

# Widmer End Community Combined School & Pre-School Newsletter

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Dear Widmer End families,

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to our Parents' Evenings. It was wonderful to see so many of you in school, celebrating your children's achievements and talking about their next steps. We really value the partnership we have with our parents – working together makes such a difference to the children's learning and wellbeing. Your feedback on the questionnaire was much appreciated and will be shared once the data has been collated.

We've had a brilliant Anti-Bullying Week. Our Peer Mentors led a fantastic assembly all about what bullying is and how we can all use our 'Power for Good' to make a difference. They spoke so confidently and shared some really thoughtful messages about kindness, respect, and standing up for others – we were very proud of them!

It's been great to see our pupils out and about learning in different ways. Year 1 had a wonderful trip to Bucks Museum, where they explored local history and discovered all sorts of treasures and Year 6 took part in some fascinating history workshops with Mrs Thurston, bringing their topic to life with hands-on activities.

On Armistice Day, some of our Year 5 pupils visited the Widmer End Village Memorial. They read poems beautifully and laid a wreath, raising a brilliant amount for the Royal British Legion – such a thoughtful and respectful way to mark the day. The rest of the school had a special assembly and held a one minute silence on the playground - you could have heard a pin drop. They were so respectful.

Clara, our gorgeous school dog, continues to steal everyone's hearts! She's settled in beautifully and is having such a positive impact on the children. Their faces absolutely beam when they spend time with her, whether they're reading a story, teaching her tricks, or just enjoying spending time with her. She brings such calm and joy to the school.

Our brilliant pupils continue to raise money and awareness of others who are less fortunate than them. Please see below for even more on this - our Year 4 boys did a great job this week!

Have a lovely weekend.

*Mrs Hillier*



## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November

- AIM High Writers Day - Select Y6
- Year 5 Viking Workshop
- No Rocksteady Lessons

### Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November

- Year 4 Verulamium Trip
- TT Rockstars Competition Begins

### Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

- Netball Match AWAY vs Frieth

### Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November

- Radio Christmas Assembly

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November

- Whole School Flu Immunisations - Rescheduled from 18th
- Year 6 Tag Rugby Tournament at Holmer Green Senior School

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

- Live Christmas Radio Show with Select Pupils

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

- PTA Mufti Day for Hamper Items!

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December

- 9am Doors Open - KS1 Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal
- 2pm Rocksteady Christmas Performance

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

- 5:30pm Doors Open - KS1 Christmas Performance

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

- 8:30am Doors Open - EYFS Christmas Performance

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

- Christmas Craft Afternoon
- PTA Elfridges
- Christmas Jumper Day
- Christmas Lunch

### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December

- PTA Christmas Fayre



## Awards This Fortnight

### Shining Star



Luke



Ayana

### Merit Awards



- Year R - Lucas, Grace, Jude & Teddy
- Year 1 - Oliver, Spencer, Mabel & Ellis
- Year 2 - Oliver, Tamanna, Margot & Shannon
- Year 3 - Louise, Austin A, Abdullah & Mila
- Year 4 - Alice, Eliza, Archie & Joseph T
- Year 5 - Idris, Erin, Eva & Shanice
- Year 6 - Austin, Josh, Ellie & Freddie

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

## Martial Arts Sessions

MF Martial Arts led some brilliant taster sessions for the children last week, there was a lot of laughter and joy on their faces!

MF Offer a free trial, please book online [HERE](#) if your child is interested. This is such a fantastic asset to have at our school every Wednesday, it would be brilliant for more of our pupils to join!



## Skirt Alert!

We've noticed that a lot of the children have had growth spurts in the last few weeks and their clothes, (particularly the girls' skirts) are now too short!

Please may you take a moment to check their uniform is appropriate, warm and comfortable. We have many items in the sECONdhand Uniform Shop, should you need any items.

Thank you!

## Attendance

School average this academic year

**95.6%**

The last 14 days:

Reception - 96.79% - 2 Late Marks!

