Windmill Weekly (08)

Achievement through Creativity, Community and Challenge

Value for November – Peace 06 November 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Lost Property
Earlier this week, many of you will have seen that we have a new system with lost property being housed in the middle playground. Items are all there now and can be accessed at the beginning and end of each day. Please help us to keep the area tidy by putting the items back in the correct place when you have looked (and hopefully found) what has been mis-placed.

Takeover Day
Next Friday is Takeover Day in school, giving children the opportunity to take on some of the key roles in school and get a flavour for the work that many of the adults do. It is a really worthwhile activity (as well as fun!) giving children a snapshot of what it is like to either deliver a lesson, support other people or any of the other jobs that go on in school.

Lego Club
Many thanks for your donations for Lego club. This has now begun and Year 3 had a great time this week. Running two lunchtimes each week, I will rotate around the year groups making sure that everyone who wants to come along gets the chance.

Windmill Press
Thank you and well done to all our roving reporters and editors who have produced a fantastic edition of the Windmill Press! (sent out separately on Juniper App) It takes hard work and dedication to produce the paper. This edition looks at the new start to the year and changes in the school. It's a great way to find out a bit more about what has been going on. As well as all the children involved, thank you to Mrs Roderick and Miss Brown who have done an amazing job supporting our reporters and sharing the finished product.

Mr A Howe



Key Dates

3 November	Primary School Applications are now open – closes 15 January 2027
9 November	3.30pm – 4.30pm Year 1 Maths Meeting
10 November	Key Stage 2 Author Visit
12 November	2.30pm Year 5 Dorset Meeting – Kingfisher classroom
13 November	Take Over Day
16 & 17 November	Individual Photos
20 November	Open Morning 8.30am – 9.10am
30 November	Pantomime
2 December	Choir to Big Sing
3 December	Reception Christmas Play 9.00am – 10.00am
11 December	School Christmas Disco
11 December	Year 1 & Orchestra Christmas Sing 9.00am – 1.00am

14 December	iRock Assembly 9.00am – 10.00am
16 December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert 2.00pm – 3.00pm
17 December	Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert 9.00am – 10.00am
18 December	House Christmas Quiz 9.00am – 10.00am
18 December	Last day of term – **finish at 2.30pm**
4 January 2027	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
5 January	TUESDAY – first day of term 3

Make an application to primary school

Parents of school children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 need to apply for an infant or primary school place for September 2027.

Applications can be submitted from 3 November 2026, and the deadline for receipt of completed applications is 15 January 2027. Applications received by this date will be processed for National Offer Day on 16 April 2027.

If your application is received after 15 January, it will be processed later in the year, and you are far less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools.

Applications need to be made via www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions.



Eco news!
- Eco club is taking part in Cut your Carbon!
We challenge you to cut your carbon over November using the 9 areas on the checklist. Eco club will be collecting results from their classes at the end of the month to calculate how much carbon we have reduced as a school. We would love everyone to take part to get the best possible results!



Make 3 evening meals plant-based across the month.



Make 4 journeys active across the month.



Meal plan to reduce food waste for one week.



Have a 'device-free' day.



Drop your heating by 1°C for a week.



Substitute 4 baths for 4 showers and limit them to 4 minutes.



Share 3 pieces of carbon-cutting advice.



Lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C for 3 washes across the month.



Opt for a refillable water bottle 3x a week across the month.

Completed by: .....

CUT YOUR CARBON

How many of the Cut Your Carbon challenges will you complete this November?

📌 Stick this checklist on your fridge and start cutting carbon today!

Make three evening meals plant-based across the month
Meat production is responsible for around 14% of the world's greenhouse gas emissions, so make three evening meals plant-based and discover how delicious cutting carbon can be!

Make any four journeys 'active' across the month
Transport creates nearly a quarter of the UK's carbon emissions. Active travel - such as walking, scooting, wheeling, or cycling - doesn't emit anything! So, get active and ditch the drive!

Meal plan to reduce food waste for one week
Research suggests that the average person wastes 95kg of food per year! At each stage of the life-cycle of wasted food, from production to rotting at landfill, carbon is produced. Plan your meals, shop smart, and waste less – it's good for the planet and your wallet!

Lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C for three washes across the month
Washing machines are energy-hungry! Drop the temperature to 30°C for three washes this month and cut carbon without sacrificing clean clothes. Cool it to care!

Have a device-free day
Electricity makes up about 25% of your home's carbon footprint. Power down non-essential devices for one day – no gaming, no streaming – and rediscover the joy of offline fun!

Turn down the heating by 1°C for a week
Heating is the top source of home carbon emissions in the UK. Turn it down by just 1°C for a week, layer up, and show your love for the planet – one cosy jumper at a time!

Share 3 pieces of carbon-cutting advice
To conquer climate change, we all need to work together. Share three pieces of carbon-cutting advice with people you know. You might remind a brother or sister not to waste food, challenge a grandparent to time their shower or share a plant-based recipe on social media.

Substitute 4 baths for 4 showers and limit them to 4 minutes
Capping your shower at 4-minutes long can save over 50 litres of water, whilst saving the energy required to clean, transport, and heat this water. We recommend using a 4-minute song as a timer that you can sing-along to!

Opt for a refillable water bottle 3x a week across the month
Switching from buying bottled water to using a refillable bottle is great for the environment. It reduces the amount of plastic waste that enters our oceans whilst cutting the carbon emissions produced in manufacturing.

Find out more about Cut Your Carbon in our 90 second explainer video

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Windmill PTA AGM

A reminder to join our AGM meeting on Monday 16th November on Zoom, 7.30pm-9:00pm. More info and agenda items available on Classlist.

Easyfundraising

It is a great time of the year to sign up to easyfundraising: a very simple fundraising tool, through which over 8,000 brands donate a small amount to the PTA every time you shop online at no extra cost to you. Retailers like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more are part of the scheme, and you can use the app or set up a reminder for whenever you purchase through websites. This really is the simplest way possible to help us out - and you can share the link with friends and family too. Visit: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/windmillschoolpta to find out more and sign up!

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Narnia

Free activity morning for children & families!



Sat 21 Nov 2026
drop-in 10am-12pm

- art and crafts to make and take away
- bulb planting
- Narnia selfie station
- face-painting
- story corner

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