

Monday 11th December 2023



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Brilliant Brushers visited Windmill!

The picture below gives you a clue as to what that is all about...

It is a wonderful NHS program designed especially to help children aged 3-5 years to have healthy and happy smiles!

Our caring Early Years staff make sure the children brush their teeth every day.

This helps to avoid problems with teeth later in childhood, when children sometimes need to have surgery to remove decayed teeth.

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

As we approach the Christmas break, I would like to tell you about the best Christmas experiences I have heard children tell me about in the many years I have been at Windmill.

Can you guess what they said?

I'll give you a clue. It has never been about what gifts they have received or how much money was spent.

The children with the biggest smiles, that have brought tears to my eyes, are those that come back to school in January and describe to me the special time that their parents, carers, family members have given to them, and the love that they know has been shared with them.

So, if you're worrying that some children might get more stuff than others, try not to.

Make sure that you give as much of yourself and your time and care that you can. Talk with them. Listen to them. Play games with them. They will love it and will remember it for ever.



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 do not come onto the playground or wait outside classrooms until after 3:10pm. This is to ensure the safeguarding of all children. Thanks.
ParentPay - Please ensure that you log in to ParentPay regularly to prevent missing important information.

Christmas performance dates and times are below. Parents are welcome to attend on these dates.

15th December KS1 (Classes 3-6) Nativity in hall 9:30 - 10:00 and 14:00 - 14:30

19th December EYFS Performance 10:00 - 11:00 (with children who attend morning sessions at nursery) and 14:00 - 15:00 (with children who attend afternoon sessions at nursery)

20th December KS2 Carol Service (Classes 7-14) 14:20 - 15:00

Diary Date:

Thursday 14th December - Christmas Fair 2:30pm - 4:15pm. If you would like a stall please speak to Mrs Coles.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Please bring party clothes or a Christmas jumper in a named carrier bag by Friday 15th Dec

Year 1

- Practise quick recall of pairs of numbers that make 10.

Year 2

- Practise multiples of 2, 5 and 10 - use the Top Marks website for fun interactive game ideas for recall.

Year 3

- Thursday 14th Dec - we are attending Christmas Experience at the Town Centre - children need warm coats and trainers and a bag to carry lunch in.

Year 4

- To learn all your times tables using the links on dojo 😊

Year 5

- Christmas wreath making competition - Wednesday 20th December in classes and judged by office staff. Wreaths need to be made at home and brought in by 20th.

Year 6

- Don't forget that all children need collecting from the panto on Wednesday.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3-4 Football
- Year 1-2 Multi Skills

Tuesday:

- Year 3-6 Choir
- Year 5-6 Football - **CANCELLED**
- 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 1-2 Football

Friday:

- Year 3-6 Dance
- Year 3-6 Girls Football

CLUBS - THERE WILL BE NO CLUBS ON THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER.

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 2782, Cluddley 2618, Upton 2637 and Rowton 2639.

Calling All Parent Volunteers - we desperately need help to tidy our community garden. Please speak to Mrs Coles if you are able to help.

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