

Monday 5th February 2024



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Free books!

We are delighted to say that 'The Great Book Exchange' really seems to have started successfully!

As you can see in the picture, there are lots of books that are ready to be taken home by any of you.

We want there to be reading books in every child's home.

So please come and take a book...

...and bring any books that you wish to donate.

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

One of the 'quick checks' we are doing around school this week is to do with keeping children safe. You can find out a lot more about this on our website: [Keeping Children Safe | Windmill Primary School](#)

One thing we know that children and families are concerned about is bullying, and we have lots of information about that on our website too: [Bullying | Windmill Primary School](#)

If ever anyone says they think there might be bullying happening here, we take it seriously. We complete a form and investigate the allegation.

I am pleased to say that bullying hardly ever happens here. Mostly, when people fear that bullying is happening, we find that it is not a deliberate and repeated act of harm. Even though this shows that bullying is misunderstood by some people, we still think it's important to take all reports and allegations seriously.

Can you spot bullying? Take a challenge [here](#).



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. Thanks.

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

Dinner Money: The price for primary meals will increase by 10p per meal to **£2.70** per meal from 1st April 2024

End of term Disco 8th February
Tickets are no longer available to buy.

Classes 1-6 - 3:15pm - 4:30pm -
(Children bring change of clothes to school)

Classes 7-14 - 4:30pm to 5:45pm.

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 3968, Cluddley 3639,
Upton 3705 and Rowton 3702.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Children who are attending the disco please bring clothes and shoes in a labelled carrier bag to change into during the afternoon.

Year 1

- Play this game to practise numbers to 50
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/helicopter-rescue> (find a number, direct 1 to 50).

Year 2

- Please remember to pay a £5 deposit by Thursday if you wish for your child to attend the Dudmaston Bunkhouse residential.

Year 3

- Our trip to Eginuity is on Friday.

Year 4

- Please can children bring in their reading book every day.

Year 5

- Please check your ParentPay and provide consent for our trip to The Wrekin. Thank you! 😊

Year 6

- Booster is on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3 and 4 Football
- Year 1 and 2 Kwik Cricket

Tuesday:

- Year 5 and 6 boys Football
- Year 3 to 6 Choir
- Year 3 and 4 Kwik Cricket

Wednesday:

- Year 3 to 6 mixed ability Football Fundamentals
- Year 3 to 6 Netball
- Year 3 to 6 Gymfinity

Thursday:

- Year 5 and 6 Kwik Cricket
- Year 1 and 2 Football

Friday:

- Year 3 to 6 girls Football
- Year 3 to 6 GemDanceAcademy

Please note: No Clubs on 8th February due to the School Disco.

Spring Term 2024

Break up Friday 9th February

Half term holiday

Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February

Children return Monday 19th February. Break up Friday 22nd March

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...

9. Our teachers are brilliant. We only employ the very best we can find and we know that Windmill teachers do not only teach children well, they also communicate with families really well too. Please make sure you work with them and support them, thank you.