

# Windmill Weekly (17)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for January - Co-operation

17 January 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

## **Winter Lights**

I hope that you enjoyed the Winter Lights event that we had last night if you were able to attend. I thought the lanterns that the children created were beautiful!

## **Strictly Junior Dance**

If your child has been rehearsing for the Strictly Junior event, this is to confirm that the competition date is Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March. I am not entirely sure of the timings yet, but this will be confirmed via a letter next week along with a slip to be returned that confirms your child is able to take part on the day.



## **Key Dates**

16 January	Winter Lights 4.30pm
28 January	Open Morning 8.30am - 9.10am ( <b>not Year 4</b> )
30 January	Year 4 Open Morning
6 February	Weights & Measures Reception & Year 6 - 9.00am
7 February	Year 1 sharing assembly
14 February	Last day of term - 3.10pm
25 - 28 February	Scholastic Book Fair
24 February	First day of term 4 - 8.40am

## **Weights & Measures - Reception / Year 6**

Parent/Carers

Every year in England, school children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight checked at school as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). We collect this information to build a picture of how children are growing, to help plan better health and leisure services for families.

Please see the information letters that were sent out on your School App. One is for the National Child Measurement Programme, the other explains how to create an online account for our new parent portal, to receive results and notifications.

We will be attending your child's school to complete the National Child Measurement Programme on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2025**.

Kind Regards

Oxford Health School screening team

**FREE PLACES - Science Oxford - Stary Night, Family Stargazing Event  
Friday 7th February, 6-9pm, Science Oxford Centre**

This event will include planetarium shows, stargazing, crafts and refreshments.

Science Oxford are offering limited free places available for families at our school - **using the discount code 'SN2025'**

<https://scienceoxford.com/whats-on/starry-night/>

**Benefit Related Free Meals**

If you are in receipt of any income related benefits your child may be entitled to a Government funded Free School Meal.

Even if your child is in Reception or Key Stage 1 and receiving Universal Infant Free School Meals, we would like you to tell us if you are receiving income related benefits as the school may receive extra money called Pupil Premium from the Government.

Registering for free meals could also raise extra money for your child's primary school to fund valuable support like extra tuition and additional teaching staff.

Full details on how to check if you are eligible are at the end of this newsletter.

Please contact the school office or email [office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk) for an application form.

**OSFA Open 7s Cup (girls)**

Yesterday, we welcomed John Henry Newman to Windmill for a group fixture in the Open 7s cup. It was a brilliant 3-0 win for Windmill. Well done Sky, Hannah P, Sreya, Amelia B, Evie G, Carly B, Joni, and Daisy.

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.

## Are you claiming Income Related Benefits?

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**If you apply before the end of March 2025 and are eligible, your eligibility will be protected until your child completes primary school. From April 2025 eligibility will be checked every six months.**

### ***It's easy to register!***

1. First, check if you qualify – **it's not just if you are unemployed**, so please **look at the list below** and see if it relates to you. Also, if you serve in the regular British Armed Forces or your child has previously been Looked After, please tell us as this could mean extra money for our school.
2. Registering is quick and easy – if you think you qualify, please talk to us at the school office, and we will help you to register. Please just say if you want to speak confidentially – this is not a problem. **No one will know you have registered and it will not affect any other benefits you claim.**
3. After registering, if you want your child to have a free, healthy meal at lunchtime that's great. If you'd prefer to give them a packed lunch, that's fine too. **The school will still get the extra money** – thank you!

### **Do you qualify?**

You can register your child if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from NASS (National Asylum Support Service) under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that is not more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' - the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - for those applying on or after 1 April 2018, their household income **must be less than £7,400 a year** (after tax and not including any benefits they get)