

Tuesday 11th February 2025



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

This week includes Safer Internet Day (on Tuesday 11th February).

I hope you all know how to keep your children safe online. Mostly it is about talking to them lots and encouraging honesty without judgement - they will make mistakes and they need to know that you care and will help and forgive them.

Many parents disregard the age-ratings for certain apps on phones, which I think is sad and worrying. The age-ratings are there for a reason.

Recently we have become aware of children from Windmill who have been sharing inappropriate messages on Snapchat. It seems to me that if there is ever a problem, it is almost always with Snapchat. My own children were only allowed on Snapchat when they became old enough (13).

It is sad that children can be exploited online - sexual and criminal exploitation can happen if children are not supported to make the right choices. Let's help them, not neglect them!

A highlight from last week...

Our Breakfast Club is very popular!

You can find out more about it here: [Breakfast Club | Windmill Primary School](#)

Over the last two weeks, the children in Breakfast Club have celebrated the Chinese New Year of the snake by making paper chain snakes and Chinese lanterns.

You can drop off your child from 7:45am for £2.20, or from 8:20am (activities only, no breakfast) for 50p, or from 8:35am for free!

Y4 children can go to their class from 8:30am to access IXL learning online.



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 - Telford & Wrekin Council are increasing 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). 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.

Car Park - 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.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- We have been talking about what we want to be when we grow up.

Year 1

- We are going on walk around Brookside today.

Year 2

- Keep practising your spellings.

Year 3

- We are going to start a new topic in science exploring plants and seed dispersal. Can you carry out your own research and bring some facts into school?

Year 4

- We have been learning about pollution. What facts can children recall to you?

Year 5

- Please return your Bikeability forms as soon as possible.

Year 6

- Please attend booster sessions.

Valentines disco. Tuesday 11th February

Classes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. 3:15 pm till 4:30 pm

Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14. 5:00 pm till 6:30 pm

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~~ CANCELLED
- ~~Year 3 and 4 Boys Football~~ CANCELLED
- ~~Year 3 to 6 Netball~~ CANCELLED

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 14th February 2025 and return Monday 24th February 2025.

Latest House Point totals:

Cluddley 2509, Henmoor 2425, Rowton 2335 and Upton 2662.

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...

10. Rewards and Consequences (R's and C's) are shared with you on ClassDojo, so you should know if your child is getting positive recognition for their attitude and behaviour. We put the emphasis on the positives, and C's are there to warn children away from the negatives.