

Windmill Weekly (09)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for November - Peace

08 November 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Armistice Day - 2 Minute Silence

On Monday 11th November as always, we will be carrying out the 2 minute silence with the children as part of Remembrance Day. This year Meridian TV will be in school to film it. We will be making sure that all children who are not allowed to be filmed for TV, will be out of vision.

BBC Politics South

We also have the BBC in school on Tuesday, to follow a story about Solar Panels. We have Solar Panels on our school roof that we had installed in partnership with Low Carbon Oxford in 2016. It is Low Carbon Oxford who have asked us to be involved.

WOW - Walk to School

We have been given a free opportunity to take part in the Living Streets WOW programme for the current academic year. The children will be able to earn badges for walking / cycling / scooting or doing Park and Stride to get to school. I launched the programme with the children this morning and from next week the children's mode of travel to school will be logged each day. The aim is to reduce the number of children coming to school by car.

Takeover Day

Next Friday (15 November) will be Takeover Day. For those of you who are new to the school, this is when the children in the school take on the adult roles. It is a day that the children love and they never fail to astound me with the efforts they put into planning and running lessons.

Anti- Bullying Week 2024 will take place next week with the theme: Choose Respect.

Odd Socks Day will be on Tuesday 12th November

Please encourage your children to wear Odd Socks to help us to celebrate what makes us all unique.

You might be interested to know that Andy Day who visited us at Windmill two weeks ago is promoting Odd Socks Day with his song "Choose Respect" A great watch!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLoHRqkKi18>

Mental Health Support Team Talk Wednesday 20th November 9-10am

Alice Hirst, Child Wellbeing Practitioner from the MHST, will be coming to talk to parents and carers who would be interested in finding out what support this service can provide.

If you feel that your child might need support with their mental health we encourage you to attend.

Please email Mrs Aspden by Wednesday 13th November if you will be attending so that we can gauge numbers then we will communicate the venue. jaspden@windmill.oxon.sch.uk



Key Dates

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| 11 - 15 November | Anti-Bullying Week |
| 15 November | Takeover day |
| 21 November | 8.30am - 9.10am Open Morning for whole school |
| 2 December | Pantomime - Peter Pan |
| 4 December | Reception Xmas Play 9.15am - 10.00am |
| 11 December | Year 2 Xmas Play 2.00pm |
| 11 December | Year 1 and Orchestra Xmas play 9.15am - 9.45am |
| 12 December | Year 2 Xmas play 9.15am - 10.15am |
| 16 December | Key Stage 2 Xmas Concert 2.00pm - 3.00pm |
| 17 December | Key Stage 2 Xmas Concert 9.00am - 10.00am |
| 20 December | House Xmas Quiz - whole school |
| 20 December | End of term @ 2.30pm |
| 6 January 2025 | Start of term 3 |

Reception Applications for 2025/2026

Reception applications for entry to primary or infant school in the 2025/26 academic year can be submitted from 4 November. This is for children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021.

Applications can be submitted online at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is 15 January 2025. Applicants are encouraged to list 4 schools as preferences and to consider how they would manage school runs to their preferred schools.

For any enquiries, the School Admissions Team can be contacted on 0345 241 2487 or admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk

PTA AGM

Our PTA AGM is coming up on 13th November at 7.30pm. If you have been wondering about how or when to get involved then this is an opportunity. We would love to see some new faces as committee members / trustees so please consider standing for one of these roles. If you would like to find out more please email windmillpta@gmail.com. The proposed agenda is attached and is published on Classlist, but if you have any suggestions or items of AOB then please let us know. Please join us online cameras on or off and you are welcome to join for part of the meeting if you can't make it all.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8472552140>

The Agenda follows at the end of this Newsletter.

Can you help with this year's Christmas Disco?

This is always a sell-out event and is a lot of fun. To make it the best event it can be, we need a team of parents to be in charge of organising it. Could this be you? Full instructions provided. We already have someone to lead on this, but he would really appreciate some help to share out some of the organisation. Can you spare a couple of hours to help? If so, please message windmillpta@gmail.com or join our WhatsApp group <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DVy8UGvRdwHDVo8bhrYqFP>

Thank you. Your help is so appreciated.

Pre-loved uniform and Christmas jumpers

The pre-loved uniform team are doing Christmas jumpers again this year! Clear some space for your new seasonal buys by donating Christmas jumpers the children have grown out of, and then pick up a bargain

for this year's jumpers. You can donate clean Christmas jumpers by leaving them in the porch at 46 Margaret Road.

Christmas jumpers are often only worn a few times before being put away, so buying pre-loved is a great way to extend the life of these clothes.

Once we've gathered them up, they'll be available through the online uniform shop, <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/windmill-primary-school>, where you can also stock up on school uniform. We'll let you know when the Christmas jumpers start appearing.

