

Monday 18th September 2023



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

One of our school values is 'Be There For Each Other' and we want that to be the case not just for children, but for staff and families too.

We received a lovely, supportive comment from a parent which made us feel amazing:

'I am very satisfied with the school and the attitude of the teachers. My daughter studied at a school in London for 10 months and did not learn a single word of English. In just a month of studying at your school, she speaks English.'

The warmth and attention of the teachers made it so that my child emotionally returned to normal life. This is a very good school ♡'

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

This year, we are relaunching Windmill Friends and we would love you to join in.

Mrs Coles is the chairperson of the group and she is looking for volunteers... hopefully parents, relatives and school staff will all be willing to join in and help.

Windmill Friends will be an official 'Parent Teacher Association' (PTA), with its own constitution and bank account. It will raise money for school funds and also for charities.

We want to fill 3 important roles as soon as possible:

- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer

For more information email:

office@windmillprimaryschool.co.uk or telephone school and ask for Mrs Coles.

Save the date:

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Friday 29/9/23 9am

Cake donations welcome!



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 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

- Reception children need to bring indoor shoes as well as wellies every Wednesday.

Year 1

- Please hear your child read their reading books.

Year 2

- We are studying animals and their offspring and discussing different names and feature. Research at home, we would love to see any work via Class Dojo or brought into class.

Year 3

- It is Grandparents' Day on Friday! Grandparents can arrive from 2pm, please let class teachers know they're coming.

Year 4

- Children will be getting reading books with week - please read at home.

Year 5

- We are learning about Ancient Greece this half term. Any additional research would be amazing!!

Year 6

- PE is Tuesdays and Fridays.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3-4 Football - no club on Monday 25th September
- Year 2 Athletics - no club on Monday 25th September

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 - (no dance 22.9.23)
- Year 3-6 Girls Football

[WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOS](#) - Thursday 28th September 2023 - all Siblings photos 7:30am - 8:30am. Come to the main school entrance for these.

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 508, Cluddley 431, Upton 451 and Rowton 379.

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...

2. Our six School Values are: 'Every day is a new day', 'Be there for each other', 'Do your best', 'Don't give up', 'Aim high', 'Believe in yourself'.
- We mention these a lot and you'll hear them regularly in Monday ClassDojo assemblies