

Monday 4th December 2023



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Year 4 classes were visited by Ken Whitcombe from 'The Guide Dogs' charity, who explained to them the importance of guide dogs; how dogs are carefully paired with the people who need them, and how the dogs help blind and partially sighted people live life to the full.

The children loved meeting Sherwood, Ken's dog and Ken loved visiting Windmill. He said he always loves coming to Windmill - he thinks the school is lovely, the children are welcoming and are very interested in what he has to say.

This annual event is part of our programme of [Deep and Diverse experiences](#).

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

I'd like to tell you about [Windmill Nursery](#).



It's not Chipmunks nursery.

Chipmunks is a private nursery that is on our school site. We are very friendly

with them and the owner of the business, Jenny Edge, is one of our school governors.

Windmill Nursery has space for 30 children, in an [incredible environment](#) that has had recent investment of £50,000, including an extensive outdoor area.



Windmill Nursery is overseen by Gill Lambert, a hugely experienced teacher, with a very positive reputation. She has an excellent team around her, with Lola, Jess, Micki (and Diggory the dog).

Families receive £25 to spend on a quality range of [Windmill Nursery clothing and accessories](#).



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.

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. Thank you.

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

Christmas performance dates and times are below. Parents are welcome to attend on these dates.

15th December KS1 (Classes 3-6)
Nativity in hall 9:30 - 10:00 and
14:00 - 14:30

19th December EYFS Performance
10:00 - 11:00 (with children who
attend morning sessions at nursery)
and 14:00 - 15:00 (with children
who attend afternoon sessions at
nursery)

20th December KS2 Carol Service
(Classes 7-14) 14:20 - 15:00

Please accept our apologies for the changes in these dates that were published in the Windmill Weekly last week.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Christmas performance is Tuesday 19th one at 10-11am and one at 2-3pm.

Year 1

- Play the bingo game with your child to practise pairs that make 10.

Year 2

- In Religion and World Views we are discussing similarities and differences. Children have spoke about different languages they speak in their home and some celebrations they have.

Year 3

- We have been investigating different types of soil - what can your child tell you.

Year 4

- Practise all your times tables using the links on class dojo.

Year 5

- We are learning about area and perimeter this week. Please ask your children about this.

Year 6

- Please were your outdoor PE kit on Fridays.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3-4 Football
- Year 1-2 Multi Skills

Tuesday:

- Year 3-6 Choir
- Year 5-6 Football
- Year 3-6 Dodgeball

Wednesday:

- Year 3-6 Gymfinity
- Year 3-6 mixed ability Football
- Year 3-6 Archery

Thursday:

- Year 3-6 Team Building
- Year 1-2 Football

Friday:

- Year 3-6 Dance
- Year 3-6 Girls Football

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 2680, Cluddley 2503, Upton 2518 and Rowton 2557.

Diary Date:

Thursday 14th December - Christmas Fair 2:30pm - 4:15pm. If you would like a stall please speak to Mrs Coles.

Calling All Parent Volunteers - we desperately need help to tidy our community garden. Please speak to Mrs Coles if you are able to help.

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...

2. Our six School Values are: 'Every day is a new day', 'Be there for each other', 'Do your best', 'Don't give up', 'Aim high', 'Believe in yourself'.
- We mention these a lot and you'll hear them regularly in Monday ClassDojo assemblies