



Dear Widmer End families,

It has been such a wonderful week here in school as it feels like we have been celebrating so much. Our netballers won the Fair Play trophy and medals down at Kingsmead on Saturday, followed by the Y6 team winning their match against Holmer Green on Tuesday. Our footballers also won their match on Wednesday, which made us all very proud! Well done to all the children who took part in these events and represented our school so well.

Year 5 had a brilliant trip on Monday to the Natural History Museum. I was fortunate enough to accompany them, which meant I got to see some incredible teamwork and curiosity in action as they built and programmed Mars rovers in the afternoon down in the Lego lab. Well done, Year 5 for being such amazing learners!

It has been so nice to see the children learning more about neuro-diversity this week and celebrating our differences. We have been learning a song from Out of the Ark called 'Extraordinary Me, Extraordinary You' which has lyrics to support the children's understanding of everyone being 'unique' - please ask your child for a rendition of this at home!

Thank you to parents for parking considerately on the Widmer End estate at drop off and pick up times. May I remind you that the school car park is not to be used by parents at any time unless by prior arrangement with the school. This includes dropping and collecting from clubs/ wraparound. Thank you for your support.

A reminder that, should you need to make a phone call to school, there is a chance it may not be answered immediately. We make every endeavour to answer every call but this is not always possible. If you could please leave a voicemail message, the office team will then immediately receive a file containing that call in the office email inbox. On return to the office, we can then listen to your call and respond accordingly. We hope this will give you some time back so you have no need to call again or email the office with the same query.



Arza  
Shining Star Award

And finally, it is with great pleasure that I announce that Miss Ilic, our wonderful Reception teacher, is going to have a baby! This happy news was shared with staff last week and we are so excited for her! Miss Ilic will be working with her class until the end of the academic year as the baby is due in the Summer holidays.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

Mrs Marshall

## Dates for your Diary

### Tuesday 25th March

- Year 6 First Aid Course

### Wednesday 26th March

- Purple Day - Full Mufti
- CofE Church Assembly
- Girls Netball Match vs Carrington

### Friday 28th March

- Year 4 Sharing Assembly 9-9:20am
- Reception Multiskills Tournament at Holmer Green Senior School
- Year 5 Water Safety Workshop

### Sunday 30th March

- Mothers' Day

### Monday 31st March

- Art Week!
- Parents Evening 3:40-6:40pm

### Wednesday 2nd April

- PTA Easter Fun Day!
- Parents Evening 4-7pm

### Thursday 3rd April

- Year 2 Trip to Woburn Safari Park
- Pre-School Trip to Odds Farm Park
- Year 5's Final Swimming Session
- League Football Match vs Carrington (Home)

### Friday 4th April

- Indian Dance Assembly
- Widmer End Art Gallery
- No Hot Dog Day
- 1:30pm Break Up For Easter Holidays

### Tuesday 22nd April

- School Re-opens, 8:30am
- Earth Day!
- Earth Day Workshops Years P-6

## Attendance

School average this academic year

← 95.5%

### This week:

Reception - 97.48%

Year 1 - 92.06%

Year 2 - 98.84%

Year 3 - 95.47%

Year 4 - 98.96%

Year 5 - 99.31%

Year 6 - 97.13%

Please ensure you call the office before 8:30am if your child is poorly. Please give the accurate illness description!



## Spotlight On SEND!

This week was a CELEBRATION of neurodiverse brains! During Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2025, all classes have spent time recognising, learning about and from neurodiverse individuals and growing their understanding and acceptance of all of our unique strengths and differences.

The week began with an assembly delivered by myself and Miss Allen, and saw children take part in a range of activities across the week including: a colourful umbrella design (ask your child what the umbrella represents and check out the designs I hung proudly in my office), a research-based competition learning about famous individuals with a neurodiversity and lots of class discussions, games and songs.

We are incredibly proud of the maturity children showed in their learning throughout the week. Please take the time to keep these conversations going at home - I'm sure they will amaze you with their knowledge.

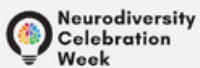
**Please contact Mrs Ross-Wood for any SEND related enquiries. [SEND@widmerend.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:SEND@widmerend.bucks.sch.uk)**

## SEND Support Phone Line

We are open everyday between 10am and 4pm and until 6pm on Tuesdays. The line is for parents, professionals and anyone with enquiries about SEND in Buckinghamshire.

Please note that the support line is open between 10am and 2pm during school holidays and is closed on Bank Holidays.

**01296 382135**



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## Football Match Report

We were playing against Great Kingshill in a football league match and we won 3-1. It was a really good team performance. In the first half we pressed really well which put them under pressure, which is where we got the three goals from. Austin and Josh scored the goals but it was a team effort. In the second half Great Kingshill came out quick so we had to defend well which we did but we were very unlucky to concede one goal in the last minutes of the game. Overall, it was a great game and everyone played really well.

*Hugo - Y6*



## Year 1 Travel Back In Time

Year 1 showed the value of curiosity on Friday during our trip to Milestones Museum.

