



Monday 16th December 2024

Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

School dinners at Windmill are amazing, and we are very lucky to have a wonderful team in the kitchen, led by Wendy.

Last week they produced a hugely impressive quality and quantity of Christmas dinner and everyone was really impressed.

Thank you to everyone involved!

We have been told that the price of school dinners has to go up after February half-term to £2.95 (it has been £2.70 since April 2024). This is out of our control, because we buy our catering from the council.

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

As we approach the end of the Autumn term - and the end of 2024, we can look back with pride at the things we have achieved. We can also look forwards to a new year, a fresh start, a chance to set new goals, aiming high.

If we choose to have a New Year's resolution, we can try and form a new habit (or break an old habit).

I have read that it usually takes around six weeks (40 days) to make or break a habit, so it would probably take longer than just the month of January.

Aristotle said that: 'we are what we repeatedly do, therefore excellence is not an act, but a habit'.

I don't know about you, but I often think that some people are just good at things. Perhaps I could be persuaded that I could become excellent at something if I did it repeatedly.

I have also read that it takes 10,000 hours to become world-class at something. That's a lot of practising, so I would recommend that people start practising when they're young!



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.

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor ,1761 Cluddley 1826,
Upton 1983 and Rowton 1690.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Do a kind deed for someone at home.

Year 1

- Please remember to bring your Christmas jumper in a bag on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Year 2

- A reminder for children to bring their Christmas jumper for our rehearsal and Nativity performance on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Year 3

- We hope you all have a lovely Christmas!

Year 4

- We are having a Christmas party of Thursday 19th December. If you have any donations of wrapped food to contribute, we would be very grateful. This could be crisps, biscuits or something similar.

Year 5

- Have a Very Merry Christmas!

Year 6

- Merry Christmas to all families in year 6! 😊

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 1-2 girls Football
- FunZone (Community lead)
- Year 3-6 Gymnastics - **cancelled**

Tuesday:

- Year 3-4 boys Football
- Year 1-2 Cricket
- Year 3-6 Choir

Wednesday:

- Year 3-6 girls Football
- Year 3 to 6 Dodgeball

Thursday:

- Year 3-6 Dance
- Year 1-2 Football

Friday:

- ~~Year 5-6 boys Football -~~
CANCELLED

Dates for your diary

Early Years Nativity (Nursery and Class 2) - Tuesday 17th December at 10am

KS2 Carol Service (Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 & 14) - Wednesday 18th December at 10:40am

KS1 Nativity (Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6) - Wednesday 18th December at 2pm

Term Dates:

Break up Friday 20th December and return Tuesday 7th January.

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...

4. Working walls - we use working walls in each lesson so that children know the teacher's expectations and how to be successful. The working wall contains: 'what we are learning', 'what to remember', 'what the important vocabulary (words) are' and 'a model/example'.