

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025



# Windmill Weekly

## A highlight from last week...

On Monday last week, Windmill School Choir travelled to Birmingham to participate in Young Voices ([The Largest Children's Choir in the World | Young Voices](#)).

They had a wonderful time singing along with some great songs and enjoying the sound of their voices, combined with thousands of other voices, all in an amazing concert venue.

Thank you to Mrs Morris, who leads our choir and who coordinated the visit, and thank you to Miss Jenks, Coach Carl and Mrs Richards for accompanying the visit.

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

### Keeping Children Safe

Children at Windmill know that the job of keeping all children safe is everyone's responsibility. They also know that there are five adults that are in charge of that. They are:

- Me - I am Windmill's Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs Coles - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead
- Mrs Dexter, Mrs Cambidge and Mrs Richards - Assistant Designated Safeguarding Leads

There is also Team Safe; a group of children who meet regularly to work with me to discuss how best to help all children to stay safe. We share advice with children and families on:

- Online safety
- Playing out after school
- Who to trust



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 talk about things that are heavy and light.

#### Year 1

- Watch this video to practise your number bonds to 10.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LD9tjBUiXs0>

#### Year 2

- Remember to practise new spellings.

#### Year 3

- Please practise times tables on Emile (2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 6s, 8s, 10s).

#### Year 4

- Please continue practising times tables up to 12 x 12.

#### Year 5

- Keep practising long multiplication using 2 and 3 digit numbers.

#### Year 6

- Please try to ensure your child is reading at home daily!

#### Carpark -

Please can we remind parents not to walk across the carpark at the start and end of the day and that children are supervised at all times.

### 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.

#### Latest House Point totals:

Cluddley 2129, Henmoor 2053, Rowton 1989 and Upton 2294.

**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...

7. We try to spot each child's talent in our school and to nurture it. Nurturing can range from verbal encouragement, all the way through to sponsoring a child to participate in additional activities. We keep a record of children's talents and share this information between us.