

# Windmill Weekly (15)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*



Value for December - Love

20 December 2024



Dear Parents / Carers,

Well, the first term is over -it's been a long one but also a lovely one! It has been a pleasure to get to know all of you who have joined Windmill this term and to see the children all doing so well. I hope that you all feel that this term has been a happy one.

## **Christmas Concert**

I hope that you enjoyed the Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert. We were very proud of the children and their performances.

## **Choir**

It was lovely to accompany the choir on Wednesday afternoon when they sang Christmas songs to the residents of St Andrew's Care Home. They were great.

## **House Totals**

We have been keeping track of how many house points the different Houses have been collecting. At the end of this term the Green House were the winners with 4,950 House Points in total. In January the Houses will start at 0 again so we can see which House wins each term. However, the totals from each term will be added together at the end of the year to create an overall House winner. Well done to the children of Green House!

## **Start of term**

A reminder that the new school term starts on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January and it would be great to have all of the children in school by **8:40am**.

It just remains for me to say Merry Christmas to all of you who will be celebrating Christmas and to wish those of you who aren't, a good restful holiday. I wish you all a very Happy New Year!

**A reminder that today school will finish at 2.30pm.**



## **Key Dates**

6 January 2025	Start of term 3
16 January	Winter Lights 4.30pm
28 January	Open Morning 8.30am - 9.10am
6 February	Weights & Measures Reception & Year 6

### School dinners

Don't forget to book your child's meal for the first day and week back to school. If you would like to book and pay for the whole term (06 Jan - 14 Feb) the cost will be £81.00.

### Clubs

The club list is available on the school website - [Clubs](#)

### PTA Message

Thanks to all who attended the disco last week. We hope you had a fun evening. In total you raised £1103.66 for the PTA. Thanks to Gavin & Maggie for organising and for raising such a great total.

If you would like to have your say in how PTA funds are spent then please come along to our next meeting online on Wednesday 29th January at 7.30pm. Agenda and Zoom link to follow.

Thanks to everyone for all their support of PTA events this year and to all the volunteers who have made them happen.

Merry Christmas from the PTA Trustees.

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](mailto:office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk) to ask for an application form or visit our website [www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.windmill.oxon.sch.uk) for further information and to download the OCC Support Staff (August 2022) application form.

Dear Parents/Carers of Windmill Artists,

*The Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show* is an exciting opportunity for students aged 4–18 to exhibit their artwork online and at the Royal Academy of Arts in their Young Artists Summer Show.

In 2024, Windmill School artists submitted in excess of 70 pieces of work. We are very proud to say we had one student from Year 5 whose work made it into the exhibition out of a total of more than 21,000 entries from across the country!

I am delighted to say that your child has expressed an interest in submitting work for the exhibition. The Christmas holidays and February half term break are great opportunities to get working on your submission.

#### **Key dates for 2025**

**Registration and submission open** 6 January - 5 March 2025

**Judging** May 2025

**Online exhibition opens** 15 July 2025

**Display at the RA open** 15 July - 10 August 2025

**IMPORTANT Please store your artwork safely so that it is in pristine condition should you be one of the lucky artists who gets to exhibit in the show.**

I will sign the school up at the beginning of next term, so please hold off till the 12th January 2025 to upload a photo/video of any submissions. Here is the link to further information

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/get-involved>

Many thanks, Anna Rianne [arianne@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:arianne@windmill.oxon.sch.uk)

Dear parents, carers and teachers,

We are heartbroken to inform you about the destruction we are causing.

Human beings are killing many forests in the world, including Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and Brazil. Every day land the size of five football pitches are cleared out of the rainforest. Every day 25 orangutans are killed due to the deforestation.



These poor and innocent creatures are going to be extinct too soon. They are already critically endangered, just so you can have a chocolate bar! However, they are not the only ones suffering. Elephants and rhinos are suffering the same with sloths, snakes, monkeys and so many more. And the only reason for this nightmare is PALM OIL! This monstrosity can be solved.



As you might be aware, palm oil is what you will find in everyday items like shampoo, cake, pizza, nail varnish, bread and toothpaste, but you can choose sustainable items instead. Companies have created scanning apps like palm oil scan. You can help by downloading it, instead of the world dying for you.





If you want to know the whole story, keep reading. States and corporations want money and palm oil is a cheap and easy way to get it. It is a one way ticket to piles of money for them - they don't care about the lives of the living. They burn down forests and if any animals survive, they will starve and be attacked by the farmers so, we do need to stop this! Will you join the fight?

Yours sincerely Isla & Ben from the WINDMILL VS PALM campaign.

### **Festival of Birds: Myths, stories, bird displays and science - Tuesday 4th February, 3.30 - 5pm Cheney School**

The Rumble Museum at Cheney is delighted to be holding a [Festival of Birds](#) at Cheney School on **Tuesday 4th February, 3.30 - 5pm.**

The event will be the first of a series of events celebrating the nature around us, as we begin an extended series of miniature events leading up to our Bioblitz and [Nature Late](#) event pm 27th June.

There will be a wide range of bird-themed information and activity stalls, including scientific, artistic, craft and storytelling explorations and celebrations of the birds around us. There will also be refreshments available and a live bird display in our hall! Find out about the birds around us, and how they have inspired myths, stories, art and more through the ages. All ages are warmly welcome to attend.

We will also be celebrating the recent publication of magical realist, bird-themed novel [The Birder](#), set in Oxford, and written by Rumble Museum director Lorna Robinson.

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





# Little Masters

...unique art education

BACK TO SCHOOL  
WITH A SILLY  
SAUSAGE DOG,  
A RABBIT,  
A RAJASAUROS &  
A RANDOM  
RACOON

WAX RESIST ART  
MAKE A SLINKY  
SAUSAGE DOG  
3D PAINTING  
CREATE A  
RAJASAUROS  
COOTCHIE CATCHERS  
MOTHERS DAY  
EASTER FUN

EVERY MONDAY STARTS 13TH JANUARY - 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025. 3.10PM - 4.30PM. 11 WEEKS  
PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH A SNACK & WEAR SUITABLE CLOTHING WE DO GET MESSY

HOW TO REGISTER TO JOIN LITTLE MASTERS ART CLUB AT WINDMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Existing members your place is automatically renewed you do not need to register just confirm interest.  
New places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Email: [gerry@littlemasters.co.uk](mailto:gerry@littlemasters.co.uk)  
Course fee £97.00 for 11 FUN WEEKS OF ART is payable in advance to secure place.  
Transfer to LITTLE MASTERS Acc No: 57177482 Sort code: 09-01-56 Ref: child's name  
All staff hold DBS certificates and are fully insured.

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## Support over Christmas

If you have any concerns or worries about a young person over the Christmas break, below are the contact details of different organisations you can contact for support.

**Urgent Concerns – if a young person is at risk of harm, contact the MASH on 0345 050 766 or if out of hours, contact the Emergency Duty Team on 0800 833 408 (for genuine emergencies only).**

### **Emergency Services**

If someone's life is in danger, call the emergency services on **999** or to report a crime, call the Police on **101**

### **Mental Health Support**

Send a text message to **85258** to access the [Shout Service](#) or visit the [YoungMinds website](#) for support and advice

### **Medical/Health Support**

Send a text message to 07312 263084 to access the confidential help and advice [ChatHealth](#) service

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!