100 Club

The 100 Club is our school's monthly lottery draw. Members pay £1 per number each month or £12 per number for the entire year. Each month a number can win prizes of £25, £15 or £10. Members can buy multiple numbers if they like. The remaining funds are used to buy books for classrooms and the school library. If you want to join, please email me: mail@dariusz.tv or contact me via the Class List.

Tempest Pupil Photos

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Sunday 10th November 2024**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

Vacancies

School Cleaner

Windmill Primary School are seeking a cleaner to work 10 hours per week, 2 hours per day, Monday to Friday, 2 hours between 5.00am and 9.00am **or** 3.00pm – 5.00pm.

The rate of pay is £11.59 an hour (a pay increase is currently being negotiated).

This is an all year round contract so you will need to work during the school holidays, although hours can be blocked during the holidays if desired so you would not need to work every day. All annual leave must be taken during the school holidays and cannot be taken during term time.

This could be a term time only plus 3 week contract by request. This would be all 5 inset days plus 2 weeks in the Summer holidays.

Please email office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk to ask for an application form or visit our website www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk for further information and to download the OCC Support Staff (August 2022) application form.

Agenda for PTA AGM

Wednesday, 13rd November 2024 – Zoom 7.30pm-9:00pm

Current Trustees / Committee Members:

Kai Zolleis (Chair), Fergus Alexander (Treasurer), Gaya Thanabalasingham (Treasurer, Committee member), Martin Gillies (Secretary), Jess Goodman (Secretary), Jen Skym (Communication), Elizabeth Nuthall

School: Lynn Knapp (Headteacher), Caroline Shannon (School Business Manager)

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8472552140>

1. **Procedural Items** (Kai Zolleis, 19:30-19:35)
 - a. Welcome
 - b. Apologies
 - c. Declaration of any Conflicts of Interest.
 - d. Accuracy last PTA minutes
 - e. Matters arising?
 - f. Outstanding actions?
2. **Chair's Report of PTA Activities Academic Years 2023-25** (Kai Zolleis, 19:35-19:45)
3. **Treasurer's Report for the Academic Year 2023/24** (Gaya Thanabalasingham, Fergus Alexander, 19:45-19:55)
4. **Appointment of Independent Examiner of Accounts for the Academic Year 2023/24** (19:55-20:00)
5. **Election of PTA Trustees (Committee Members), including Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Communication, others for 2024/25** (Kai Zolleis, 20:00-20:15)
6. **Windmill Primary School PTA Policies and other Business** (Kai Zolleis, 20:15-20:20)
7. **Headteachers Welcome** (Lynn Knapp, 20:20-20:25)
8. **Christmas Disco, Friday 6/12/24 – Information and open points** (TBD, 20:25-20:30)
9. **Other Social Events – successful as before and new ideas** (all, 20:30-20:35)
10. **Donations** (TBD, 20:35-20:40)
11. **Spending of PTA funds – playground, trips & class room, new ideas** (Fergus Alexander, 20:40-20:50)
12. **Special Topics, AOB – To be discussed** (Kai Zolleis, 21:50-21:55)
13. **Next PTA Meeting - Date and other events to be agreed** (20:55-21:00)

Backup: Schedule of Events 2023/24 and 2024/25

Date of event arranged by organiser(s) and headteacher Lynn Knapp.

- a. **Autumn Fayre** (Becky Howard & team, Saturday 14/10/23 1-4pm)
- b. **Christmas Cards** (school)
- c. **Cake Sale** – Years 1 & 6 (Class reps, Friday 24/11/23)
- d. **Christmas Disco** (Jen Skym, Friday 15/12/23)
- e. **Cake Sale** (& book sale) – Years Rec. & 5 (Class reps, Thursday 1/2/24)
- f. **Family Quiz** (Zoom, Jen Skym, Friday 2/2/24)
- g. **Cake Sale** – Year 3 (Class reps, Friday 22/3/24)
- h. **Physical Challenge Sponsorship** (Naomi Moir, April 24)
- i. **Cake Sale** – Years 2 & 4 (Class reps, Thursday 2/5/24)
- j. **Quiz Night** (Jess Goodman, quiz masters Lynn & John Knapp, Friday 10/5/24)
- k. **Barn Dance** (Kai Zolleis, Friday 7/6/24)
- l. **Legoland** (contact Jen Skym, inset day Friday 21/6/24)
- m. **Summer Disco** (School Team 2024, Friday 12/7/24)
- n. **100 Club** (ongoing, Helen Baker)
- o. **Second-Hand School Uniform** (ongoing, Binia Nightingale,...)
- p. **Reception Tea Towels** (reception reps, summer term)
- q. **Green Club** (ongoing)

