

# Windmill Weekly (06)

*Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge*

Value for October - Honesty

10 October 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

## **Flags Project**

Thank you so much to everyone who has supported the Flag Project; we currently have 51 countries who will be represented which is fantastic!

## **Flag / Banner Design Competition**

Today in assembly I have launched a competition asking the children to design either a banner to represent our "We All Belong Here" slogan or a Flag to represent Windmill Primary. We would like entries in by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November which will give the children the half term break to do their design. The winning designs will be made into either a banner to go out on the school railings or made into a flag that can be flown at the front of the school. There will be 3 separate competitions for the banner (Key Stage 1, Years 3 / 4 and Years 5 / 6) with a winner for each but just one overall winner for the flag.

## **Booking for Parent Interviews**

A reminder that the booking for Parent Interviews next week closes at 4:0pm on Sunday 12 October.



## **Key Dates**

11 October	Autumn Fayre
15 October	Parent Interviews
20 October	Sustainability Week
24 October	End of Term 1 at 3.10pm
3 November	Start of Term 2 at 8.40am
4 November	PTA AGM - 7.30pm
5 November	Open Evening for new pupils September 2026 (pre-booked appointment)
10 November	Anti Bullying Week
14 November	Takeover Day
18 & 19 November	Individual Photos
20 November	Open Morning 8.30am - 9.10pm

## **Windmill Football Teams**

We have lots of football fixtures coming up this term! (H) means a *home game*, played at Windmill.

(A) means an *away game*, where we travel to another school. To be considered for the U11 team, pupils need to attend Mr Habbershaw's after-school football club on Tuesdays. For the U9 team, pupils should go to Mrs Knapp's lunchtime club.

Please note:

- Letters will be sent home in advance of each fixture or tournament.
- A new squad is chosen each time, so there are always opportunities for different players to represent the school.
- Football clubs are open to everyone, while competitive matches and tournaments are reserved for the strongest available players at the time.

Windmill has a proud footballing history — in recent years, our boys' and girls' teams have won city, county, and regional tournaments, and even reached the national finals, played in a professional stadium (Coventry City's ground was the venue on our last visit!).

There are still more fixtures to be confirmed, but here are the ones already arranged:

Fri 10/10 U11 Boys ESFA Tournament (A) 9.15am  
Fri 1/10 U11 Boys ESFA Tournament (A) 9.15am  
Thurs 23/10 U9 Girls vs Sandhills (A) 3.30pm  
Thurs 6/11 U11 Boys Manor Cup vs St Nicholas (H) 3.30pm  
Mon 10/11 U9 Girls vs St Nicholas (H) 3.30pm  
Thurs 13/11 U9 Girls vs John Hampden (H) 3.30pm  
Mon 17/11 U11 Boys Manor Cup vs Cutteslowe (A) 3.15pm  
Mon 24/11 U9 and U11 Girls vs Barton Park (A) 1.30pm  
Thurs 4/12 U11 Girls Manor Cup vs St. John Fisher (H) 3.30pm

### **Windmill Autumn Fayre - tomorrow! 1-4pm, Saturday 11th November**

We can't wait to see you all at the fayre tomorrow! You can just turn up and buy your tokens on the door, or pre-buy them from a member of PTA after school today in the playground.

#### **Cakes**

Thank you for baking to support our school! Please bring all bakes to the school tomorrow either before the fayre or at the start - the cake stall will be near the Explorers playground. Please remember **bakes must be nut and seed-free**, and please supply a list of ingredients and allergens (dairy, eggs, gluten) if possible.

#### **Books**

You can also donate second hand books for the book stall on the day - just bring them along to the fayre. All children and adult fiction and non-fiction welcome, thank you!

#### **Busking**

We still have a couple of slots to fill - please fill in the form at <https://signup.com/go/rFAJigg> or speak to Fergus Alexander/email [windmillPTA@gmail.com](mailto:windmillPTA@gmail.com)

#### **Free tokens**

If there are any families who aren't able to come to the fayre because of costs, we have some tokens available at no charge. Please ask Mrs Knapp at the end of the day on Friday, come to the school office at Friday pick-up, or ask Jess on the token stall at the entry to the fayre on Saturday.

#### **Fayre Raffle Prize List**

Thanks so much to those who have generously donated prizes, the response has been incredible. Below is the list of raffle prizes.

Tickets can be purchased on Saturday at the Fayre for £1 each, and the draw will take place at 3:30pm. Remember, for every £1 spent on the raffle, the PTA will receive £3.

