

Monday 13th May 2024



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

More outdoor learning to mention...

We are very fortunate to have such wonderful grounds. We have a huge playground, including ball games areas and quiet sitting spaces, plus a large grassed area, but perhaps the area we are most happy with is our wildlife area. Last week's picture showed Year 2 children using the pond, and this photo is of a Nursery child climbing a tree in our small woodland.

We want to encourage our pupils to take some risks, to explore their capabilities and learn how to keep themselves safe. Accidents happen and we try to prevent them, but play is vital!

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

This week is KS2 SATs week. That means our Year 6 children have six tests to do in Reading, Mathematics, Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling.

I spoke to them this morning to say that we are proud of them already. We are proud of how they fulfil our school values:

- Using opportunities for fresh starts
- Being there for each other
- Aiming high
- Doing their best
- Not giving up, and
- Believing in themselves

Doing well in a test is relative. Doing well for some children might be achieving a high score, but doing well for others might be having the confidence to have a go. Celebrating individual successes is important.

Please continue to encourage your children and show an interest in their progress. Time flies!



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.

ParentPay - Please ensure that you log in to ParentPay regularly to prevent missing important information.

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.

Dinner Money - The price for primary meals has increased by 20p per meal to **£2.70** per meal since 1st April 2024.

Dogs On School Grounds - just a reminder dogs are not allowed on the school grounds.

Latest House Point totals:
Henmoor 5972, Cluddley 5112,
Upton 5507 and Rowton 5359.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Reception children have been learning about staying safe in the sun. Can your child tell you how to keep safe? See how many things they can remember.

Year 1

- Please could you bring in any unwanted uniform 4-7yrs ideally as we are desperate for spares.

Year 2

- Please practice your multiples of 2, 3, 5 and 10. Use the top marks website to help you <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

Year 3

- Can you compare modern patterns to those used on ancient Egypt clothing?

Year 4

- Don't forget it is Year 4 residential next week - Monday to Friday.

Year 5

- We have a double swimming session on Friday. Don't forget your swimming kits!

Year 6

- Please see Class Dojo for information about SATs breakfast club!

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3 and 4 Football
- FunZone (Community lead)
- Year 1 and 2 Mini Tennis

Tuesday:

- Year 5 and 6 Boys Football
- Year 3 and 4 Tennis

Wednesday:

- Year 3 to 6 mixed ability Football Fundamentals
- Year 3 to 6 Athletics
- Year 3 to 6 Gymfinity

Thursday:

- Year 5 and 6 Rounders
- Year 1 and 2 Football

Friday:

- Year 3 to 6 girls Football
- Year 3 to 6 GemDanceAcademy

Term Dates:

Break up Friday 24th May
Start back Monday 3rd June
PD Day Friday 21st June
Break up Friday 19th July

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...

9. Our teachers are brilliant. We only employ the very best we can find and we know that Windmill teachers do not only teach children well, they also communicate with families really well too. Please make sure you work with them and support them, thank you.