

Widmer End Community Combined School & Pre-School Newsletter

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Dear Widmer End families,

I can't quite believe September is almost over! The children have really settled and we are truly back in the swing of things with lots of trips taking place, extra-curricular clubs filling the school with a buzz and important school roles decided on for pupils. There are lots of pictures being uploaded to our website once we are able to secure the pages!

Thank you so much for all of your generous donations to our school fund, so far we have managed to raise £300. If you haven't already, and are able to, please donate - we will share what the money has been used for so you will know you are making a real difference to the school.

Thank you to Mrs Rayner & Ms Recskova for making our rainbow planters look beautiful out the front of the school. They have already got their eyes on other areas that they would like to improve which is great as it really brightens the place up!

We had our first ever development league football match this week. We lost 3-2 to Disraeli but the children worked really hard and showed great unity which is our current value. We are really excited to have entered two leagues this year so watch this space! Our U11s had league training on Thursday - a big thanks to Mr Gibbs for coaching and to Mr Summerlin for assisting - we really appreciate you giving up your time.

Have a great weekend,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mrs Hillier'.

Spotlight On SEND!

Our whole staff team recently benefitted from comprehensive training on Sensory Processing and how to support young people with these difficulties in school. This training was delivered by Bucks OT specialists and was so insightful, valuable and meaningful. We were so excited by what we learned, we would like our parents to have the opportunity to know more too - confirmation of a date for this at a parent coffee afternoon will be scheduled very soon!
I'm excited! - Mrs Ross-Wood

Please contact Mrs Ross-Wood for any SEND related enquiries.
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

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 1st October

- CofE Church Assembly

Thursday 2nd October

- Development League Football Match vs St Johns HOME
- Census Day!

Friday 3rd October

- PTA Hot Dog Day - Book [HERE!](#)
- Year 3 Basketball Tournament at HGSS

Monday 6th October

- Development League Football Match vs Kingswood HOME

Tuesday 7th October

- Great Big Live Assembly for Black History Month

Wednesday 8th October

- Years R-2 Drama4All Workshop

Friday 10th October

- Open Morning for Prospective Parents- 9:30am
- Year 4 Netball Tournament at HGSS

Monday 13th October

- U11s League Football Match vs Kingswood HOME

Wednesday 15th October

- Black History Month African Mask Making Workshops Years R-6
- Open Evening for Prospective Parents - 6pm

Thursday 16th October

- U11s League Football Match vs Manor Farm AWAY
- PTA Disco for Years R-6 - Book [HERE!](#)

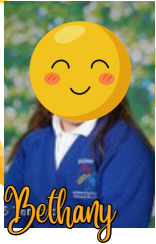
Friday 17th October

- Year 1 Multiskills Tournament at HGSS



Awards This Fortnight

Shining Star



Bethany



Emma

Merit Awards



- Year R - Lilah, Tyler, Lyra & Xavier
- Year 1 - Owen, Eddie, Freddie & Layla
- Year 2 - Sara, Rosalie, Isaac & Sophie
- Year 3 - Otto & Pallav, Malakai & Nancy
- Year 4 - Pixie, Ella, Aster & Evie
- Year 5 - Ayush, Lara, Ivy & Emily M
- Year 6 - James, Amelie, Luke & Finley

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

PE with Mr Verity

One of our wonderful parents, Mr Verity, took some of the classes for a fantastic PE session last week!

Mr Verity works in a senior school, so the games were challenging and fun, being different to our normal PE curriculum. There was certainly lots of happy squeals and laughter coming from the hall. I think Mr Verity needed a lie down afterwards!

If any other parents have any awesome skills or would like to volunteer their time organising some educational fun for our children, please contact the school office.



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Attendance

School average this academic year

96.5%

This Fortnight:

Reception - 94.89% - 1 Late Mark!

Year 1 - 95.58% - 3 Late Marks!

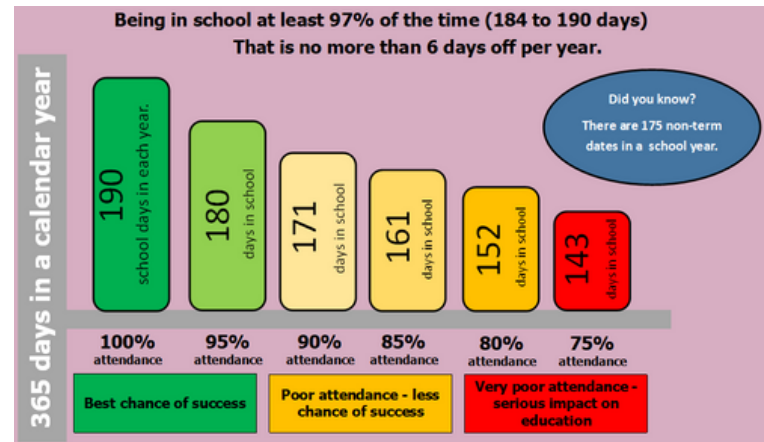
Year 2 - 91.67% - 3 Late Marks!

Year 3 - 95.48% - 1 Late Mark!

Year 4 - 95.99% - 3 Late Marks!

Year 5 - 95.92% - 7 Late Marks!

Year 6 - 94.84% - 1 Late Mark!



Every Minute Counts!

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 Minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 Minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 Minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 Minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 Minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Be at the classroom on time and ready to learn!

Peer Mentors Have Their Training

Aren't we lucky to have our Peer Mentor programme, run by Miss Allen!

