



Monday 7th October 2024

Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Year 2 went on an adventure to Telford Town Centre last Wednesday, including visiting Southwater Library.

They had a great time, and all the children loved spending time reading and relaxing. We wish we could share more photos with you because we have lots showing the different areas of the library and how the children enjoyed it.

Joining the library is one of the guaranteed experiences that we give to all children at no cost through our [Deep and Diverse programme](#).

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Do you let strangers go into your child's bedroom?

A strange question maybe, but I am sure you all said 'no'.

But do you let your child access the internet in their bedroom?

If they use a phone, a tablet, a smart TV or smart speaker in their bedroom, then the answer is 'yes'. Yes, you do let your child access the internet in their bedroom and you do then potentially let strangers into their bedroom with them. Virtually of course, but perhaps unsupervised.

My children are only allowed to use the internet in a room where an adult is in there with them. That is one of the best ways I know to keep them safe.

Please recognise the risks involved when your child is online and please follow the advice on our website:

[Online Safety | Windmill Primary School](#)



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. Additionally, there will be a second-hand clothing rail available for families to take any items that will be of any use to their child.

Asda - are running a Cashpot for Schools initiative in which the school will be given a grant depending on how much YOU spend. If you wish to sign up, log into your Asda app then join the Cashpot for Schools. Please search for our school and add us. This will not affect your personal Cashpot.

ParentPay - Please ensure that you log in to ParentPay regularly to prevent missing important information.

Dinner Money - The price for primary meals is **£2.70** per meal. Payments via ParentPay.

School Photos - please ensure any photo orders are returned to school before Monday 21st October.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Children will bring a reading book home on Monday, to share at home. It will need to be returned before swapping it.

Year 1

- Last week we made apple flapjacks. Why not try and make some at home 😊

Year 2

- Use the free website <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> to practise number bonds.

Year 3

- Please practise times tables with your children.

Year 4

- Children will be having times table check - they should know tables up to 12 x 12. Use the link for 2, 5, and 10 times tables. <https://www.themathsfactor.com/times-tables-check/#/levels>

Year 5

- We have a Loud Mouth performance on Wednesday - why not chat to your child about online safety.

Year 6

- Please practise times tables.

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

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

There will be no after school clubs on Wednesday 16th October and Wednesday 6th November due to staff training.

Term Dates:

Half Term Holiday - Break up Friday 25th October and return Monday 4th November.

Latest House Point totals:
Henmoor 399, Cluddley 511, Upton 534 and Rowton 476.

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...

5. Our school grounds are amazing! We are lucky to have lots of space, but did you realise that we have: a woodland area (including a wildlife pond), an outdoor classroom (which doubles up as a bird hide), an orchard, and an allotment area. We make sure all classes have access to those areas.