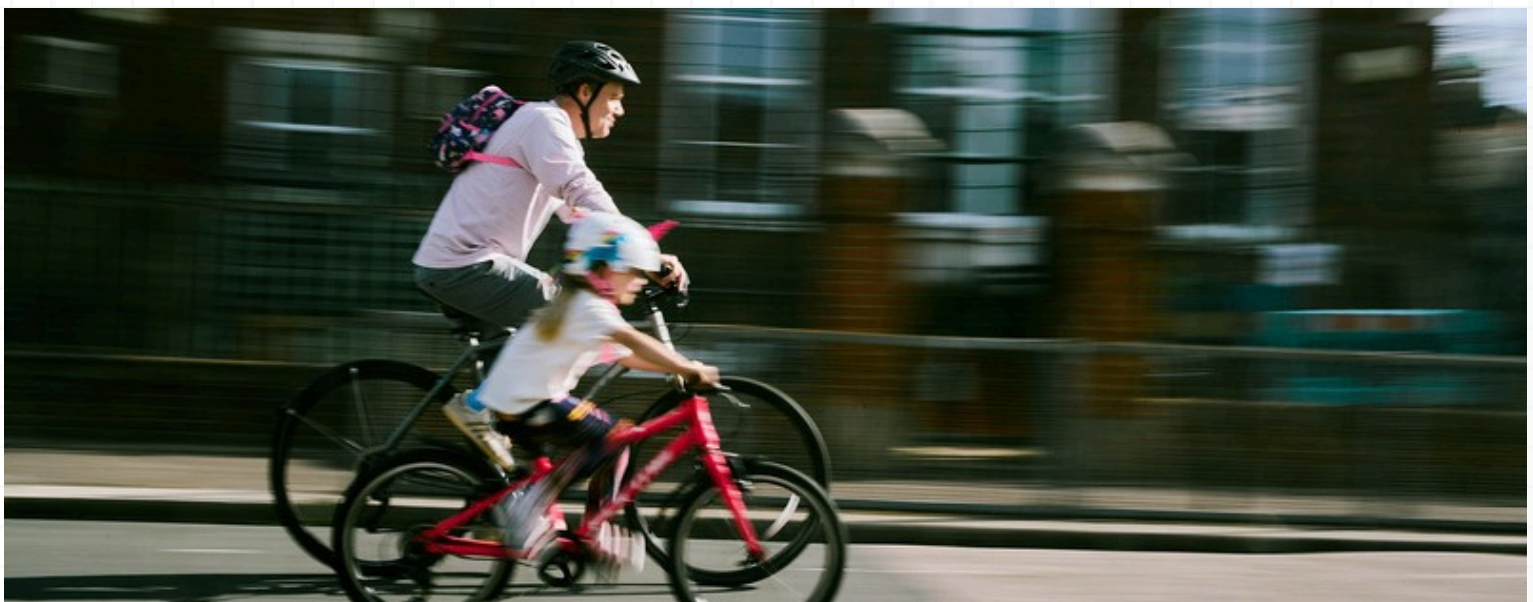
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## FRIENDS OF THE WINNS NEWS

### Thank you to our community partners!

Tour de Winns is a community event, so **no active fundraising takes place on the day**. It can only happen through the generous support of our community partners.

A huge thank you to **The Stow Brothers**, who sponsored our signs and café; **Central Estates**, who sponsored one of our smoothie bikes; **The Cycle MOT** and **Mamachari**, who donated to our raffle and supported our Event Village; and **Schwalbe, Waltham Forest Council** (who generously funded and provided our Dr Bike station) and **The Walk Wheel Cycle Trust** for generously donating merchandise.

Thanks also to **Paul Gascon and the team at Zedify**, who delivered our resident flyers at a special FOTW discount.



### Tour de Winns Mini Raffle

Thanks to everyone who entered our Mini Raffle, which included a **fantastic kids' bike kindly donated by The Cycle MOT**.

We'll share the final fundraising total in next week's newsletter.

If you've won a prize, it will be **ready to collect from the main office from Monday 5 October**.

Please collect all prizes **by Friday 9 October**. Any unclaimed prizes will go back into stock or into the raffle for the Winns Winter Fair.

### A massive thank you to our volunteers

A massive FOTW thank you to all our volunteers for their support and hard work in the run-up to and delivery of the event.

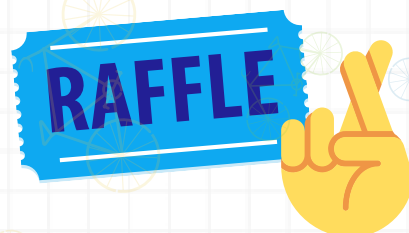
A special thank you to **Mr Millen**, our school lead, who has worked incredibly hard on an event he first came up with, including organising risk assessments, safety protocols and our links with community emergency services.

And a huge thank you to **parent event lead Toby**, who leads the ride element of the day and liaises with volunteers, the council, residents and community partners.

Thank you both so much for a brilliant day of activity!

Our incredible volunteers:

**Brennan · Toby · Fiona · Eleanor · Allison · Karen · Jonathan · Holly · Anna · Col · Jon · Flo · Debbie · Clare · Laura · Manny · Juliano · Becky · Joe S · Barbara · Maggie · Ruth · Merran · Mary-Ann · Maurizio · Emily · Joe · Roger · Theo · Nuala · Luke · Mel · Robert · Chris · Nic · Carrie · Julie · Adam · Leila · Penny**



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### Reception Coffee Morning

Thanks to everyone who was able to attend today's Friends of the Winns Reception Coffee Morning, where we helped new Reception parents connect, chat and find out a little more about FOTW. Great conversations were supported by plenty of tea and biscuits!

A big thank you to our speakers, **Charlotte, Kayha and Carrie**, who shared their experiences as year reps, and **Rhian** from the FOTW SEND Parent-Carer Group, for sharing their experiences of FOTW.



COMING UP SOON:  
FOTW DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!

**Friday 16 October**  
Preloved Uniform Tabletop  
Sale & Committee Playground  
Hangout

**Saturday 5 December**  
Winter Fair

