

Monday 13th November 2023



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

It was lovely to welcome families into school again last week - for the Reception classes' shared lunch, and for the Year 1 Diwali celebrations (pictured below).

We love sharing experiences with families, and we love learning about different beliefs and cultures. Mr Butterworth, who coordinates our study of Religions and World Views at Windmill, said he was really impressed.

Diwali is celebrated in Hinduism, Jainism and Sikhism. Celebrants light rows of traditional clay oil lamps outside their homes to symbolize the victory of light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance.

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

This week is Anti-Bullying Week, organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance (<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>), which I mentioned this on ClassDojo this morning.

There is one main thing we can all agree on:

Bullying is horrible and we do not want it to happen to our children (or to anyone, actually).

Something that is difficult to agree on is what bullying is.

Some people think that bullying is whenever someone is mean to someone else.

But it's not that.

It is 'the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online.'

See the [ABA's website](#), and our [school website](#) for more information.



The five strands of our strategic plan are:

- **Metacognition** (children understanding their learning journey) '**We learn well**'
- **Interaction** (all of us speaking, listening and communicating effectively) '**We speak well**'
- **Writing** (using extensive vocabulary, correct grammar and punctuation) '**We write well**'
- **Collaboration** (partnering with others to improve what we do) '**We work together**'
- **Aspiration** (bringing the best out in each other and aiming high) '**We are inspired**'



What's going on?

To help you keep up with everything, the office staff and teaching staff will use this page to remind and prompt you about school events!

Other news and notices

Free bagels in the hall starts at 8:35am - Children arriving between 8:20am and 8:35am will be charged 50p.

Lost Property - Always displayed by the main office on Tuesdays from 7:45am until 3:45pm.

End of School Day - Please do not come onto the playground or wait outside classrooms until after 3:10pm. This is to ensure the safeguarding of all children. Thank you.

ParentPay - Please ensure that you log in to ParentPay regularly to prevent missing important information.

Diary Dates

Friday 17th November - Wear spots on Friday for children in need £1 donation to be paid via ParentPay.

Thursday 14th December - Christmas Fair 2:30pm until 4:15pm.

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 1922, Cluddley 1853, Upton 1866 and Rowton 1867.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Please try and create patterns at home, you can use pasta, socks, crayons or anything big and small. Create repeating patterns using these things.

Year 1

- Please hear your child read.

Year 2

- We are consolidating counting in 2's, 5's and 10's and beginning to count in 3's. Please encourage your child to practise this at home.

Year 3

- Find out some interesting facts about the Stone Age.

Year 4

- Practice times tables using the links on Dojo.

Year 5

- Please check ParentPay to give consent for our trip to Broseley Pipe Works on Tuesday 28th November.

Year 6

- We are attending Blist Hill on Thursday 16th November. Please ensure you have given consent on Parent Pay.

Clubs

(Priority for clubs is given to invited children, based on their needs and interests)

Monday:

- Year 3-4 Football
- Year 1-2 Multi Skills

Tuesday:

- Year 3-6 Choir
- Year 5-6 Football
- Year 3-6 Dodgeball

Wednesday:

- Year 3-6 Gymfinity
- Year 3-6 mixed ability Football
- Year 3-6 Archery

Thursday:

- Year 3-6 Team Building
- Year 1-2 Football

Friday:

- Year 3-6 Dance
- Year 3-6 Girls Football

Parent Consultations - Please return your slip with your preferred time back to your class teacher as soon as possible.

Please don't forget to connect with your child's class on ClassDojo and set up ParentPay, we use these to communicate with you all the time. Ask for help at the office if you need to.

10 things every Windmill parent/carer should know...

9. Our teachers are brilliant. We only employ the very best we can find and we know that Windmill teachers do not only teach children well, they also communicate with families really well too. Please make sure you work with them and support them, thank you.