



# Widmer End Community Combined School and Pre-School

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Dear Parents and Carers

22/04/2025

## **A note from the teacher**

Welcome back to the Summer term! I hope you have had a wonderful Spring break and also managed to recharge your batteries. I am sure you are now ready and excited to start the last term of Year 2. I cannot wait to get stuck in with all the exciting learning we have planned for your children this term.

You will find the Summer term curriculum map [here](#) and also knowledge organisers for History, Geography, Computing and Science [here](#). Knowledge organisers and topic boxes provide a range of activities for you to try with your child or for them to try on their own. These include word searches, fun facts and information, craft activities, puzzles and games and significant people and places cards. These will not be taken in to mark but are some fun ideas that you could use with your child to get them familiar with the topic that they will be learning.

## **Values for this term**

Respect

Happiness

## **Helping at home / Home Learning**

Please read with your child at least 3 times a week and record their progress in their Widmer End Reading Record. When reading with your child, also remember to focus on comprehension and VIPERS skills. Reading books and records will be collected on a Monday. AR coded reading books / RWI Bookbag Books and records should be brought to school daily. Spelling checks will also be completed on a Friday. Please ensure that you have read the updated Widmer End Home Learning [policy](#).

## **Independence and responsibility**

During this term we will continue to give children opportunities to become more responsible and able to think for themselves - skills that they will benefit from once they move to Key Stage 2. If they don't have ways to practise responsibility, they can never learn it. The more they do, the better they get at it and the more they learn to be responsible for themselves AND their belongings. This is a skill for life! Sometimes not being responsible brings consequences. Please guide and support your child in facing these and let them learn from it.

## **PE clothing**

Children are to come in dressed for PE on the days PE is cited on their timetable - Tuesday and **Thursday**. This is a change from the Autumn / Spring timetables. Children will be participating in indoor and outdoor PE so please ensure they are in clothes comfortable and suitable for the weather that day.



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## **Equipment**

Equipment needed for every day in class:

- 1 x simple, flat and clear (**transparent**) pencil case
- 2 x HB pencils (Staedtler Noris – black and yellow are good quality pencils and they will last longer than other brands.)
- 1 x 30 cm rigid plastic ruler (Please do not buy a foldable one, they don't last and are not good for accurate work.)
- 1 x Pritt glue stick (biggest you can afford)
- 1 x Small pair of scissors (kid-safe)
- 2 x black dry-wipe pens (These run out fairly quickly, so please have some spares ready for the whole year.)
- 1 x Whiteboard rubber or a small microfiber cloth
- 1 x set of good quality colouring pencils
- 1 x Art overall or old shirt (This will be kept in class.)
- 1 x ziplock folder or popper wallet for bringing home things
- 1 x set of highlighter pens x 3 (pink, yellow and green)

Pencil cases will continue to come home every Friday to be checked, pencils sharpened and equipment restocked. It is **essential** this happens so children are readily equipped for their learning in the week ahead.

## **Break and lunch**

A named, filled water bottle must be provided daily. Children will have access to the provided school snack at morning play, but they are also welcome to bring in their own fruit or vegetable snack. This is really important as it will help your child remain focused throughout the day. Please ensure that your child is provided with a packed lunch or that you have ordered their dinner lunch through the The Kids Lunch Company [website](#).

## **Other**

- Please name all your child's belongings, it helps us to return them promptly to the right owner.
- Please send in merit badges on a Thursday, so that we can award them to the achievers for the next week.
- Children should leave toys, stickers and so on at home.
- Thank you for your continued support in making sure all our children look smart and are proud to be a pupil at Widmer End CC School. The Widmer End School uniform policy can be found [here](#).

## **Dates to remember**

Term dates: Tuesday 22th April – Friday 23rd May 2025

Half term: 26th May – 30th May 2025

Monday 2nd June – Friday 23rd July 2024



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## **Trips and events**

Friday 27th June - Windsor Great Park trip

I hope this letter has answered any potential questions; however, I appreciate I may not have addressed everything. If you have any further questions or concerns please get in touch via your class representative, the school office or at the gate at the end of the day. Mrs Swanson and I are looking forward to a fantastic term with your amazing children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

Mrs L van der Merwe

**Year 2 class teacher**

**Lower Phase leader**

**Reading Lead**

**Computing Lead**

**SLT**

**Staff governor**