Gallery Bouldering - £30 voucher

Nick Cope - T-shirts and signed goodies

Cotswold Wildlife Park - 1 adult and 1 child ticket

Science Oxford - 4 family day tickets or 1 club ticket

Family Choir Club - Family pop-up ticket or free month of classes

Ultimate Picture Palace - 2 tickets to any film

Suzanne Jones - LEGO car

The Lighthouse - £40 voucher  
Anjali and Richard de Butts - Champagne  
Jacobs & Field - Brunch for 2  
Neill Cameron - Signed and dedicated book of choice  
The Oxford Retreat - £20 voucher  
The Trout - 4 bottles of wine  
Craft Burger - £30 and £20 vouchers  
The Anchor - £40 voucher  
Kerrie Marston - Animal hamper  
Lucy Little - Citrus vodka  
New Ground - 2 x 200g boxes of coffee  
Olga Isupova - Cookbook bundle  
Jeneration Fitness - 6-month subscription  
Courtside - Golf for family of 4  
Bethany Shiner - Massage gun and sewing kit  
Studio 2 - Free aerial class  
Sprinkle My Cake - 2 x £30 vouchers  
Tomi Johnson - Board game bundle  
Monaco - Scarf  
Zaatar Bake - £40 voucher  
Mrs Knapp - Extra playtime  
Baked by Sash - £15 voucher  
Hill End - 4 tickets to the October half-term family day  
Didcot Railway Centre - 4 tickets to 2 Nov open day  
Korky Paul - Winnie the Witch book and stickers  
Creative Factory - £30 voucher  
Rosie O'Neill - Marble cheese board  
Jess Goodman - Magnum of Blanquette de Limoux  
Opera Café - 5 x £10 vouchers  
Chessington World of Adventures - 4 tickets

### **Smartphone Free Childhood (SFC) stand at the Autumn Fayre**

In recent years it has become almost inevitable that children receive a smartphone when they go to secondary school but many of us are starting to question if this is actually appropriate.

The Smartphone Free Childhood movement gives **parents the power to band together** and to have a genuine choice: if you don't want to give your child a smartphone aged 11, you are not alone!

Please come along to our stand for a friendly chat with fellow parents who are in the SFC group.

We will have:

- Information from the national SFC website
- Opportunities to ask questions
- Kids "Smartphone-Free Superpower Skittles" activity, and a chance to win jellybeans
- QR code for the Parent Pact - Currently 148 pacts have been signed for Windmill Primary School.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

### **Andrews Estate Agent - Colouring Competition**

We would like to run a Halloween themed colouring competition for the pupils at Windmill School to take part in.

As a company that truly values our local community, we enjoy putting on events like this to bring some seasonal joy and creativity to the local area. This competition is open to children of all ages, and there are

some fantastic prizes up for grabs, including book vouchers and the chance to have the winning entry proudly displayed in our branch window for a whole week!

If you'd like to take part please collect a colouring sheet from the School Office, they will be on the bench just outside.

Please return the completed sheets by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October to the School Office, a box for completed sheets will be left on the bench also.

- **Please include on the back of each entry:**
  - Child's name, age and class

Good Luck!!

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp  
Headteacher

## **Vacancies**

### **School Cleaner**

We 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 £12.65 an hour.

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 (20 hours) 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.

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### **Senior Lunchtime Supervisor – Grade 5**

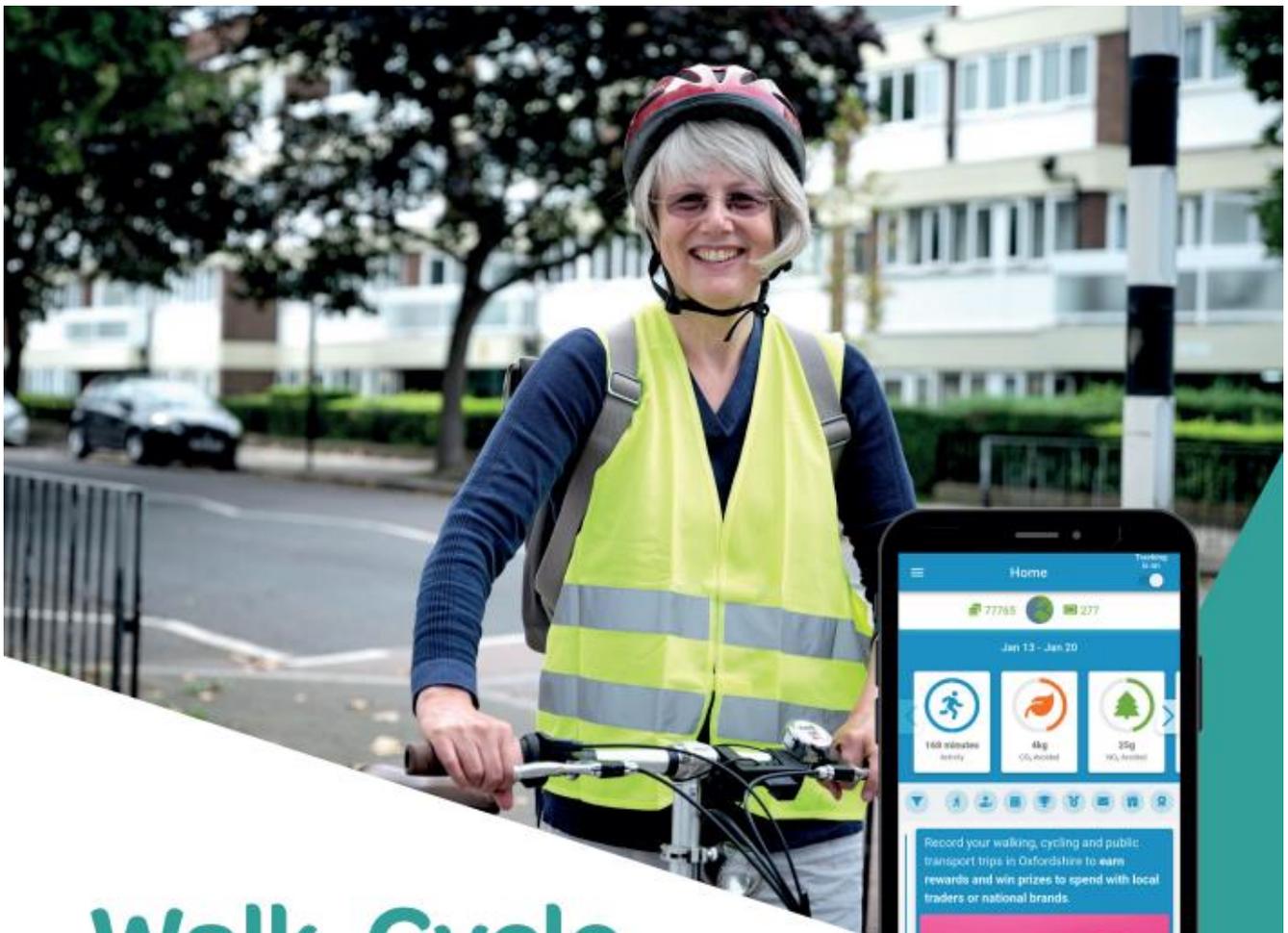
We are seeking a reliable and outgoing Senior Lunchtime Supervisor to work within our friendly lunchtime team.

