



Monday 12th June 2023

Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Can it really be classed as a 'highlight' that Year 4 children have been doing a national online Multiplication Tables Check...?

We are sure the pressure of having to answer 25 questions correctly within a very short amount of time wasn't much fun for the children that have already done it, but we do want to say how proud we were of how well they have done and how much effort everyone has put in.

A particular thank you to Mrs Birkett who is a new member of staff since September and has been playing an important role helping children make progress in Maths.

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Every Friday in our celebration assembly, we say a big 'well done' to the Stars of the Week.

We also find out how the House Points are going - will Cluddley, Upton or Rowton catch Henmoor by the end of term...?

And we see which classes have done best in the weekly attendance comparison.

So far, three classes had reached the finish in the Attendance Space Race, and a fourth class reached the final square on Friday. They have all earned a VIP day, which includes a trip to the cinema.

We have seen our attendance and punctuality figures improving because of the efforts from children, families and staff - and we were told by one of Telford and Wrekin's Educational Welfare Officers that our improvement is amongst the best in the area.

Attendance is so important if we are going to give children the best start in life, so thank you for your support!



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](#) - We are selling tip tops (ice lollies) at a cost of 20p each. The same cut off time of 8am on a Wednesday morning will apply. All payments are to be made via ParentPay. No cash will be taken at the school office or by your child's class teacher.

[End of School Day](#) - Please can we ask families not to access the playground or wait outside their child's classrooms at the end of the day until 3:10pm. This is to ensure the safeguarding of all children as they may still be taking part in P.E lessons. Thank you for your understanding.

[Sports Days -](#)

[Monday 26th June - Year 1,2 & 3](#)

[Tuesday 27th June - Year 4,5 & 6](#)

[Friday 30th June](#) Nursery and Reception Fun Day.

[Save the Date - Summer Fayre -](#)

[Saturday 1st July](#) 12pm - 3pm.

[Latest House Point totals:](#)

Henmoor 13318, Cluddley 12764, Upton 11957 and Rowton 11842.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Please learn your address, house number, street name and town.

Year 1

- Please check ParentPay for upcoming trips.

Year 2

- Remember hats, sun cream and water bottles every day this week.

Year 3

- Please practise multiples of 8 at home to support children with their maths skills this half term.

Year 4

- Carry on practising all times tables for next week as it is the final week of our multiplication checks.

Year 5

- We are starting our new Science topic on Space. Please ask your child about the facts they have learned.

Year 6

- Leavers Photos on Wednesday - please come in full school uniform and shoes.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3-6 Girls Football
- KS2 Hockey
- Running Club - CANCELLED

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 - CANCELLED

Term Dates:

HALF TERM BREAK UP FRIDAY 21ST JULY AND RETURN WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2023.

[PD Day Friday 23rd June 2023](#)

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'