

Monday 11th September 2023



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

We are back!

After a really positive first three days last week, in which we established relationships and expectations of each other, children are settling into their normal classroom routines and already working hard!

Thank you for working with us. I know many of you would prefer your children to come to school in uniform on the first day of the new term, but I think I also know that you would be very unhappy if those lovely new clothes came back muddy, painty or smoky (from sitting by the fire in the wildlife area).

Thank you for reading the 'best start' documents that were sent home on Friday. Please could you sign and return these as soon as possible?

We all need to make sure children are not riding bikes or scooters near other people. Please help by telling your children and (politely) other children.



A highlight from last week...

Maybe we are not the only school in the country that has a 'Welcome Week'... or maybe we are...

We are confident that it helps Windmill children to settle into a new class, feeling valued and understood - as well as helping them feel clear about what their teacher expects from them.

There were all sorts of activities that helped the children and adults work together and get to know each other. You can see lots of them on [our Facebook page](#).

Most school and class news will be shared on ClassDojo, but we do use Facebook too.



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 breakfast bagel club 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 can we ask families not to access the playground or wait outside their child's classrooms at the end of the day until 3:10pm. This is to ensure the safeguarding of all children. Thank you for your understanding.

[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 children with an EHCP by 31 October 2023. You can use [this tool](#) to check which school are your nearest or catchment area To apply for a place at Thomas Telford School, you will need to apply to the school directly by 25 September 2023.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Please remember outdoor clothes and wellies/ waterproofs on Wednesdays and PE kits to be worn to school every Friday.

Year 1

- Practise your letter sounds for RWI.

Year 2

- We are giving out two reading books per child, a RWI book and a book banded book. Please read and return these to school every day with your child.

Year 3

- Please wear PE kits on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Year 4

- PE kit is need on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Year 5

- We're back to normal next week so please wear full school uniform. Also, PE days are on Monday and Thursday - remember to wear full PE kit.

Year 6

- We had a great time during welcome week last week. PE Kit in needed Tuesdays and Fridays.

Clubs

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

Clubs begin next week (week beginning Monday 18th September)

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 -w/b 11.9.
- Year 3-6 mixed ability Football
- Year 3-6 Archery

Thursday:

- Year 3-6 Team Building
- Year 2 Football

Friday:

- Year 3-6 Dance - (no dance 22.9.23) - w/b 11.9.23
- Year 3-6 Girls Football

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS -

Thursday 28th September 2023 - Sibling photos 7:45am - 8:30am. Come to the main school entrance for these.

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...

1. Our school vision is **IGNITE** (Include everyone; Guarantee opportunities; Nurture aspirations; Inspire each other; Try everything; Enable independence).
- We already do all these things, but we keep trying to do them even better!