The hours of work would be 11.30pm – 1.30pm, Monday – Friday, term time only so all holidays must be taken out of term time.

Annual Salary is £5,784 - £5,969

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.

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### Arts and performance

**Treister exhibition**, Modern Art Oxford (all Festival),

**Shaping Destiny**, UPP Cinema (Sun 12 Oct),

**Moth x Human**, Natural History Museum

(Fri 17 Oct), **A Monstrous Discovery** &

**Poetry of Science**, Westgate Library &

**Myth Monster**, Pegasus Theatre (Sat 18 Oct),

**Almost Nothing But Blue Ground**,

History of Science Museum, (Thu 23 Oct),

**Orbit**, by Creation Theatre, ZONE ONE

(Fri 24 Oct), **Great Big Bug Show!**, Natural

History Museum (Mon 27 Oct), **Jericho**

**Comedy**, North Wall (Tue 28 Oct),

**Masecki concert**, University Church

(Wed 29 Oct), **Adventures in Science**,

Pegasus Theatre (Sun 2 Nov).



### Interactive Festival zones

Packed with hands-on activities for families, teenagers  
and adults on weekends, evenings and during half term:

**Science Saturday** & **EXPLORAZONE** (18 Oct)

**ZONE ONE** (24 Oct), **TECHWORKS** (25 Oct),

**BLAST!** (27 Oct) & **Explore the Moon** (30 Oct)



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### Talks and discussions

**Fusion Energy, Almost There?** (Mon 20 Oct)

**The Anti-Catastrophe League** (Tue 21 Oct)

**Think Like a Mathematician** (Thu 23 Oct)

**Whose IP is it Anyway?** (Sun 26 Oct)

**The Ig Nobel Prizes, Tom Crawford** (Sun 26 Oct)

**Women's Pain: science & systems** (Tue 28 Oct)

**Once Upon in a Time in Space** (Tue 28 Oct)

**Tangled up: Alzheimer's disease** (Thu 30 Oct)

**Modelling Undead: zombies & health** (Fri 31 Oct)

**Art of Uncertainty with David Spiegelhalter** (Sat 1 Nov)

### Start a hobby?

Learn coding with **Glow**

**Your Own** or join: **Hack**

**Your Planet!** (Thu 23 Oct),

**Photographing Big Science**

**at Culham** (Sat 25 Oct),

**Creativity in Conservation**

(Sat 25 Oct), **Is Bread Alive?**

(Mon 27 Oct), **Fusion Fix it**

(Thu 30 October), **Wormery**

**Workshop** (Fri 31 October).



### Try tours!

**UKAEA Open Day** (Sat 11

Oct), **Cemetery Geology**

(Sat 18, Sun 26 Oct),

**A Story in Stone** (Sat 18

Oct), **Unnatural Histories**

(Sun 19, Tue 28, Thu 30

Oct), **History of Oxford**

**Science** (Sat 25 Oct).

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October 2025



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**LOCATION:**

St Nicholas' Primary School, Oxford

**COST:**

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