



Monday 20th June 2022



Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

Last week, we highlighted that Year 1 children were doing their [Phonics Screening Check](#) and today we are saying 'well done' to Year 4 children for working hard for their [Multiplication Tables Check](#), which they did online last week.

Of course, it's not just in Year 4 that children are learning their times tables, they start learning in Year 2 and need to keep practising until they know them straightaway.

Please help at home. There are fun and free websites, for example:

[Timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk)

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Books, books, books...

...will we ever stop talking about books?

I'm afraid the answer is 'No!'

As you know, we think reading is the key that unlocks life's doors. We know some people need extra help to master reading, and we're good at that here at Windmill, but for most children (and adults), the way to improving at reading is to practise. Finding the books you love to read is the biggest challenge, because reading should be enjoyable.

Joining a library is maybe the best way of trying out lots of books so that you can find out which books you love... because it's free! If you really love buying books, then great, that's another way to keep trying different books.

Some children in school have received two new books recently: 'Queen Elizabeth' and 'The Breakfast Club Adventures'. We will aim to give children a book as a Christmas gift and we give away 14 books every half-term to our Readers of the half-term.



Multiplication Check

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
2	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121



This term, we're working on...

- Helping children to love Reading, because Reading is the key that unlocks life's doors
- Developing Early Years indoor and outdoor areas, to enable children's independence
- Building a database of all children's interests and abilities, so we can nurture them well
- Encouraging children to use their fluency in Maths to solve new problems

What's going on?

To help you keep up with everything, the office staff and teaching staff will use this page for reminders and prompts!

Other news and notices

Sports Days:

Reception Fun Day - Friday 1st July

Years 1,2 & 3 - Wednesday 29th June

Years 4,5 & 6 - Thursday 30th June

Parents, grandparents and siblings under 5 are welcome to attend. Activities begin at 9:15am, we will then be kindly asking families to leave at breaktime at 10:35am and return at 11:05am. Lunchtime is 12:05pm to 1:30pm. Afternoon event races will take us to 3:15pm.

On arrival to the school grounds, please report to school office to collect a sticker and sign in - it is vital that we know how many people are onsite and to ensure we are safeguarding your children. Visitors to school who are NOT wearing a school sticker will be asked by staff to report to the school office.

Term Dates:

Break up - Thursday 21st July

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Practise your address, it's important to know where you live.

Year 1

- Remember to practise your multiples of 2, 5 and 10. If ready, you could practise multiples of 3 and 4 also.

Year 2

- Mosque visit - next Thursday. Please give permission on parent pay and bring a covering for your head.

Year 3

- Log onto Learning with Parents to complete the topic on Multiplication and Division.

Year 4

- We have a visit from a guide dog on Thursday 23rd June.

Year 5

- Please can children come to school in the proper uniform and PE kit on PE days.

Year 6

- Check Class Dojo for all year end events.

PD Day - Please note we have a staff training day on Friday 24th June - no school or Nursery for children.

Clubs

(Priority for clubs is given to invited children, based on need)

Monday:

- Y5-6 Boys Football
- Yr5-6 Tennis

Tuesday:

- Y3-4 Football
- Y3-6 Choir
- Yr3-4 Kwik Cricket

Wednesday:

- Y5-6 Gymnastics
- Y5-6 Rounders
- Y5-6 Girls Football

Thursday:

- Y3-4 Dance
- Y1-2 Football
- Y1-2 Mini Tennis

Friday:

- Football FUNdamentals

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 5176, Cluddley 4834, Upton 4495 and Rowton 4014.

Safety Message: Is it suitable?

The age ratings that come with games, apps, films, and social networks guide you to whether they're suitable for your child. The minimum age limit is 13 for several social networking sites.

10 things every Windmill parent/carer should know...

10. Rewards and Consequences (R's and C's) are shared with you on ClassDojo, so you should know if your child is getting positive recognition for their attitude and behaviour. We put the emphasis on the positives, and C's are there to warn children away from the negatives.