

Windmill Weekly (34)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for June - Acceptance

13 June 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Safe Streets and Driving!

I am sorry that I seem to keep reminding you about keeping the streets safe around school when you are driving to school. I have watched a number of cars, who have access to the School Street space doing 3 point turns rather than driving around the block or finding a safe place to turn.

Another parent also contacted me this week, having observed some very unsafe 3 point turning across the road. Please can you refrain from doing 3 point turns as this puts both cyclists and pedestrians at risk. None of us want an accident to happen!

Rhino Designs

The deadline for Rhino designs will be Thursday 19th June. I have already got quite a collection of great designs.

Summer Dancing

We are looking forward to our annual Summer Dancing event on Thursday 19th June. The event will start at 9:15am and should be finished by 10:15am. We look forward to seeing you there so you can see the dances that all of the children across the school have been learning.



Key Dates

17 June	Festival of Voices
17 June	Big Science Event
18 June	Big Meal
19 June	Summer Dancing 9.15am - 10.15am
20 June	INSET Day - No Pupils in School
27 June	Year 1 play 9.10am
27 June	Barn Dance
2 July	PTA Meeting 7.30pm
3 July	Sports Day for Key Stage 1 and Reception 9.15am
8 July	Year 6 Performance 1.45pm
9 July	Sports Day for key Stage 2 1.30pm
9 July	Year 6 Performance 6.00pm
10 July	Windmill Summer Exhibition 3.10pm - 5.45pm, School Hall
11 July	Summer Disco
18 July	Leavers service for Year 6 9.00am - 10.00am
18 July	Last day in school (INSET days on 21 st and 22 nd July)
3 September 2025	Term 1 for Academic Year 2025/2026 - 8.40am

Leaving Windmill Primary?

If your child is leaving us at the end of this academic year and **IS NOT** a Year 6 child please could you collect a Leavers Form from the school office or ask for one to be emailed to you via office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk. We have a duty of care to notify the Local Authority whenever children leave the school.

Reporting a Child's Absence

Please could we remind you that if your child is absent from school the correct procedure to notify us is to call the dedicated absence line 01865 762509 and select Option 1. Please do not send emails to the class teacher or the school office. If you are informing of an absence in advance eg funerals, school visits, passport office, then please ensure you let the office know at the same time you are informing the class teacher.

For our art exhibition we need stones 😊

Reception are in need of some stones/ pebbles for their art exhibition. If you have any to donate please drop them into one of the Reception classes. They need to be flat, smooth and roughly 8-10cm. Thank you!

Windmill Family Barn Dance June 27th

An evening of dancing, music and fun for all the family, this promises to be a fantastic event. See the poster attached to this newsletter for more details and to book, or visit tinyurl.com/Windmill-Barn-Dance - tickets are just £4 for adults and £2 for children.

Chessington Tickets

If you've booked tickets for Chessington next Friday (Inset day 20th June) keep an eye on your inboxes as Jess Goodman will be emailing your tickets through in the next couple of days.

Donating to Windmill

The PTA has put together an easy guide to different ways of donating to Windmill - including one which won't cost you a penny! Have a read of the short leaflet attached to this newsletter.

Autumn Fayre lead and volunteers needed

We're still looking for a lead and key volunteers for next year's Autumn Fayre. It's a really fun event and a key part of the Windmill social and fundraising calendar - this is a great opportunity to get involved in either leading or helping out. Email WindmillPTA@gmail.com to express interest or find out more.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

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MIDDLE PLAYGROUND - WINDMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Donating to Windmill Primary School

There are many ways to donate easily to Windmill - here is a quick guide to supporting your school. The PTA works with the headteacher and Windmill leadership team to fund items or projects that the school needs.

Come along to PTA meetings to join the conversation about where the money goes!

Easyfundraising: free fundraising for Windmill while you shop online

- [Easyfundraising](#) is a third party company which gets major businesses like Tesco, John Lewis, Tui and hundreds more to donate a percentage of your spend (usually 0.5-2%) when you shop with them
- **It's easy to sign up, and funds the school without costing you a penny**
- Create a free account (selecting 'Windmill School PTA - Oxford' as your chosen cause) and either visit their site or app to click through to shop, or give Easyfundraising permission on your browser. It detects when you are shopping with a partner company and donates to Windmill when you check out. NB: it does not work when you shop via partner company apps (e.g. Tesco, Ocado etc), you need to shop online via a browser.
- Friends & family who would like to support the school for free while they shop can also sign up
- Easyfundraising say that they don't track your shopping behaviour or share your information - if you have any concerns about this, please read their [full ts and cs here](#)

Direct donations: send money straight to the PTA account

- Quick and easy to do - just make a payment to the PTA directly:
Name: Windmill PTA
Bank: Barclays
Account: 206521
Sort: 00978604

Corporate donations and matched funding: could your workplace support Windmill?

- Many UK companies offer corporate donations to support local schools, especially when employees have a personal connection such as a child at the school.
- Some employers operate "match funding" schemes. If an employee donates or raises money through a school fundraiser, the company may match that amount, effectively doubling the donation. Some larger companies may use a platform such as **Benevity** to manage donations.
- Could you support Windmill through your employer or ask them to make a corporate donation? Please email windmillPTA@gmail.com if we can help with any advice.

Supermarket schemes: donations for local causes voted by shoppers

- Many supermarkets offer community funding schemes that schools and PTAs can apply for - they are usually located by the tills and shoppers vote with plastic tokens.
- These are usually project-specific - Windmill PTA could apply for these for a particular need like playground equipment, outdoor learning or books.
- If you have any experience of these schemes and would like to help us apply in future, let us know at windmillPTA@gmail.com

Name labels: earn commission for Windmill

Shop with either of these clothes name label companies and Windmill will earn commission to support the school:

- [Stikins](#) - use fundraising number 25540 for us to earn 30% commission.
- [My Nametags](#) - use this link to shop or quote ID 32558 for us to get 24% commission.

Our **Early Bird Discount** ends at **midnight on Wednesday, 11th June**, and your parents can use the code **EBCAMP25** for **10% off**

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Looking for summer holiday plans?
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