

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025



# Windmill Weekly

## A highlight from last week...

Welcoming back Mrs Jackson, one of our Music teachers, was wonderful last week.

Helen is a keen triathlete and was out on a training ride on her bike when she had an accident resulting in multiple injuries.

We are really pleased she has recovered and was back in school to see us all.

Music is a real strength of our school, and we benefit from Mrs Jackson's expertise hugely.

See more here: [Music and Instrument Tuition | Windmill Primary School](#)

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

I will use the opportunity to update you on some staffing changes this year:

- Mrs Hoofe moved to Year 2 because Miss Jackson left Windmill.
- Ms Lambert moved to Reception because Mrs Hoofe moved to Year 2.
- Amy Aston-Hicks is our new Nursery Manager, filling the gap left by Ms Lambert.
- Mrs Argent has left Windmill and Mrs Byron has replaced her.
- Miss Deery and Mrs Evans have both begun maternity leave and Miss Halliday and Mrs Tawana-Dhaliwal are covering.
- Miss Panter has left Windmill and Mr Acton is covering.
- Several members of staff have been unwell and cover arrangements have been in place (Reception, Class 3, Class 6, Class 8 and Class 14, plus caretaking)

We always want consistent quality for Windmill children and we always do our best to achieve that.



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.

#### Dinner Money -

We have been asked by Telford & Wrekin Council to give you notice of the increase in school dinner costs, beginning on Monday 24th February 2025. The school meal cost will increase from £2.70 to **£2.95** (the price will stay at £2.70 throughout January and the beginning of February). We are sorry that you will be experiencing this increase. It is outside of our control, Telford & Wrekin Council's Catering Team insist that this increase is essential and would like to assure all families that they feel strongly that this continues to represent good value for money. We will aim to send a reminder to you in the middle of February, so that you are ready for the price increase on 24/2/25.

### Things to remember/help with

#### Reception

- Please look at numbers 0-5.

#### Year 1

- Please practise speed reading.

#### Year 2

- We have been learning about money in maths, ask your child if they can calculate different amounts of pounds/pence!

#### Year 3

- What magnetic materials can you find at home?

#### Year 4

- We are learning about persuasive writing in class. Can you find any examples of persuasive writing at home? We would love to see what you find. 😊

#### Year 5

- Please use BBC Bitesize to practise multiplying 2 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers for example  $35 \times 23 =$ .

#### Year 6

- Please return slips for Boosters.

#### Latest House Point totals:

Cluddley 2001, Henmoor 1903,  
Rowton 1849 and Upton 2150.

### Clubs

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

#### **Monday:**

- Year 4 to 6 Funzone Community
- Year 1 and 2 Girls Football

#### **Tuesday:**

- Year 3 to 6 Choir
- Year 3 and 4 Boys Football
- Year 3 to 6 Netball

#### **Wednesday:**

- Year 3 to 6 Dodgeball
- Year 3 to 6 Girls Football

#### **Thursday:**

- Year 1 and 2 Boys Football
- Year 1 and 2 Cricket

#### **Friday:**

- Year 5 and 6 Boys Football
- Year 3 to 6 Tag Rugby

#### Term Dates:

Break up Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and return Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

***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'*