Year 1 - 96.99% - 4 Late Marks!

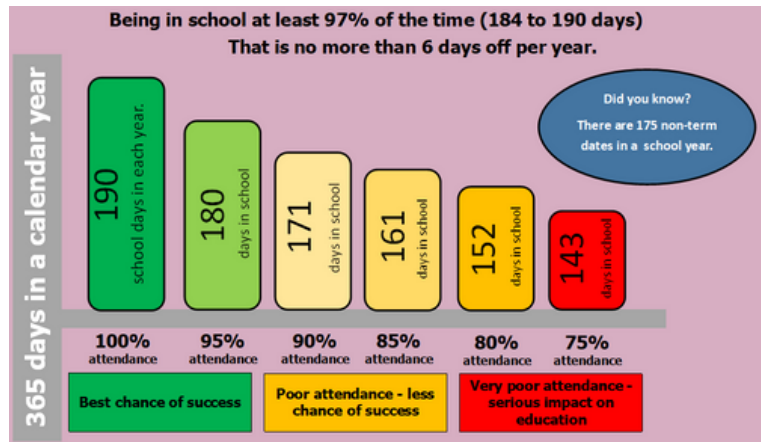
Year 2 - 93.59%

Year 3 - 90.73%

Year 4 - 92.27% - 1 Late Mark!

Year 5 - 95.7%

Year 6 - 97.9% - 2 Late Marks!



## 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!**

## Local Squash Club Invite

Looking for a fun and energetic activity for school-aged children? Come and try our Junior Squash sessions! Whether your child is a complete beginner or an advanced player, these sessions are designed to develop skills, boost confidence, and provide plenty of fun. Led by a professional Squash England Coach, each session is tailored to meet the needs of all abilities. We provide all the equipment, and even have a limited number of indoor trainers available, so there's no need to worry about bringing gear. Plus, the first session is absolutely FREE!

Join us and let your child discover the exciting world of squash! For more information contact [juniors@hgsrc.co.uk](mailto:juniors@hgsrc.co.uk) or visit our facebook group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/hgsrc/>



## Pre-School Updates

Words cannot express how immensely proud we were of all of the children on Tuesday for taking part in the 2-minute silence on the playground with the rest of the school. They were absolute stars.

Monday saw the children coming in wearing odd socks for anti-bullying week. We read the book "Don't be a bully, Billy", which they have loved reading over and over again as the week has gone on. They know that it is right to use their kind hands and kind words to their peers.

The children have also produced some lovely artwork this week for Remembrance Day. They used a handprint to make a lovely poppy flower and then used their creative skills to decorate a poppy wreath.



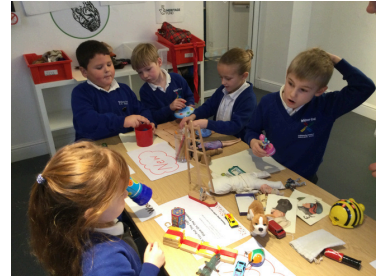
To end the week we have had activities in Pre-School around Pudsey Bear for Children in Need. We have talked about how some children don't have as much as we do and how some children aren't as able as we are.

Using Pudsey Bears, the children have counted blocks 1 to 10 and then matched the quantities to the correct number bear. They have also decorated a Pudsey Bear using a variety of resources.

A lovely creative week in Pre-School this week. Well done everybody.

Deborah

## Year 1 Bucks Museum Trip



Last Friday, Year 1 visited the Discover Bucks Museum in Aylesbury. We spent the morning learning about toys from the past and even got to visit their new 90s exhibit which was filled with toys from that time, including Spice Girls dolls! The children loved learning about toys and making their own thaumatrope toy.

In the afternoon, the children participated in a BFG dream bottles workshop and got to make their own dream bottles filled with amazing ideas to take home. The children were amazingly behaved and had a fun filled day!

