

Monday 23rd October 2023



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

There have been various activities and lessons during October associated with Black History Month. Have a look at our school website for some videos of related books: [Black History Month | Windmill Primary School](#)

The picture below shows some children enjoying a drumming workshop that took place at Brookside Community Centre on Friday last week. Children that visited also tasted some food and drink associated with Black heritage, and made dreamcatchers, linked with Martin Luther King Jr's 'I have a dream' speech.

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

As we approach the end of the first half-term, I would like to say a few 'thank you's'.

Firstly, to Windmill children who make every day a pleasure. I genuinely love coming to work each day, and even if it's a day when I'm feeling less positive, a smile or a 'good morning' from a pupil usually puts me back on track.

Secondly, to you, Windmill families, thank you for being so supportive of this school. My aim has been, and will continue to be, to make Windmill a school that we are all proud of, and so I try to listen carefully to what you say, in order to continue to improve what we do.

Thirdly, to Windmill governors, who very rarely get a mention, but they play an important role in making sure that leadership and management in our school is of a high standard.

And finally, to Windmill staff, who work incredibly hard to give Windmill children the best possible start to the rest of their lives. They are amazing!



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

[Free bagels in the hall starts at 8:35am.](#) Children arriving between 8:20am and 8:35am will be charged 50p.

[Lost Property](#) - Always displayed by the main office on Tuesdays from 7:45am until 3:45pm.

[End of School Day](#) - Please do not come onto the playground or wait outside classrooms until after 3:10pm. This is to ensure the safeguarding of all children. Thank you.

[SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS](#)
Children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 will start secondary school from September 2024. Parents need to apply for a Year 7 place by 31 October 2023 and the same for any children with an EHCP. You can use [this tool](#) to check school catchment areas and locations.

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 208, Cluddley 156, Upton 181 and Rowton 293.

School Photo orders - final reminder - photos must be handed in by 9am Tuesday

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- We would love the children to be able to write their names. Practise this at home over half term. Remembering a capital letter at the start.

Year 1

- Watch this video about the Creation story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cstDniigA-w>

Year 2

- We have been learning about good hygiene for health and discussed viruses and germs. Share learning at home and carry out research at home?

Year 3

- We have been learning about light and shadows in science; how many shadows can you find in and around your home?

Year 4

- Please practise your 7 and 8 times table at home!

Year 5

- Flu vaccinations on Tuesday 24th October, please ensure your consents forms have been completed before then.

Year 6

- Please help your child practise times tables at.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3-4 Football
- Year 2 Athletics

Tuesday:

- Year 3-6 Choir
- Year 5-6 Football
- Year 3-6 Dodgeball

Wednesday:

- Year 3-6 Gymfinity
- Year 3-6 mixed ability Football
- Year 3-6 Archery

Thursday:

- Year 3-6 Team Building
- Year 2 Football

Friday:

- Year 3-6 Dance
- Year 3-6 Girls Football

Please note there will be no Football or archery clubs on Wednesday 8th November due to staff training. Gymnastics will run as normal.

Whole School Nasal Flu Vaccine - 24th October - please return consent forms.

Half Term dates -

Break up Friday 27th October and children return Monday 6th November.

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.