Some kind and helpful Year 5s took their first training session last week, helping them to understand what the role was about and how they will be helping their peers.

This is such an asset to the children at school, to have children looking out for other children, really is something special.





Pre-School Updates

It is lovely to see how all the children have settled back into Pre-School and have welcomed our new children.

During the last 2 weeks we have been looking at what makes us different from our peers. We have looked at skin colour to see how many different shades there are.... We used mirrors to draw ourselves, using our observational and fine motor skills and then choose the correct skin colour for ourselves. We discovered there are lots of different colours of skin.

This week we have been looking at our emotions. Our book this week has been "The Colour Monster" which explores how our emotions can change and how a colour can make us feel...for example, yellow is happy. The children helped to create a colour monster board by making different coloured jars for the 5 emotions shown in the book. Can you remember what colour stands for what emotion?

As we are looking at "All About Me" this half term, we have asked, if possible, for a photo of your child as a baby and a family photo. We would love to create a board of "Who's Who". The children love to try and guess who the photos belong to. Please, if you have not sent in photos yet, we would be grateful if you could. If you do not have a physical photo, we are happy for these to be emailed in if it is easier for you.

Please remember, as the weather turns cooler, to send your children with an appropriate coat/jacket. We go outside everyday, as much as possible and so want the children to be comfortable whilst outside.

Have a lovely weekend.

Deborah



Year 6 Greek Adventure

Last Friday Year 6 spent the day finding out about Ancient Greece by visiting the wonderful British Museum. Excitement on the coach was evident and this soon turned into enthusiasm when we had our classroom session. They learned all about Greek democracy, had a look at some ancient relics and became archaeologists looking at artefacts from the era. After lunch we had time to explore the museum and apply what we had learned in the morning. It was amazing to see artefacts from Ancient Greece in real life. It was evident to see how much this class enjoys history! I look forward to bringing what we learned on the trip to our learning in school. However, I may have to stop the singing on the coach!!!

Mrs Oxby



Pre-School Book Drive

If you are having a clear out, or a charity shop raid, our Pre-School needs your help in the form of book donations!

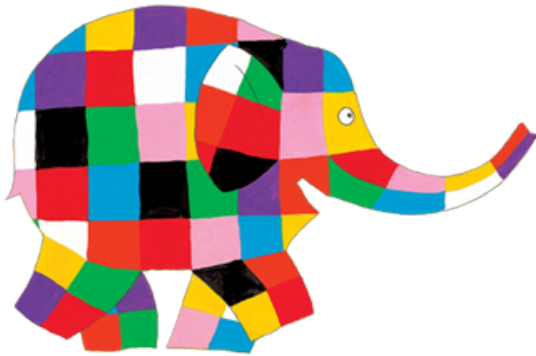
We are looking for board books specifically, for example; 'That's not my...' or Julia Donaldson board books. We can't take TV-based character books.

Please donate via the school office, thank you!



Value Of The Term

UNITY



*"Some things you can give and give and not lose any.
Things like happiness or love or my colours"*

In our Values assembly on Monday, Mrs Marshall talked about our linked value of 'identity'. The children explored the meaning of this word through the story of Elmer, the patchwork elephant, who thought that he needed to look like everyone else but realised, by the end of the story, just how wonderful it was being himself; his bright colours and vibrant personality were missed by the other elephants. The children reflected on the fact that we are all different but that these differences should be respected and celebrated. Understanding each other is a huge part of working towards our value of unity.

Year 3 COAM Trip

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum where we all got a taste of what life was like in the Stone Age. We travelled back in time 10000 years to the Mesolithic period and found out about food that was gathered and hunted. We practised new skills such as making fire with flints, spear throwing, shelter building and making paint from charcoal. We then learned about how Stone Age tools and weapons were made and everyone made a replica spear using sticks, flints and twine. What a wonderful day we have had bringing the Stone Age to life!

Ms Atkins



Fire Engine Visit

What an exciting afternoon Early Years and KS1 had - we had a very special visit from a Fire Engine and crew. They showed the children all around the engine, told them all about keeping safe, who to call if you discover a fire, what equipment is on the engine, how to use the hose and what they need to wear. With a fabulous demonstration from Miss Davis we could all see how much they have to wear and how heavy it is. All the children had the opportunity to try spraying some water around and the afternoon ended with blue flashing lights and loud sirens. Thank you to the fire crew for giving up their time to give the children this experience.

Mrs Atkinson





Election Results!

Last week was an exciting time in school as we held our very own elections! This provided the children with an excellent opportunity to experience democracy in action and to gain a real sense of how voting works. The whole school embraced the occasion with enthusiasm, and it was a valuable way to bring learning about citizenship to life.

The highlight of the week was the assembly, where each candidate had the chance to address the school. Our Year 6 pupils worked especially hard, preparing and delivering engaging presentations as they campaigned for the role of house captain. They showed real confidence and creativity in sharing their ideas, explaining why they would be the best choice to lead their house teams. Their speeches were thoughtful, persuasive, and a brilliant showcase of their leadership potential.

The younger children were captivated by their peers' presentations, and the excitement in the room was clear to see. It was wonderful to watch every child take part, listen attentively, and celebrate the spirit of democracy together.

Our House Captains 2025/26



Monty
&
James



Charlotte
&
Grace

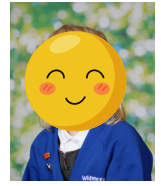


Poppy
&
Jake



Florence
&
Myleigh

School Council



Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO)



Eco-Councillors



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