Miss Davis





## Value Of The Term

# TRUST



*"He who placed me in this seat will keep me here; my reign shall be for your good."*

In our Values assembly, with a focus on our next value of Trust, Mrs Marshall introduced the children to our new inspirational person, Queen Elizabeth 1. She has been chosen for her huge success as Queen back in the late 1500s. Many people in England trusted her and she had ideas that were welcomed by her people, ensuring her long and successful reign on the throne.

Children were asked what they could do to make sure people had trust in them and some ideas were: being honest; doing what you say you are going to do; and being a reliable person.

## Football Victory

What a fantastic U11s football match we had yesterday. We cracked off to an early lead thanks to a well-delivered corner from Jake and a sharp strike from Jesse to make it 1-0. The early goal set the tone, and Widmer continued to pile on the pressure. Their hard work soon paid off again, with Josh making a superb run and finishing confidently to double the lead.

Highworth enjoyed brief spells of possession, but a spectacular save from Reuben ensured Widmer went into half-time firmly in control at 2-0.

The second half saw Widmer dominate once more, displaying excellent passing, relentless pressing, and remarkable team spirit. Communication across the pitch was strong, and whenever Highworth attempted to push forward, the Widmer defence stood solid, denying them any clear route to goal.

As frustration grew for Highworth, Widmer kept up the intensity. Arlo capped off the performance with a well-taken goal to seal a deserved 3-0 victory.

Another fantastic performance from the team, keeping us firmly at the top of the league. Well done, Widmer End!

## Diabetes Awareness



Did you know that Miss Davis is Type 1 Diabetic? On Wednesday, she delivered an assembly all about Diabetes as World Diabetes Day is Friday 14th November. She has lived with Type 1 Diabetes for 20 years and she said "it was a pleasure talking to the school about what it is, how I manage it and how it affects my life." The children asked amazing questions and listened beautifully throughout. Why don't you ask them what they've learned about living with Diabetes?

## House Mascot Designs

Here are our mascot design winners for our houses this year! They will have pride of place in our school hall, overlooking the house counters. Well done to all our creative entries, apparently the choice was a very difficult one to make!





## TT Rockstars Competition

We are taking part in a friendly times tables competition involving schools in England.



The competition runs from 7:30am on Tuesday 18th November until 19:30pm on Thursday 20th November and will take place on TTRS (Times Table Rockstars). The children can play in any game mode with every correct answer earning themselves a point towards their class average.

We will enable the children to have an allocated slot to compete within school time. The children will have a 60 minute time limit per day. After their 60 minutes are up, they can still earn coins, but these will not count to the competition.

Good luck!

Miss Weston

## Widmer's Got Talent!



One of our wonderful alumni, Jovi is playing the lead role Buddy the elf in the local drama group at the beginning of December! If you would like to watch talent in action and support Jovi, please see the attached flyer.

## Year 4 Boys Success



Didn't they do well! These wonderful boys sold their duck trinkets to raise £98.85 for Pace, a charity close to their hearts. Thank you to all our KS2 children for supporting them on their mission, it is always so heart-warming to know that we have a kind and generous school community!

## Spotlight On SEND!

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

## Anti-Bullying Week



This week, we have been celebrating Anti-Bullying Week, inspired by the Anti-Bullying Alliance's theme, 'Power of Good.'

The week began with Odd Socks Day, where everyone wore their brightest, most colourful odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique. The hall was decorated with odd socks that children all across the school had decorated.

Our incredible Year 5 Peer Mentors have led the way by presenting an assembly at the start of the week, delivering the message that the 'Power of Good' is encouraging us to use our voices to stand up for what is right and to show the power of good through kindness and inclusion; even when it is hard.

Throughout the week, pupils have taken part in a range of class activities exploring our core school values kindness, respect, courage and unity and how we can support one another. Some of our creative Year 2 pupils have produced fantastic work to share their ideas on making our school a place where everyone feels safe, valued, and proud to be themselves.

