

Monday 3rd February 2025

A highlight from last week...

Last Monday we featured Year 4 (Class 10) and what were up to in their Design & Technology lesson.

Today, we are looking back to last week and celebrating the wonderful world of Early Years.

It has been a bit tricky for us in Nursery and Reception recently with some staffing situations that are not ideal, but we must give huge credit to the members of staff who are in the team. They pull together, are 'there for each other' (one of our [Windmill Values](#)), and give children valuable learning experiences.



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Windmill continues to be a place where children thrive. I am pleased that the early indications seem to show that we will have two Reception classes in September. We were only able to have one class in September 2024, because of low pupil numbers.

Some of you may read, see or hear the news and therefore might be aware of some changes to the way schools are inspected by Ofsted.

[We were inspected in September 2022](#) and judged to be providing a Good education for all children.

I strongly believe that we are more than just 'Good'. I see the quality of education that Windmill children get on a daily basis and I know how hard the team of staff work to ensure we give children [the best possible start to the rest of their lives](#).

They do need you too!

Your children need you to show an interest, to help them practise - especially reading, writing, counting, adding, times tables, and as much as you can manage. Your involvement really matters!

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.

Dinner Money - Telford & Wrekin Council are increasing school dinner costs, beginning on Monday 24th February 2025.

The school meal cost will increase from £2.70 to £2.95 (the price will stay at £2.70 throughout January and the beginning of February). Telford & Wrekin Council's Catering Team insist that this increase is essential and would like to assure all families that they feel strongly that this continues to represent good value for money. We will aim to send a reminder to you in the middle of February, so that you are ready for the price increase on 24/2/25.

Car Park - Please can we remind parents not to walk across the carpark at the start and end of the day and that children are supervised at all times.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- This week is space week!

Year 1

- Please check ClassDojo portfolios for a Science task.

Year 2

- Keep practising your spelling.

Year 3

- In computing we are using the programme 'Scratch' to programme sprites. Children can access and experiment with this programme at home by clicking on the following link- <https://scratch.mit.edu/>

Year 4

- Keep practising your times tables.

Year 5

- We are multiplying fractions in maths this week. Keep practicing your times tables. Use BBC Bitesize to help!

Year 6

- Please attend booster sessions.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 4 to 6 Funzone Community
- Year 1 and 2 Girls Football

Tuesday:

- Year 3 to 6 Choir
- Year 3 and 4 Boys Football
- Year 3 to 6 Netball

Wednesday:

- Year 3 to 6 Dodgeball
- Year 3 to 6 Girls Football

Thursday:

- Year 1 and 2 Boys Football
- Year 1 and 2 Cricket

Friday:

- Year 5 and 6 Boys Football
- Year 3 to 6 Tag Rugby

Term Dates:

Break up Friday 14th February 2025 and return Monday 24th February 2025.

Latest House Point totals:

Cluddley 2408, Henmoor 2322, Rowton 2212 and Upton 2537.

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...

9. Our teachers are brilliant. We only employ the very best we can find and we know that Windmill teachers do not only teach children well, they also communicate with families really well too. Please make sure you work with them and support them, thank you.