

Windmill Weekly (13)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge



Value for December - Love

06 December 2024



Dear Parents / Carers,

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be holding our annual Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13 December. Children can come to school wearing their Christmas Jumpers. We **are not** planning on collecting money for this.

Reception Performance - The Jolly Christmas Postman

If you were at the Reception Performance on Wednesday I am sure you will agree that it was absolutely brilliant and the children gave an amazing performance. Well done to everyone of them!

Performances Next Week

We are looking forward to the Year 1 children singing some Christmas songs along with the school orchestra on Wednesday 11th December. On the same day in the afternoon the Year 2 children will do their first performance of their Christmas play at 2:00pm. They will repeat in on the morning of Thursday 12th December at 9:15am.

A reminder that on the last day of term, 20 December, school will finish at 2.30pm.



Key Dates

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
13 December	Christmas Jumper Day
16 December	Key Stage 2 Xmas Concert 2.00pm - 3.00pm
17 December	Key Stage 2 Xmas Concert 9.00am - 10.00am
18 December	Christmas Dinner Day - please order via School Grid
20 December	House Xmas Quiz - whole school
20 December	End of term, finish time @ 2.30pm
6 January 2025	Start of term 3

Clubs News

Magical Maths - the last day for this club was Wednesday 4th December. The club will return in September 2025.

If your child attends a club, please check the date of the final session and arrange collection from school on any dates the club isn't running.

There are no clubs on Friday 20 December due to the early finish of 2.30pm.

CLUB END DATES				
		2-6 Dec	9-13 Dec	16-20 Dec
Chess	Mon		09 Dec	
Choir	Mon			16 Dec
Little Masters	Mon		09 Dec	
Multi Skills	Mon		09 Dec	
Oxf United Football	Mon			16 Dec
Mr Habbershaw's football	Tues		10 Dec	
Orchestra	Tues		10 Dec	
Snap Happy	Tues			17 Dec
Tag Rugby	Tue		10 Dec	
Tennis	Tues		10 Dec	
Ukulele	Tues			17 Dec
Ceramics	Weds			18 Dec
Disney Dance	Weds		11 Dec - show	
French	Weds			18 Dec
Magical Maths	Weds	04 Dec		
Oxf United Football	Weds			18 Dec
Ceramics	Thurs			19 Dec
Lunas Dance	Thurs		12 Dec	
Maths Circles	Thurs			19 Dec
Oxf United Football	Thurs			19 Dec
On the stage	Fri		13 Dec - show	
Tennis	Fri		13 Dec	
Touch Rugby	Fri		13 Dec	

In year 1 the children have been learning about transport and travel. We discovered that although many different types of transport have been invented over time there is now effects on the air and our world. Some children wanted to share their messages on this and get their voices heard!

Stop makeing palooshan!
If long distant try to drive then
park then walk! Walk to
School! Save our Planet!

There is no planet B. If
it is not far use the
car. but car make the planet
better and get fitter
Don't use plastic to help
the animals Thank you

Save the world. And stop putting
rubish and smoke.
The Planet will be sad.
We want the planet to be happy.

Try not to use planes
too much I don't
have a car.
to help the planet too
my family bike and
walk can you do the
same?

Easy Ways to Help the PTA

(without baking any cakes, or selling any tickets, or even leaving your house!)

As Christmas approaches, we thought we'd remind you of the different (very easy) ways you can help out the PTA now that we're officially registered as a charity.

1. Easyfundraising:

Sign up, add the browser extension, shop as normal online, and we get a percentage. It's as easy as that! Covers hundreds of sites; ideal for Christmas shopping! Please share this link with relatives too.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/windmillschoolpta/>

2. Name tags/stickers:

We have affiliations with two name label companies.

a) For www.stickins.co.uk use fundraising number **25540** for us to earn 30% commission.

b) For My Nametags click the following link <https://www.mynametags.com/affiliate?id=32558> (or quote ID **32558**) for us to get 24% commission.

3. Match funding

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4. Direct donations

We can also accept direct donations. At the moment we cannot Gift Aid them, however this might be possible in the future. For further information, please get in touch with windmillpta@gmail.com

Thank you for all your support, as ever!

ITS TIME TO DISCO !!!

The Windmill Primary Disco is TONIGHT between 6 - 8 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone for a night of music, dancing and plenty of family fun. There will also be snacks, sweets, craft activities, soft and hard drinks. You can pay by card or buy tokens for cash (.50p per token). Entry will be from the parking lot via the middle playground.

If you would like to attend but don't have a ticket, please email windmillpta@gmail.com and we'll get in touch if any become available.

Alternatively if you have a ticket but can't attend, please let us know on windmillpta@gmail.com and we can offer your ticket to someone who is on the waiting list.

For easy entry, tickets on the Claslist app now have QR code which you can display on your phone or if you print off the ticket.

Please remember all children need to supervised.

Regards

Windmill PTA

The Role of Governor

Before giving an update on what the Governing Board at Windmill have been doing this term, we thought it might be useful to explain what our function is and how we implement it for our school.

The title "Governor" covers a diverse range of occupations. There are Governors of national banks, Governors of nation states and Governors of prisons. How do these roles compare with that of school Governor?

A key difference is that we don't get paid for the many hours that we dedicate to the role. In fact, school Governors form one of the largest volunteer groups in the UK, with over 250,000 of us being recorded at the last count. Most of us are juggling work and childcare commitments with our governing duties, and some of us may also be parents at the school that we are governing.

Parent Governors, who are elected by the school's parent body, may need to take a moment before entering the school to remember which "hat" they are wearing on that day. This is because they need to

perform the Governor role with the high level of professionalism and neutrality that it requires. At Windmill Primary School there are also Staff Governors and Co-opted/Community Governors (appointed by the Governing Board) and there is a Local Authority Governor, too (appointed by the County Council).

