

Monday 22nd April 2024



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Here's a picture of a Music lesson in Class 2 last week. The children used the instruments to help them explore the sounds that the weather makes.

We have two brilliant Music teachers that give Windmill children excellent experiences which we hope inspires them to develop an interest in listening to and playing music.

We sponsor groups of children in Years 4, 5 and 6 to continue learning to play instruments.

Children in receipt of Free School Meals can also have free Music lessons.

Ask in the office for more details.

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

You may have seen on ClassDojo last week that we will have one Reception class next year, rather than two.

This is simply because of low birth rates in our area of Telford, and three other schools near us are reducing their intake in September too.

Whilst we would definitely prefer to have two Reception classes, we can see the positives of just having one class - just for next year, plus maybe one further year after that:

- We will have more staff available to meet the needs of our pupils
- We will have a more flexible use of space
- We will be able to get to know parents and carers of new Reception children even better than we already do

Our Nursery will still be able to accept up to 30 children in the mornings and 26 in the afternoons.



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.

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

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.

Dinner Money - The price for primary meals has increased by 20p per meal to **£2.70** per meal since 1st April 2024.

Dogs On School Grounds - just a reminder dogs are not allowed on the school grounds.

Latest House Point totals:
Henmoor 5261, Cluddley 4616,
Upton 4875 and Rowton 4656.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Have a go at playing panic on Pluto the phonics game
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/resources/phase/2/picnic-on-pluto>

Year 1

- Please watch this weeks review lesson
<https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/2ZXx1IGH/viwhn5qi>

Year 2

- We are creating media by developing digital art. Explore Chrome Music Lab at home by following the link
<https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Experiments>

Year 3

- Can you remember any top tips for staying safe online?

Year 4

- Keep practising times tables!!

Year 5

- 12 spellings will be on Dojo on Monday. Our test is on Friday. Tasks will be ready on Emile for our spelling pattern (words ending ure).

Year 6

- Boosters are on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3 and 4 Football
- FunZone (Community lead)
- Year 1 and 2 Mini Tennis

Tuesday:

- Year 5 and 6 boys Football
- Year 3 and 4 Tennis

Wednesday:

- Year 3 to 6 mixed ability Football Fundamentals
- Year 3 to 6 Athletics
- Year 3 to 6 Gymfinity

Thursday:

- Year 5 and 6 Rounders
- Year 1 and 2 Football

Friday:

- Year 3 to 6 girls Football
- Year 3 to 6 GemDanceAcademy

Term Dates:

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

Break up Friday 24th May

Start back Monday 3rd June

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...

6. We are really good at caring for every single child at Windmill to the best of our ability.

I was thrilled to hear a parent describe our school as:

'An oasis, wrapped in a fortress, full of the kindest staff'