- r. **Autumn Fayre** (Katherine Baysan & team, Saturday 5/10/24 1-4pm)
- s. **Christmas Disco** (TBD, Friday 6/12/24)
- t. **Christmas cards / mugs 2024** – Thanks to Cailah Jackson & Ori (school)
- u. **100 Club** – Thanks to Dariusz Dziala (school)
- v. **Family Quiz** (Zoom, TBD, date TBD)
- w. **Second-Hand School Uniform** (ongoing, Binia Nightingale,...)
- x. **Green Club** (ongoing)

Cheney School Events

We are delighted to announce two forthcoming events in December, which are free and open to all ages:

Tuesday 3rd December, 3.30 - 5pm - Toys & Games Collection Afternoon

We are delighted to announce our Toys and Games Collection Afternoon on Tuesday 3rd December, from 3.30 to 5pm at Cheney School.

We are inviting members of the public to visit with any stories about their childhood toys and games, as well as items they would be happy to donate to our forthcoming exhibition on A History of Childhood.

The exhibition will be curated by our Museum Council students, with support from the Museum of Oxford, and will be launched later in 2025. We are looking for toys and games of any kind and from any era, up to the present day.

Since we will possibly have more items than we will be able to include in the exhibition, visitors will also have the option of donating their toys and games to the charity Oxfordshire Toy Bank.

There will also be artefact-handling, refreshments and activities for all ages.

The event is free and open to all ages.

To help give us an idea of numbers, please let us know if you will be attending using [this form](#).

Thursday 19th December, 5.30 - 8pm - Ancient & Modern Astronomy and Stargazing Evening

We are delighted to announce an Astronomy and Stargazing Evening on Thursday 19th December, 4.30 - 8pm at Cheney School.

The event will feature an opening talk from an expert astronomer, planetarium shows, stalls and activities, and stargazing.

Below are timings for each part of the evening:

4.30 - 5.15pm - planetarium show

5.30 - 6pm - opening talk by Professor Jocelyn Monroe: Dark Matter and the Universe

6 - 8pm - stalls, activities and stargazing - including planetarium shows at 6.15 - 7pm, and again from 7.15 - 8pm

Please note all three planetarium shows are identical.

If you would like to book places to attend, please fill in [this form](#).



Tree of Hope

*Transforming the health of
sick and disabled children*



Christmas Family fun day

Supporting a **local child** with an ultra rare genetic disorder

Quarry Village Hall

16th November 2024 11am-2pm



- **FESTIVE PHOTOGRAPHY**

- Letter writing to Santa
- Sensory activities
- Christmas kids crafts
- Personalised gifts
- Reindeer food
- Refreshments



Mini Me Gifts

[www.treeofhope.org.uk/
fulfilling-orlaiths-potential](http://www.treeofhope.org.uk/fulfilling-orlaiths-potential)



Pegasus

OXFORD LIGHT FESTIVAL 2024

AT PEGASUS

Find The Light



The Glow Gallery

Shadow Magic



Find the Light!

Art & Poetry Exhibition

Queer Voices

SAT 16 NOV

ALL DAY FROM 10AM

All events FREE

Some need booking at pegasustheatre.org.uk

Pegasus Theatre, Magdalen Road, OX4 1RE



Your health.
Your wellbeing.
Your community.

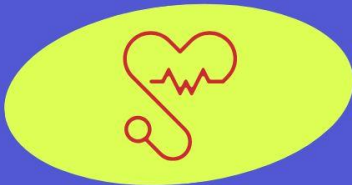


Health Promotion Event

Friday 15 November 2024
10 AM – 12 PM

BULLINGDON
COMMUNITY CENTRE

Peat Moors, Headington,
Oxford, OX3 7HS



Come and see what local health services are here to support you!

From topics on general health, smoking, exercise, fitness, and social activities. Get advice, tips and information and find out how you can improve your health and wellbeing.

Entry Fee:

FREE

What to expect:



FREE
Health
Checks

FREE
Blood
Pressure
Checks

FREE
Yoga
Taster
Session

FREE
Dance
Taster
Session





Magical Maths is returning to Windmill Primary!



Dear Parents/Carers,

Professor Poopenshtinken and his friends will be returning to **Windmill Primary** with all new and exciting session content, designed to remind your children just how much fun can be had with numbers!

Our fantastic after school clubs will help to boost your child's engagement and enjoyment in maths through really fun and challenging games, tricks and activities.

This **Term 2, 5 week club** begins **Wednesday 6th November** and is priced at just **£42.00**. So if you haven't signed up already, simply go to our website www.magicalmathsclub.com or call us on **07960411706** but hurry as places are limited!

*We look forward to welcoming your children
for lots of Mathemagical fun!*



Brand New This Year:

Magical Maths Online is now **FREE** with every booking! Don't miss out on over 260 hours of interactive content designed to compliment our after school clubs and continue the fun and learning from home!