

Monday 15th May 2023



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

If you're looking at the picture and wondering if your child is in it, we apologise - this isn't a photo of Windmill children.

But it is a celebration of all Year 5 children having an opportunity to pass their Bikeability training last week.

Some children are not ready, having not had a chance to learn to ride yet, so we will try to support them further.

Learning to ride bicycles on roads safely is one of the things [we guarantee we will help children to do](#) - at no cost to families.

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Our school is growing!

In recent years, we have had between 40 and 50 children coming into the Reception classes, meaning class sizes of 20-25.

We are delighted to be expecting at least 57 children joining us in Reception in September. Maybe our excellent reputation is spreading...!

We still get parents who are not sure what to expect of Windmill. They are usually people who are new to the area, or perhaps they live just outside Brookside.

I am really confident that children get an excellent education here. Of course, there might be complications, and sometimes building a deep understanding of children's additional needs takes time, but we are determined to give children the best possible start to the rest of their lives. We are willing to spend time with children and families to figure out what works and what doesn't work, then to work together to have a consistent approach.



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.

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

Tiptop ice lollies - From Wednesday morning (10th) we will be selling tip tops (ice lollies) at a cost of 20p each. The same cut off time of 8am on a Wednesday morning will apply. Any payments made from tomorrow morning for tip tops will handed out on the 17th and each Wednesday thereafter until further notice. All payments are to be made via ParentPay. No cash will be taken at the school office or by your child's class teacher.

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

- Please bring filled water to school each day. Thank you.

Year 1

- Watch the daily phonics videos, they will help practise ready for phonics test.

Year 2

- Bring in a sandwich form on Monday to order for Tuesday-Friday.

Year 3

- We have been using Publisher for templates to create brochures.

Year 4

- Continue to practice your times table ready for times table checks.

Year 5

- Class 12 - VIP day Wednesday 17th May. See the Dojo and ParentPay for consent.

Year 6

- Well done for all their hard work.

Sports Days -

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

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 12446, Cluddley 11912, Upton 11127 and Rowton 11038.

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...

4. Working walls - we use working walls in each lesson so that children know the teacher's expectations and how to be successful. The working wall contains: 'what we are learning', 'what to remember', 'what the important vocabulary (words) are' and 'a model/example'