



Tuesday 2nd May 2023

Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Swimming lessons have started on Fridays for children in Years 5 and 6.

In previous years we have also included Years 3 and 4, but we were not able to give the children enough time in the pool to help them make good progress. By focusing on Years 5 and 6 this year, we hope that as many children as possible will achieve the government target of all 11 year-olds being able to swim 25 metres (one length of a normal swimming pool).

The children always really enjoy the opportunity, even those that have never been in a swimming pool before!



Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

When is bullying actually bullying?

Most of us can think of times when we would say someone bullied us.

That's probably because at some point in our lives someone made us feel horrible. It could have been someone we never liked, or someone we used to really like until they did that thing, or said that thing.

But was it bullying, or was it us falling out with someone, or someone disliking us for some reason.

Bullying is a decision made by a bully to deliberately make someone else's life horrible. It happens by the same person over and over again, in a way that is designed to make someone suffer. It is vile.

It is also, thankfully, very rare. Often what we think of as bullying is simply two people not getting along (and often one of the people being more sad about that than the other).

We treat all allegations very seriously and investigate them thoroughly. Check our [website](#).

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 breakfast bagel club starts at 8:35am

Children arriving between 8:20am and 8:35am will be charged 50p.

Popcorn - available at breaktime on Wednesdays, please make sure you have paid 50p on ParentPay by 8am on Wednesday morning.

Kings Coronation - Children will be having a picnic lunch on Friday (5th). We hope this will take place outside, but we have a back up plan to enable us to hold it indoors if needed. **There will be no hot school meals available.** Children are invited to wear white, red and blue clothing and they will take part in a variety of fun activities throughout the day 🇬🇧.

Sports Days -

Monday 26th June - Year 1,2 & 3
Tuesday 27th June - Year 4,5 & 6
Friday 30th June Nursery and Reception Fun Day

Term Dates:

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 8th MAY. TERM DATES - HALF TERM BREAK UP FRIDAY 26TH MAY AND RETURN MONDAY 5TH JUNE.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Practise correct letter formation - use your alphabet board.

Year 1

- Complete Learning with parents each week. Water bottles need to be brought in every day.

Year 2

- Practise adding two numbers using the column method.

Year 3

- We are learning about the body and the skeletal system. Try and remember the names the main bones in the body?

Year 4

- Keep practising your times tables. Focus on those you are working on in class.

Year 5

- We have been converting different units of measure. Measure something at home. Can they convert it into mm, cm or m?

Year 6

- Boosters will run until SATs week - WB 9th May 2023.

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

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3-6 Girls Football
- KS2 Hockey

Tuesday:

- KS2 Tennis
- KS2 Choir
- KS1 Mixed Football
- Year 6 SATS Booster

Wednesday:

- KS2 Gymfinity
- Year 3-4 Football
- KS2 Netball

Thursday:

- Year 5-6 GemAcademy Dance
- KS2 Mixed Ability Football
- KS2 Rounders
- KS1 Multisports
- Year 6 SATS Booster

Friday:

- Year 5-6 Football
- KS1 Cooking Club

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 11792, Cluddley 11404, Upton 10569 and Rowton 10426.

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