



Wednesday 10th May 2023

Windmill Weekly

A highlight from last week...

On Saturday, King Charles III was crowned in Westminster Abbey in London.

He succeeds his mother, Queen Elizabeth II as the monarch of the United Kingdom, head of the Commonwealth realms, the Church of England and of the Armed Forces.

In school, last Friday, we celebrated the coronation by decorating crowns, by listening to appropriate music, and by having a shared picnic.

We wish the King a prosperous reign!

Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

How important are SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) for 11-year-olds?

With thanks to this website: [Are KS2 SATs Important? A Parent's Guide | May 2023 \(sats-papers.co.uk\)](https://www.sats-papers.co.uk/), I would say the following:

The tests are helpful to see how much children know and can do independently. They also show how much progress children have made in primary school. Secondary schools use the information to help know what they should expect from children, and sometimes how to group the children according to their previous achievements.

At Windmill, we very much believe that children are 'more than a score'. We are very interested in children's character development. Are they kind? Are they resilient? Do they have particular abilities, talents or interests that we can nurture?

Have a look at these pages on our website for more:

[Assessment, including SATs](#)
[The Windmill Curriculum](#)



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

Free breakfast bagel club starts at 8:35am

Children arriving between 8:20am and 8:35am will be charged 50p.

Lost Property - Always displayed by the main office on Tuesdays from 7:45am until 3:45pm.

Popcorn - You will be able to purchase popcorn up until 4pm today, which will be given to children tomorrow.

Tiptop ice lollies - From Wednesday morning (10th) we will be selling tip tops (ice lollies) at a cost of 20p each. The same cut off time of 8am on a Wednesday morning will apply. Any payments made from tomorrow morning for tip tops will handed out on the 17th and each Wednesday thereafter until further notice. All payments are to be made via ParentPay. No cash will be taken at the school office or by your child's class teacher.

Missing Hoodie - please can you check if your child has accidentally brought the wrong hoodie home - we have a pupil missing a hoodie with the initials HJC. Thank you.

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...

4. Working walls - we use working walls in each lesson so that children know the teacher's expectations and how to be successful. The working wall contains: 'what we are learning', 'what to remember', 'what the important vocabulary (words) are' and 'a model/example'

Things to remember/help with

Reception

- Please look after your sunflower seed that was sent home on Friday. Prize for the tallest sunflower grown! 😊

Year 1

- Please bring in a clear bottle and a cardboard box if you haven't yet done so.

Year 2

- Can you name all the countries of the United Kingdom?

Year 3

- We have been studying angles in geometry. Can your child identify right, acute and obtuse angles in every day objects and turns at home.

Year 4

- Continue to practise our times tables ready for our times tables check.

Year 5

- Please remember we are doing Bikeability this week.

Year 6

- It is SATs week. Good luck!

Sports Days -

Monday 26th June - Year 1,2 & 3
Tuesday 27th June - Year 4,5 & 6
Friday 30th June Nursery and Reception Fun Day.

Clubs

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

Monday:

- Year 3-6 Girls Football
- KS2 Hockey

Tuesday:

- KS2 Tennis
- KS2 Choir
- KS1 Mixed Football
- Year 6 SATS Booster

Wednesday:

- KS2 Gymfinity
- Year 3-4 Football
- KS2 Netball

Thursday:

- Year 5-6 GemAcademy Dance
- KS2 Mixed Ability Football
- KS2 Rounders
- KS1 Multisports
- Year 6 SATS Booster

Friday:

- Year 5-6 Football
- KS1 Cooking Club

Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 12145, Cluddley 11712, Upton 10868 and Rowton 10723.

Term Dates:

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 8th MAY. TERM DATES - HALF TERM BREAK UP FRIDAY 26th MAY AND RETURN MONDAY 5th JUNE.