

Monday 2nd December 2024



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

This week, Mr Cox has asked me to write to you about Emile - an online learning platform that children can access both at school and at home.

Emile is a great resource that gives children the opportunity to learn, practise and play online. Using their individual login, children can access content focussed on spelling, grammar, times tables and a variety of other maths topics. There are games, tasks set by teachers battles and events to get involved with. In addition, children can build their own avatar, track their progress, view their rank and see which trophies they have earned.

Each week, children are introduced to a new spelling rule in classes. Using Emile is a great way to help practise and improve their confidence in spelling these words each week. Please encourage and support them to get online and get involved.

To access Emile, please follow the link below. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need another copy of their login details.

[Login for Emile](#)

A highlight from last week...

I think you have probably all noticed that we have some newly planted trees in our school grounds.

The Forest of Mercia Charitable Incorporated Company came to plant hedgerow along our main fence line, fill in some gaps where trees had not grown, add a new tree area near the top gate, and replace some orchard trees that had died.

Pictured are Delroy and Jess, members of School Council who helped to plant the replacement trees in the orchard, near the KS2 Playpark.



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

Lost Property - will be in the main office on Tuesdays from 3:15pm to Wednesdays at 9:00am. Additionally, there will be a second-hand clothing rail available for families to take any items that will be of use to their child.

Asda - are running a Cashpot for Schools initiative in which the school will be given a grant depending on how much YOU spend. If you wish to sign up, log into your Asda app then join the Cashpot for Schools. Please search for our school and add us. This will not affect your personal Cashpot.

Dinner Money - The price for primary meals is **£2.70** per meal. Payments via ParentPay.

Christmas Fayre - Friday 6th December 3:30pm-5:30pm - There will be Santa's Grotto, drinks, sweets, games, raffle and our kitchen staff will be serving hot turkey baps. **Raffle tickets are available on ParentPay.**

Term Dates:

Break up Friday 20th December and return Tuesday 7th January.

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

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- o Remember to practice the Christmas Song 'Away in a Manger'. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zi45JkZtUnM>

Year 1

- o Keep going with Phonics links from Website.

Year 2

- o This week we will be selling our handmade Christmas decorations after school.

Year 3

- o We'll be selling our hot chocolate reindeer this week at the Christmas Fayre.

Year 4

- o Please let us know what you're reading at home- we would love to know 😊.

Year 5

- o Please consent for our Christmas Experience trip on ParentPay.

Year 6

- o We have a Christmas workshop at Telford Ministry on Tuesday 3rd November.

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 1478, Cluddley 1638, Upton 1735 and Rowton 1492.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- o Year 1-2 girls Football
- o FunZone (Community lead)
- o Year 3-6 Gymnastics

Tuesday:

- o Year 3-4 boys Football
- o Year 1-2 Cricket
- o Year 3-6 Choir

Wednesday:

- o Year 3-6 girls Football
- o Year 3 to 6 Dodgeball

Thursday:

- o Year 3-6 Dance
- o Year 1-2 Football

Friday:

- o Year 5-6 boys Football

Please note -Clubs cancelled 6th December - due to Christmas Fayre.

Dates for your diary

Early Years Nativity (Nursery and Class 2) - Tuesday 17th December at 10am

KS2 Carol Service (Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14) - Wednesday 18th December at 10:40am

KS1 Nativity (Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6) - Wednesday 18th December at 2pm