

Tuesday 22nd October 2024



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

At Windmill Primary School, we're always encouraging our children to aim high and dream big. Aspirations are an important part of what we focus on as a school, and we believe that by helping students set goals—whether big or small—we're preparing them for a bright future.

Every day, in both lessons and play, we aim to create a space where children feel confident to explore their interests and think about what they want to achieve. Whether it's discussing different careers or simply encouraging them to try something new, we want Windmill children to believe that with effort and determination, anything is possible.

It would be great if you could chat with your child about their own goals and dreams—let's work together to support them in reaching their full potential!

Please let your teacher know what your child's aspirations are!

A highlight from last week...

Class 8 played a French game of Snakes and Ladders in their Friday Golden Time last week.

All children in all classes get to participate in Golden Time every week (unless something unusual happens). It is a great time to build relationships - children's relationships with other children and also the relationships between staff and children.

Our school is a strong school because we invest so much in relationships. Children feel safe and trust the adults that work here.

If you want to know more about the children learning French, click [here](#).



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.

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

Secondary School Applications - Please make sure you have submitted your application by 31st October 2024.

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

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Parents play the counting game on the class dojo page.

Year 1

- We are looking at part whole model and number sentences.

Year 2

- Use the free website: topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button to help your child practise number bonds to 10.

Year 3

- Ask your child about their non-chronological report on Stone Age people.

Year 4

- Please remember to dress up for our Roman day on Thursday 24th October.

Year 5

- Keep practising your times tables!

Year 6

- Please make sure you have submitted your application by 31st October 2024.

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 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 626, Cluddley 757,
Upton 826 and Rowton 745.

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...

7. We try to spot each child's talent in our school and to nurture it. Nurturing can range from verbal encouragement, all the way through to sponsoring a child to participate in additional activities. We keep a record of children's talents and share this information between us.