

Monday 1st July 2024



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Sports Days last week were a real highlight for all of us at Windmill. We were lucky to have sunny days, which always have a feel-good factor.

The children were brilliant in their efforts, staff were super-supportive and well-organised, and we also want to say a special thank you to you, parents and carers. Particularly considering there were a few concerns about whether we could look after children during the hot weather, so many of you came out in strong support, knowing that we would do everything to keep children safe.

Thank you, and well done to all!

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

As we approach the end of the year, it is a good time to reflect and evaluate.

It is always useful to hear what children think about their experiences at our school, and also to hear what parents' and carers' experiences are. Please always feel free to let us know what you think, either in person at the school office or by email (office@windmillprimaryschool.co.uk).


I have shared an online survey that you can do, which will also help us to know what we are doing well and what we should try and be better at. As an incentive for you completing that survey, we will give a gift voucher to a randomly selected person who submits their survey before the end of the day on Tuesday (tomorrow):

<https://forms.office.com/e/5sa4G6G1mf>

Children's school reports will be shared with you on ParentPay on Friday 12th July and children will spend a morning with their new class on Monday 15th July.



The five strands of our strategic plan are:

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- **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

Lost Property - Always displayed by the main office on Tuesdays from 7:45am until 3:45pm.
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ParentPay - Please ensure that you log in to ParentPay regularly to prevent missing important information.

Dinner Money - The price for primary meals has increased by 20p per meal to **£2.70** per meal since 1st April 2024.

Dogs On School Grounds - just a reminder dogs are not allowed on the school grounds.

Tesco - Reminder about the Tesco blue token funding starting July in 9 local stores.

Summer Fayre - Saturday 6th July.

Term Dates:

Break up Friday 19th July

Return to school Wednesday 4th September 2024.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Children must have their sun hat and water every day and sun cream applied.

Year 1

- Have a go at drawing a dinosaur, this video shows you how to do it!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AxGz4Vs5Z14>

Year 2

- Please practise telling the time with your child to help develop their skills and knowledge.

Year 3

- Don't forget our outdoor day trip Thursday 11th July.

Year 4

- Please consent for our trip on Wednesday 3rd July.

Year 5 and Year 6

- It's the Annual Rounders Tournament for Year 5 and 6 on Wednesday, this is part of our Deep and Diverse experience offer. All children to come to school in PE kit, they will need hats, sun cream and water bottles as we will be outside all day.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3 and 4 Football
- FunZone (Community lead)
- Year 1 and 2 Mini Tennis

Tuesday:

- Year 5 and 6 Boys Football
- Year 3 and 4 Tennis
- Choir

Wednesday:

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

Thursday:

- Year 5 and 6 Rounders
- Year 1 and 2 Football

Friday:

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

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 7134, Cluddley 6090, Upton 6634 and Rowton 6364.

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...

5. Our school grounds are amazing! We are lucky to lots of space, but did you realise that we have: a woodland area (including a wildlife pond), an outdoor classroom (which doubles up as a bird hide), an orchard, and an allotment area. We make sure all classes have access to those areas.