

Windmill Weekly (31)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

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15 May 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Walk to School Week (18th - 22nd May)

Next week is national Walk to School Week and the children are all being encouraged to walk, cycle or scoot to school each day. If you need to bring the car, could you and your children park further from school than usual and walk the last part of the journey. We have talked about the benefits of active travel in assembly on Monday which include improving mental health as well as physical health. The children will all be given some charts and puzzles to complete as they work through the week.

Year 6 SATs

Well done to all of the Year 6 children who worked so hard this week to complete their SATs. They all had a fantastic attitude to the national tests.

Dorset- Year 5

It was lovely to hear how much the Year 5 children enjoyed their trip to Dorset. Thanks very much to all of the staff who accompanied them.

Open Morning

A reminder that we have an Open Morning on Wednesday 20th May. You are welcome to visit your child / children's classes to see the work they have been doing between 8:30am and 9:05am.



Key Dates

18 May	Windmill Bake Off
20 May	Open Morning for whole school 8.30am - 9.10am
20 May	Big Summer Sing
21 May	Year 6 Enterprise Day
22 May	Orchestra Concert 9.00am
22 May	End of Term 5 at 3.10pm
1 June	Start of Term 6 at 8.40am
3 June	Year 5 Assembly 6.00pm
4 June	Year 5 Assembly 2.30pm
12 June	Barn Dance
16 June	1.30pm Festival of Voices
17 June	1.45pm Year 6 Production
18 June	Summer Dancing 9.15am - 10.15am
18 June	6pm Year 6 Production
19 June	INSET DAY - school closed to pupils
19 June	Legoland discounted trip

Windmill Bake Off

The Great Windmill Bake Off is this coming Monday 18th May. Anyone is welcome to enter and we have lots of prizes for each category. If you can let us know you are entering through this form: [Bake Off 2026](#) it really helps us plan. Don't worry if you don't have the chance to fill in the form though, entries are always welcome on the day as well!

Please bring your bakes to the gym from 8.30am on Monday. We will exchange your bakes for a ticket number and judge during the day. Please label all containers clearly so that we can get them back to you. Winners will be announced along with a cake sale after school in the middle playground. If you can bring plates or other cake carrying apparatus it really helps, along with coins rather than notes, it makes things much easier.

If any parents are available to come and help set up and then sell cakes from 2.30pm then you would be welcome. Windmill joke books will also be available to purchase.

See you on Monday,
The Bake Off Team

Not in Year 6 but Leaving Windmill?

If your child is not in Year 6 but you know they will be leaving us at the end of this academic year please remember to complete a Leavers Form. Forms can be emailed to you if you request one at office.2527@windmill.oxon.sch.uk or you can pick one up in the school office. It is very important a form is completed to prevent your child from being recorded as missing from education, and allows us to offer the space to another child on the waiting list.

Academic Year Calendar 2026 / 2027

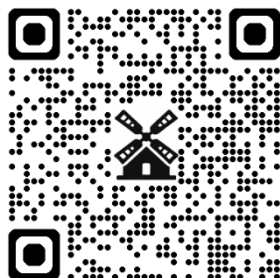
Next year's calendar can be found on our school website [SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES 2000/2001](#) and has also been attached at the end of this Newsletter.

100 Club Needs More Members!

The 100 Club is our school's monthly lottery draw. You can join by purchasing tickets for £1 per month or £12 for the entire year. Each month you have the chance to win prizes of £25, £15, and £10. The remaining funds are used to buy books for classrooms and the school library, as well as to support other school projects.

If you want to join, please contact Dariusz via email: mail@dariusz.tv or WhatsApp: 07929059974.

For further details, please visit the 100 Club website at: <https://dariodarski.github.io/100Club/>
You may also scan the QR code below to access the site.



PTA News

Autumn Fayre Committee

Our Autumn Fayre takes place on 10th October 2026. It's our biggest fundraiser of the year, and a great community event. We are seeking people to lead the Autumn Fayre committee. There is a well-worn pattern to follow, with lots of documentation available from previous organisers, and many of the key

roles for this year are already covered: what we need is someone (or more than one person) to oversee admin and logistics. This is a really great way to make a huge contribution to our fundraising efforts via a one-off event, rather than a sustained commitment. Please get in touch with WindmillPTA@gmail.com, or with Jess Goodman via Classlist, if you might be interested.

Legoland

Don't forget to purchase your Legoland tickets for our family trip on Friday 19th June, which is an inset day at school. Tickets are available through Classlist for £25 https://app.classlist.com/parent/#/events/view/1424780660?s=6655469544275968&utm_source=SCHOOL&utm_medium=SHARED_LINK Children must be accompanied and you will need to make your own way to Legoland. Please note this is not a school trip.

New committee members sought

Martin, our fab Secretary, will be leaving Windmill at the end of the term after many years on the Committee, so we are seeking a replacement. Taryn, one half of our great Comms team, has also left, so we would also love to find someone to support Saima. Being on the committee doesn't have to be a huge commitment - on average, it's less than an hour a week of work, and all roles can be shared. Please get in touch at WindmillPTA@gmail.com if you'd like any more information, even just to enquire informally.

Waitrose Tokens

Attention Waitrose shoppers of Windmill! Windmill PTA is one of three charities competing to win £1500 in the Waitrose green tokens scheme at Headington Waitrose. We have three months to collect as many votes as possible via the green token slots. The winning charity gets £1500, with the runners up getting £1000 and £500, respectively. This will make a huge difference to this year's fundraising efforts! Please vote every time you shop, and please encourage family, friends and colleagues to do the same.

