

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024



# Windmill Weekly

## Head Lines



Mr Gibbons, Headteacher

Parents and carers, would you like to help us?  
Would you like to help with trips and visits?  
Would you like to help with fun events, like discos?  
Would you like to help improve our school playgrounds and garden areas?  
Would you like to help keep our school resources organised (like books and equipment)?  
If so, please complete this survey:  
[Helping at Windmill](#)

Today is the last day for completing last week's online survey about children's use of technology at home. We will randomly select one person who completes a survey to win an Amazon Fire tablet.

The survey closes tomorrow at 9:00am.

<https://forms.office.com/e/gLF7ynGRuN>

Please also see the [online safety page on our school website](#).

## A highlight from last week...

You might be wondering why the picture we have chosen is of some Jenga blocks, arranged in a kind of Domino Rally...

It's because this was noticed in one of the classes on Friday afternoon, after we re-introduced weekly 'Golden Time'!

Golden Time used to be for children who completed all their homework and home reading, but now we use it as part of Personal and Social Education to discover children's skills and interests, as well as important time for staff to build relationships with children in their class and vice versa.



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 bagels in the hall 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.

End of School Day - Please do not come onto the playground or wait outside classrooms until after 3:10pm. This is to ensure the safeguarding of all children. Thanks.

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

Calling All Parent Volunteers - We desperately need help to tidy our community garden. Please speak to Mrs Coles if you are able to help.

### Latest House Point totals:

Henmoor 3435, Cluddley 3072, Upton 3152 and Rowton 3040.

### Things to remember/help with

#### Reception

- Please make sure you send children in with hat/gloves and change of shoes when it is Welly Wednesday.

#### Year 1

- If possible please pay £1 on ParentPay for our owl visit on Wednesday.

#### Year 2

- We are learning about plants in science and children have been discussing plants they can eat, deciding if they are fruits, vegetables, herbs or inedible. Please continue these conversations at home and share any home learning with us via ClassDojo.

#### Year 3

- Please log onto Emile with your child.

#### Year 4

- Please can children wear correct PE kit on a Wednesday and Thursday.

#### Year 5

- Take a look on ClassDojo to find out more about Emile, our new spelling programme.

#### Year 6

- Boosters start this week!

### Clubs

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

#### Monday:

- Year 3 and 4 Football
- Year 1 and 2 Kwik Cricket

#### Tuesday:

- Year 5 and 6 boys Football
- Year 3 to 6 Choir
- Year 3 and 4 Kwik Cricket

#### Wednesday:

- Year 3 to 6 mixed ability Football Fundamentals
- Year 3 to 6 Netball
- Year 3 to 6 Gymfinity

#### Thursday:

- Year 5 and 6 Kwik Cricket
- Year 1 and 2 Football

#### Friday:

- Year 3 to 6 girls Football
- Year 3 to 6 GemDanceAcademy

### Spring Term 2024

Break up Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Half term holiday

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Children return Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Break up Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

**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...

6. We are really good at caring for every single child at Windmill to the best of our ability.

*I was thrilled to hear a parent describe our school as:*

*'An oasis, wrapped in a fortress, full of the kindest staff'*