The Governing Board provides strategic leadership and accountability to the school. It has three main functions:

- * Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction for the school.
- * Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.
- * Holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils.

This last function is the one that seems to trigger the most common misconception about Governors, with many parents and carers assuming that we have power and control over day to day operational aspects of school life, e.g. how children are assessed, how homework is set, how communications to parents are managed, the timing of parents' evenings and open sessions and the size and variety of school meals.

These things, and many more besides, are entirely within the realm of the Headteacher, who runs the school with the support of their Senior Management Team. A football analogy is often used to highlight this distinction. If our school were "Windmill Primary F.C.", then the Governors are the club owners and Mrs Knapp is the team manager. The club owners (Governors) closely monitor the team's (school's) performance, but it is the team manager, Mrs Knapp's job to figure out how best to ensure that their little dark Green clad footballers (pupils) play to the very best of their abilities whilst enjoying a happy, stable, fun and rewarding (school) career.

The Governing Board at Windmill Primary School is very friendly and approachable, so do say "hello" if you spot someone wearing a Governor's lanyard or someone you recognise from the Governors' section on the website. We try to attend school events and will always be happy to talk about the school in general terms. This does not mean that you should approach any of us with a complaint. In that case you should go through the school Complaints Policy which you will find on the website.

We are often looking for people with useful experience to join the Governing Board so keep an eye open for vacancies, on the website and on the weekly newsletter. Currently we have a vacancy for a Co-opted Governor. Do get in touch!

Anne Cowan (Co-Chair of Governing Body)

acowan@windmill.oxon.sch.uk

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 £12.26 an hour. (Actual salary £6,393 all year or £5,770 term time + 3 weeks).

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.

Early Years Practitioner (Nursery Nurse)

Closes: Thursday 12 December 2024

Interviews: Week Commencing 16 December 2024

We are seeking an Early Years Support Worker (Nursery Nurse) for our Foundation Stage classes. The post is for 30 hours per week (8.30am – 3.30pm, Monday - Friday) and is term time only. The salary is in the Grade 8 range, depending on experience. Actual salary £21,352 - £22,933.

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Teaching Assistant

Closes: Thursday 12 December 2024

Interviews: Week Commencing 16 December 2024

We are looking for a teaching assistant to join our Lower Key Stage 2 team for 2 days a week (8.45am – 3.10pm). The role will involve working with individual or small groups of children to support them with their learning as well as carrying out administrative tasks for the class teacher. Actual salary £5975 - £6070.

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★ Fully Funded (FREE) NCFE | CACHE Courses available in levels 1, 2 & 3 starting on 2nd December!

Our next course starts on 6th January. The deadline to enrol is Friday 13th December.

Sessions will be available with our employment engagement officers after course completion! ★

We run ONLY in term time and not during half term/ end of term periods.

This is a six-week intensive course, with online live webinars with Aspire Education's friendly tutors, starting at 9:30am and finishing at 2pm (with lunch break) from Monday to Friday.

All you need is access to the internet and a laptop or tablet.

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If you are earning less than £23,500 per year or claiming benefits (including Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits, carers allowance or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit) you are eligible for a funded place.

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- ADULT STAYS
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We've opened up more spaces!

Come join us on Saturday 7th December for a Christmas Grotto event aimed at children 3 years old to those in Year 2. All proceeds go towards Quarry Rovers FC, your local grassroots football club.

Details and registration here: <https://api.re-start.app/widget/booking/eQDIIS9PKDfGMbUTdXUn>

Thank you!

Quarry Pavilion - run by Quarry Rovers FC

JOIN US ON 7/DEC AT 3PM FOR MOVIES & HOT CHOCOLATE



Cafe Open

Short Movies

Garfields Christmas
An Elf Story

£2 per seat

Reserve child seat via link.
Pay on the day.

Come and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies while the kids are entertained for an hour!

Please book here:

<https://api.re-start.app/widget/bookings/c8svypftjaqpdacj51jdmth1dkz6hj2m>



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COOKERY, ARTS & CRAFTS AND SPORTS ACTIVITIES



All our activities are carefully planned so that children feel a sense of achievement, make friends and experience new things.

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School, Oxford

 Thursday 2nd - Friday 3rd
January
8.30am-6.00pm

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Christmas

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 **Connection
Support**



Windmill Primary School



Ceramics and Sculpture After School Club Ewa Bogacz, ebogartoxford@gmail.com, 07834671850

Dear Parents / Carers,

04.12.24

We are pleased to announce that we are running a **Ceramics and Sculpture After School Club** for KS1 and KS2 children.

The aim of the club is to enable our children to express their natural artistic skills, unleash their imagination as well as to relax after school tasks. Children just love it!

In the club the young artists create decorative and sculptural projects out of clay and other materials as well as develop their skills in painting. The club is run by a local artist and teacher Ewa Bogacz.

Wednesdays between 8 January and 2 April (3:10 to 4:30, Classroom: Chameleons)
COST: £120

Thursdays between 9 January and 3 April (3:10 to 4:30, Classroom: Cherry)
COST: £120

TO ENROLL - simply would you please send me an email or a text message with your child details: name, school, year group, class and parent phone number – I can't register a child without emergency phone number.

PLEASE DO NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENTS WITHOUT REGISTERING YOUR CHILD FIRST AND RECEIVING A CONFIRMATION. I plan to lower the number of pupils; therefore I will register the first 25 children only.

Thank you. Payment via bank transfer please. After receiving your child details, I will send you my bank information

THANK YOU!

