

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024



# Windmill Weekly

## A highlight from last week...

Last week was the first session of Chance To Shine cricket, which is professional cricket coaching for Years 3, 4 and 5, fully funded by the England Cricket Board, with coaches provided by Shropshire Cricket.

We have an inter-house cricket tournament for Years 3 and 4 every summer, so we hope that we are giving children a great head start for that, and maybe even inspiring children to join a local cricket club, such as Madeley:

[www.madeleycricketclub.co.uk](http://www.madeleycricketclub.co.uk)

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

When the weather is not so good, it can affect how we feel.

We certainly had some severe lightning and thunder over the weekend and it caused some damage. I hope that you were not too badly affected. As one colleague said this morning, who lives very close to the house struck by lightning, 'At least no one was hurt'.

We are used to feeling safe in our houses and then you realise that nature is very strong indeed and we are grateful that most of the time we are protected from the elements when we need to be, by walls and a roof!

As the daylight hours reduce, I would like to encourage you all to stay safe and to take positive steps to keeping your children safe too. I do feel concerned when I hear about how late children are staying out in the evenings.



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

**Lost Property** - will be in the main office on Tuesdays from 7:45am until 3:45pm. Additionally, there will be a second-hand clothing rail available for families to take any items that will be of any use to their child.

**Tesco** - Reminder about the Tesco blue token funding ends 30<sup>th</sup> September local stores.

**Asda** - are running a Cashpot for Schools initiative in which the school will be given a grant depending on how much YOU spend. If you wish to sign up, log into your Asda app then join the Cashpot for Schools. Please search for our school and add us. This will not affect your personal cashpot.

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

**Dinner Money** - The price for primary meals is **£2.70** per meal. Payments via ParentPay.

**Whole school photos** - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. Sibling photos from 7:30am - 8:45am. There will be no opportunity for siblings to have photos during the school day.

### Things to remember/help with

#### Reception

- Have a go at sorting at home. Sort socks into pairs/ colours/patterns, use different shaped pasta to sort into shapes.

#### Year 1

- We are learning to read numbers as words. Play this game to practise <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/teddy-numbers>

#### Year 2

- Practise this weeks spelling rule - words with the 'r' sound spelt 'wr'.

#### Year 3

- On Friday, we have a visit from the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts to teach us all about hospitality.

#### Year 4

- We are learning about teeth. How many facts can children recall to you about teeth? Can you research any more facts?

#### Year 5

- Test your child on what a noun and verb are!

#### Year 6

- We have been learning about the heart in science.

### Clubs

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

#### Monday:

- Year 1-2 girls Football
- FunZone (Community lead)
- Year 3-6 Gymnastics

#### Tuesday:

- Year 3-4 boys Football
- Year 1-2 Cricket
- Year 3-6 Choir

#### Wednesday:

- Year 3-6 girls Football
- Year 3 to 6 Dodgeball

#### Thursday:

- Year 3-6 Dance
- Year 1-2 Football

#### Friday:

- Year 5-6 boys Football

### Term Dates:

Half Term Holiday -  
**Break up Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October and return Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Latest House Point totals:**  
Henmoor 188, Cluddley 252, Upton 216 and Rowton 233.  
**MacMillan Coffee Morning - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 10am - 12 noon - Join us in the Lamputt Room for cake and a hot drink and support a good cause.**

**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...

3. Deep and Diverse experiences are all guaranteed for every child, no matter what the cost. They are our supplement to the National Curriculum and each child gets a passport to record each experience. For more information, see our website: [www.windmillprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.windmillprimaryschool.co.uk)

