

Monday 4th November 2024



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Year 4 had a Roman Day in the week before the half-term break.

They ate Roman food, made shields, and went on missions to conquer far away lands (they even went as far as the Early Years playgrounds and the willow area).

They also had a special Roman visitor called Marcus Gordianus Bonus who helped them feel proud of all the achievements of the Romans, including their occupation and battles in England.

Learning comes alive at Windmill!

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Welcome back after the half-term break!

We now have seven weeks of the Autumn Term left, finishing on Friday 20th December.

I know these seven weeks will be full of opportunities for learning, for fun, for celebration and for continuing to build positive relationships.

I am convinced that the success of this school is due to positive relationships. I am grateful that we commit to listening to each other and doing our best to understand each other.

Help please...

You may have seen on my video assembly today that I am looking to build a team (maybe even an army!) of volunteers to help make Windmill's outdoor environments the best they can be.

Children love to be outside and I want them to have loads of opportunities to learn and play outdoors.

I need people who are prepared to fix and tidy on a weekly basis. Please let me know if you can help.



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.

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

Poppy Appeal - We will be selling items for the Poppy Appeal every break and lunchtime from Tuesday until Friday. Prices will range from 50p to £2 per item.

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...

8. **EYFS** stands for Early Years Foundation Stage. It is basically our Nursery and Reception classes. Gill Lambert is our EYFS Lead and she has masterminded the improvement of the outdoor environment, with new surfacing, fencing, play equipment and furniture. More to come...!

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Please remember to bring your books in to change, you can change them as often as you like.

Year 1

- Children have been challenged to interview grandparents about what life was like when they were a child.

Year 2

- Don't forget to use the student log ins to try and log into Emile over half term. Check our Dojo page for a link to the website.

Year 3

- Please try to read with your children daily.

Year 4

- Please login to Emile and work on the spellings that children have been learning. These will be on Dojo on a Monday.

Year 5

- Remember the poetry competition - please have a go!

Year 6

- Keep an eye on ParentPay for information on upcoming trips.

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~~ - CANCELLED

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 20th December and return Tuesday 7th January.

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 929, Cluddley 1005, Upton 1049 and Rowton 951.