They were able to see Victorian vehicles and learn how they used to transport people. They also managed to explore 1930s and 40s vehicles comparing them to vehicles we have today.

During the afternoon they had time to explore the museum and had a chance to investigate vehicles more as well as listening to vinyls on a record player! They have returned to school eager to learn more about travel through time!





## Mobile Phone Reminders

Please may we remind parents and carers that we have a 'Gate To Gate' policy for the use of mobile phones and technology by children.

Phones should be switched off and handed to staff at the gate/office upon arrival. Children will collect their phones from the office at the end of the school day, phones must stay switched OFF until children have left the school site.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## Girls' Netball Match



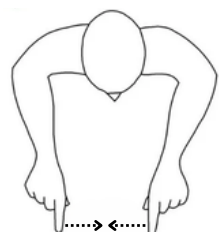
On Monday, the Year 6 girls' netball team had an amazing game against Holmer Green. They played beautifully with great team spirit, skill and accuracy. The opposition put up a great team with impeccable footwork, but in the end it was no match for our Year 6 champions who won

with an impressive 17-6 final score! Whilst this is an impressive score, what I was most proud of was the way the girls conducted themselves and worked as a team and were gracious in their win.

I'm looking forward to seeing what's next for this seemingly unbeatable team. Well done girls; you should feel very proud of yourselves.

Mrs Oxby

## Learn Makaton With Miss Allen



Same

Neurodiversity week has been eye opening! Here's the signs for 'same' and 'different', a useful set of signs to know.



Different

## Annual Junior Schools Netball Tournament

We had a fantastic tournament on Saturday, in the glorious (and freezing!) sunshine. We entered 4 amazing teams of mixed abilities, the aim was to have fun and win a match or two.

Our Year 6 squad won their section, gaining medals. One of our mixed Year 5/4 squads won the 'Fair Play Award' for their teamwork, commitment to enjoyment over everything else and their compassion towards others throughout the day.

Thank you to all our staff, umpires and parent volunteers, without you we'd not be able to facilitate events like these!

Mrs Weaver



## Year 3 'Hedge' Their Bets

Year 3 were lucky enough to visit Widmer Fields in Forest School this week, planting some hedging saplings provided by the Woodland Trust. The children worked tirelessly planting hazel, hawthorn, blackthorn, oak, rowan and crab-apple - over 170 saplings altogether! It will be amazing for the children to see them grow over the years.

Ms Atkins



## Reception's Day Out

Reception had a fantastic day out on Wednesday, becoming chefs at Pizza Express, playing in the sunshine at the huge park and visiting the large library in Amersham! The children behaved beautifully, they mostly enjoyed the eating part of the trip!

Mrs Tye





## Pre-School Updates



This week we have read the book "What the Ladybird Heard".

The children worked well sequencing the life cycle of a ladybird and then, using their fine motor skills, they stuck the pictures down. A ladybird life cycle crown was then made and all the children wore these with pride.

Only 2 weeks until we go on our trip to Odds Farm! The children are all looking forward to going and so, if you haven't already, please sign up via ParentPay.

Thank you to all our parents that took the time to come and speak to myself and Tamsin about your child's progress. We hope you found these meetings helpful and enjoyed hearing what your children are learning with us in Pre-School.

A polite plea... Could we please ask that if your child is in pull ups/nappies, that you provide nappy sacks. Our supply is running low. Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Deborah*

## Merit Awards

**Special Merit Award winners this week are:**

Year R - The Whole Class  
 Year 1 - Jamie & Oliver  
 Year 2 - Lilly-Mo & Oliver  
 Year 3 - Charlie & Olivia  
 Year 4 - Cassie & Daphne  
 Year 5 - The Whole Class!  
 Year 6 - Yunus & Codey



**Congratulations and thank you for being excellent role models to your peers!**

## Year 5 Natural History Museum Visit

Last week, our Year 5 students enjoyed an unforgettable trip to the **Natural History Museum**, and what a fantastic day it was! The children were an absolute delight—well-behaved, engaged, and eager to learn, making the trip a joy for everyone involved.

Firstly, we took part in an **Volcanoes and Earthquakes workshop**, where we explored the powerful forces of nature. The children were fascinated as they witnessed simulations of these natural disasters and gained a deeper understanding of how they occur and impact the world around us.

However, the most thrilling part of the trip was undoubtedly the **Lego Mission to Mars!** The students worked in teams to build their very own **Mars Rovers** using Lego. With coding skills at the ready, they programmed their rovers to move and even compete against others in a challenge. It was an exciting, hands-on experience that sparked curiosity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills.

Overall, the trip was a huge success, and we are incredibly proud of our Year 5 students for their enthusiasm and excellent behaviour. We can't wait for our next adventure!

*Miss Weston*



## Student Shout Outs!

Freddie and Tom were team mascots for Wycombe Wanderers last Saturday, for the exciting home match against Wrexham. It was a nail-biting match and Freddie and Tom thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