Uniform

The sun is shining and so if you are looking for summer uniform, please visit the preloved uniform shop. Plenty of shorts, summer dresses and lighter jumpers/cardigans for sale at 50p or £1. Also lots of PE tops/shorts/joggers available if you want to get ready for school sports day: <https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/windmill-primary-school>

Barn Dance

The PTA family barn dance returns on Friday the 12th of June. This is a lovely event for all the family with live music from Mouse and Trousers Ceilidh Band including a caller so everyone knows the dance steps. There will be a bar with snacks and drinks to keep everyone refreshed between dances! Tickets cost £5 for adults and £2.50 for children and are available through classlist at <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1462441072> If you are able to volunteer 30 mins during the evening to ensure the event runs smoothly by helping on the door, or at the bar, or to set up, or clear up then this would be brilliant. The more help we have the easier it is to host these events. There is a sign up sheet available on classlist.

Have a lovely weekend when you get to it.

Summer Sponsored Sports Extravaganza

Our playground equipment is looking very tired: some of it needs repairing and some needs replacing entirely. The playframe is used every day by all 630 children, for exercise, socialising, imaginative play, and more. It's a crucial part of our school community. Over the next couple of years, we aim to bring it into tip-top condition for current and future generations of Windmill pupils!

On Wednesday 10 June, we're launching our fundraising with a full day of sponsored sports activities.

Children's Challenge: 5 in 45!

Sponsor your child/ren to complete 5 activities in 45 minutes: running, dancing, throwing, basketball and football. The emphasis will be on taking part, maybe doing something new and having fun, and we'll finish with a giant whole-school conga to celebrate everyone's effort and participation.

Sponsorship will be collected through SuperKind, a fundraising platform designed especially for young children. You will find our main sponsorship page here:

<https://superkind.org/campaign/windmill-primary-new-playground-equipment-for-windmill>



You can either share this page directly with sponsors OR create your own personal linked page with your own fundraising target (see instructions below). Please share with all your friends and family: with just a small donation from everyone, we can make a huge dent in our fundraising target!

How Parents and Carers Can Join In:

Parents and carers can get involved in both the sport and the fundraising by signing up to the **Windmill Step Challenge**: pay £5 to join our StepUp group and compete with other participants for the most steps taken between 1-10 June.

Sign up here: <https://app.classlist.com/s/AI894E>

Or if you're not on Classlist: <https://app.classlist.com/events/#/events/view/1474290672>

The top three on the leaderboard at the end of the challenge (midday on the 10th) will win extra breaktime for their children's class, so the heat is on!

HOW TO CREATE YOUR PERSONAL FUNDRAISING PAGE

1.View our school campaign here: <https://superkind.org/campaign/windmill-primary-new-playground-equipment-for-windmill>



Or via the QR code here:

- 2.Click on 'Join this Campaign' button at top of the page
- 3.Login (if you've used this website before) or create account as 'Child/Parent'
- 4.As parent/guardian you will need to approve the account and fundraiser via email
- 5.Create a fundraising page and share it with friends and family!

PLEASE CREATE YOUR PAGE BY June 5th.

Yours faithfully



Lynn Knapp
Headteacher

Oxfordshire school term and holiday dates for 2026-2027

	SEPTEMBER - 26	OCTOBER - 26	NOVEMBER - 26
Sunday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Monday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Tuesday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Wednesday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Thursday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Friday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Saturday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
	DECEMBER - 26	JANUARY - 27	FEBRUARY - 27
Sunday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Monday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22
Tuesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23
Wednesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Thursday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Friday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Saturday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
	MARCH - 27	APRIL - 27	MAY - 27
Sunday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Monday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Tuesday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
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Thursday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Friday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Saturday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
	JUNE - 27	JULY - 27	AUGUST - 27
Sunday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Monday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
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■ Bank Holiday

□ INSET – closed to pupils

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Camping takeover!

Friday 22nd May - Saturday 23rd May

One-night camp - 4pm Friday arrival and 3:30pm close Saturday

The Thomley camping experience is a lovely, safe setting to test out camping for the first time, or just enjoy our facilities for longer than usual! The whole site is closed to visitors other than campers and you can pitch up anywhere you would like to go on our large field.

£10 per person – camp anywhere at Thomley, next to your favourite activity. Activities include – campfire songs and stories, stargazing, s'mores, cricket, giant bubbles, and all of Thomley's facilities open including splash park.

Friday night food and drink to buy (from 5:30-8:30pm) includes pizzas, chips (GF & vegan options), hot and soft drinks, and a selection of sweet and savoury treats such as s'mores bags and bonfire brownies. Alcohol available to buy. Campfire stories and songs will be run by Thomley staff.

Saturday breakfast: 8:30am-10:30am – highlights include Waffles, Pancakes and Full English Breakfast. Activities include: 11am cooking on the campfire; 12pm giant bubbles, 1:30-3pm kwik cricket. Normal café menu served from 11am- 3:30pm

No alcohol, disposable BBQs / fires and no hot food are to be brought on site by visitors due to licensing and health & safety.



Please book on the website:
www.thomley.org.uk/calendar

Bookings are to be paid for
upfront and are non-refundable



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