

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023



# Windmill Weekly

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

I had a chance to attend a conference for headteachers of schools in the Community Academies Trust (there are 18 of us).

Meeting together was very encouraging for me and hopefully for the others too. I know quite a lot about Windmill Primary School, but definitely not as much about the other CAT schools. Having the chance to meet and find out more was good, because I could share in the achievements of other schools and also have a chance to celebrate Windmill's achievements with other schools too.

A pattern we see here is that many children arrive at Windmill in Reception classes, with low levels of communication and language. Because of our excellent curriculum and the skills of our staff team, children make very good progress through school.

By the time children leave us in Year 6, the majority are achieving standards that are higher than the national average. [Find out more here.](#)

## A highlight from last week...


Every year, the Year 3 classes invite grandparents into school to practise their hospitality. Of course, it is also simply to welcome visitors to school and have fun together.

Giving the children opportunities to be a good host is part of our [deep and diverse experiences programme](#), which you can find out more about on our website. The programme includes baking, tidying, asking questions and finding out about people, and sharing.

Thank you for supporting this.



The five strands of our strategic plan are:

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- **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 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.

[Macmillan Coffee Morning](#)  
This Friday (29<sup>th</sup> September)  
from 9am to 10:30am

### Things to remember/help with

#### Reception

- Please practise the sound of the day with your child each day using the link on dojo messenger.

#### Year 1

- Please check the PE uniform list and ensure your child is wearing the appropriate kit on Wednesdays and Fridays.

#### Year 2

- Library visit 25.9. Children will bring home a form for you to return to the library, to enable them to borrow books. (Ignore if already a member).

#### Year 3

- Please bring in shoe boxes for our art topic.

#### Year 4

- Please can children learn their 7 times table at home!

#### Year 5

- PE kits are needed on a Monday and Thursday. If children are attending a club after school, they need to bring their kits in a bag and get changed at school.

#### Year 6

- Telford Park visit Wednesday - please bring water bottle and dress weather appropriate.

### Clubs

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

#### Monday:

- Year 3-4 Football - no club on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September
- Year 2 Athletics - no club on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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
- Year 3-6 Girls Football

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

#### Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 739, Cluddley 729, Upton 747 and Rowton 609.

***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...

3. Deep and Diverse experiences are all guaranteed for every child, no matter what the cost. They are our supplement to the National Curriculum and each child gets a passport to record each experience. For more information, see our website: [www.windmillprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.windmillprimaryschool.co.uk)