

Monday 14th October 2024



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Year 5 welcomed Loudmouth Theatre into school last week.

Children were learning about ways to keep themselves safe online and in the community. They are using the P.A.N.T.S rule from the NSPCC to bring the learning to life. For more information please see the following link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

This is part of our approach to keeping children safe. [See our website for more information.](#)

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Approximately one month has passed since I told you about our new vision for Windmill children:

GROW

Children becoming citizens of the world that experience success because they are:

- Generous
- Resilient
- Optimistic
- Wise

I wonder if you remembered that...

I wonder how you feel about that...

I wonder if there is one of those words that you care especially about...

That's why I'm going to be asking you some quick questions over the next few weeks. They won't be surveys as such, just quick answers to quick questions, to help me understand how you feel about things.



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.

KS2 Disco - Tuesday 22nd October 4:00pm till 5:30pm - £3 per ticket.

KS1 Disco - Thursday 24th October 3:15pm till 4:30pm £3 per ticket.

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...

6. We are really good at caring for every single child at Windmill to the best of our ability.

I was thrilled to hear a parent describe our school as:

'An oasis, wrapped in a fortress, full of the kindest staff'

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Parents please check Parentpay for disco details.

Year 1

- Share library books and hear your child read their reading book.

Year 2

- Please practise the common exception word spellings on Dojo this week.

Year 3

- Make sure you're logging into Emile to access spelling activities.

Year 4

- We have been learning about the digestive system. How many parts of the digestive system can children correctly name?

Year 5

- Ask your child what they have learnt about Ancient Greece this week!

Year 6

- Please practice your times tables. Please make sure you are wearing correct uniform.

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 495, Cluddley 615,
Upton 653 and Rowton 588.