

Monday 21st November 2022



Windmill Weekly

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Windmill is growing!

We have had 41 children join us since the start of September.

That doesn't include the children who started in Reception classes at the beginning of September.

This is all really good news and we think it is probably happening for two reasons: because people are moving to our community, and because people have heard what a good school we are.

We have been low on numbers in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, but those spaces are filling up.

We are looking to increase the Nursery spaces from 16 in the mornings and 8 in the afternoons to 24 in the mornings and 16 in the afternoons. We hope this will be in place in January.

We are also going to introduce another class in Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2) from next week, and families of children in those year groups will receive a letter today through ParentPay.

A highlight from last week...

Year 3 children visited Wrekin College last week for a dance workshop. They showed Windmill Values by aiming high, doing their best, not giving up and believing in themselves.


We give high priority to the arts, as referenced on our school website: [Embracing the Arts | Windmill Primary School](#) (just type in arts to the search bar on our homepage).

We have also recently been awarded the Artsmark (artsmark.org.uk), because of the opportunities that Windmill children get.

For example, all Year 3 children learn to play a stringed instrument as part of their Music lessons.



The five strands of our strategic plan are:

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- **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 for reminders and prompts!

Other news and notices

Safety Message:

Children can feel pressured to overshare online. Remind them that they shouldn't share: names, phone numbers, or links to other social media accounts or their school location.

Lost Property

Will be by the main office every Tuesday from 7:45am until 3:45pm.

Reception Applications

Was your child born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019? They can start primary school in September 2023!

Apply for a school place now > <https://orlo.uk/YE415>

Have a question? Get in touch via email >

Admissions@telford.gov.uk

Parent Meetings - are this week - if you are unsure or dates and times please Dojo your class teacher.

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Children should practise writing their name.

Year 1

- Class 3 - have a go at one of the maths activities on Learning with Parents.
- Class 4 - Please make sure that children are wearing the correct PE kit on PE days. See the school uniform policy on the website to check what the correct uniform is for PE.

Year 2

- Check ParentPay and sign for the trip to the tile museum on 28th November.

Year 3

- Please remember Parents' meetings Wednesday 23rd November.

Year 4

- Please complete 9x table on Dojo.

Year 5

- Please remember Parent Meetings are on Tuesday 22nd November.

Year 6

- Don't forget about parents meetings on Monday 28th November.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- UKS2 Girls Football
- Year 5-6 Dodgeball

Tuesday:

- Year 1-2 Football
- Year 3-6 Choir
- Year 1-2 Multi-skills

Wednesday:

- LKS2 Gymnastics
- Year 3-4 Football
- Year 3-4 Table Tennis

Thursday:

- UKS2 Dance
- Year 5 Football
- Year 5-6 Basketball

Friday:

- Year 6 Football

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 4066, Cluddley 4115, Upton 3539 and Rowton 3410.

Term Dates:

Break up Friday 16th December and children return Wednesday 4th January 2023.

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.