



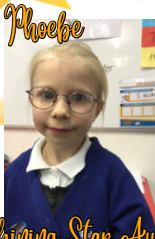
Dear Widmer End families,

I told the children in assembly this morning that it was a happy and sad end to the week as we say goodbye to Mrs Watson for a short while but knowing that she will have a brand new baby boy soon to cuddle! We will all miss her terribly but are excited to work with Miss Ilić for the rest of this year in Reception. Thank you on Mrs Watson's behalf for any warm wishes and gifts you have given her.

I am sending out a reminder today about our school fund and ask that you consider making a donation to us if you can to support us financially. Schools are facing tough decisions due to rising costs and small budgets, so any help you can give us will be greatly appreciated. I have mentioned in my letter some of the things we intend to use this money for and hope you can give anything you can to help us maintain high standards of resourcing to enrich your child's experiences here at Widmer End. Any donations can be made via our ParentPay platform. Thank you so much.

I am proud to say that some of our Year 6 children have approached me again to suggest how they could raise money for the charity close to their hearts, 'Save the Children'. I asked them to bring me a plan of events spread out over the rest of the year and they have done just that! Look out for details of how you can support them with their fundraising.

It was wonderful to see Widmer End recognised for our wonderful efforts and hard work with reading as two of our children attended the awards ceremony at the Amazon HQ in London yesterday to represent us for the Fonetti National Read Aloud competition; we were the regional winners in 2024! What a special day out and one to be remembered for a long time!



Shining Star Award

Have a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Marshall

Dates for your Diary

Monday 20th January

- Blue Monday - Wear Bright Clothes!
- Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday 21st January

- AIM High Maths Day for Selected Students

Friday 24th January

- Year 6 Sharing Assembly 9-9:20am
- Big Garden Birdwatch

Monday 27th January

- KS2 French Day

Tuesday 28th January

- *Provisional* Home Football Match vs Hughenden Primary

Wednesday 29th January

- Church Assembly

Friday 31st January

- Full Mufti Day For Save The Children

Learn Makaton With Miss Allen

Lots of our children have been **brave** this week, for all different reasons! Can you think of a special time when you had to have courage to overcome something difficult? Sharing this with your child gives them confidence to overcome scary times.



Flat hand moves slightly forward to become a 'good' hand.

Football Match Coach & Ref Needed!

We have several football matches lined up over the next few months and need some helpful and knowledgeable parents from Year 6 & Year 5 who would like to referee or coach the school team. Please let Mrs Weaver in the office know if you are able to help, your child will be invited to play for the match you are supporting! Our first match is on the 28th January at 3pm. Thank you.

Attendance

School average this academic year

← 95.4%

This week:

Reception - 98.5%

Year 1 - 87.5%

Year 2 - 97.33%

Year 3 - 99.63%

Year 4 - 99.06%

Year 5 - 95.94%

Year 6 - 97.74%

A fantastic and noticeable improvement on attendance this week, to boost our average annual percentage, well done!



Pre-School Updates!

This week in Pre-School, we have been talking about the dentist and what they do to help us.

We have used our fine motor skills with 'dentist' pencil control sheets, painting cut out teeth with toothbrushes and sequencing our teeth brushing routine.

We have also looked at healthy and unhealthy things to eat to help our teeth stay strong. Can you remember some healthy things to eat?

Have a lovely weekend.

Deborah



Year 6s Charity Fundraising!

Dear Parents,

Some of our wonderful Year 6 pupils have organised a series of amazing charity events, in aid of raising funds for Save The Children.

The pupils have been brainstorming and come up with the following events:

- 31st January - Non-Uniform Day - Donate [HERE](#)
- 24th-28th February - Sweet in the Jar Competition
- April 1st-14th - £100 Raffle (10 winners each receive £10)
- May 29th - Bake Sale
- June 12th - Lemonade Stall

They will also be selling desserts at the Summer Fair!

Please donate what you can for each of these events, suggested donation is £1 per person/ticket.



Save the Children

Thank you, once again for supporting our pupils and we hope the rest of the school enjoy the activities planned!

Fonetti Reading Awards

We are delighted to share some wonderful news! Our school participated in the National Read-Aloud Challenge during the Summer of 2024 and achieved an incredible milestone by winning the South-Eastern Region prize. This prestigious recognition earned us a place at the awards ceremony held on 16th January 2025.

The event took place at the Amazon HQ in London and was hosted by the inspiring Clare Balding CBE, Fonetti's brand ambassador. Representing our school at the ceremony were two members of staff and two of our fantastic children, Indie and Scott. We couldn't be more proud of them for showcasing our school's love for reading and making us shine on such a memorable day.

Thank you to everyone who supported and celebrated reading with us. This achievement highlights the power of storytelling and our shared commitment to fostering a love of books and reading in our school community! 📖🌟

Mrs van der Merwe





Spotlight On SEND!

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

Listening and auditory memory - (part 1)

Efficient listening skills are essential with children - for classroom learning and for successful social interactions. Listening skills and remembering what has been said are central to learning.

Adequate hearing is, of course, essential for good listening. If you have concerns for possible hearing difficulty, you should arrange a child hearing test to rule out an underlying problem.

For good listening, children need to actively engage with what is being said.

Tips to encourage active listening:

- slow down or be still,
- look at person speaking (where possible),
- think about what is being said (not what you think you know already),
- don't interrupt the speaker,
- wait until finished speaking to ask questions or comment

Please contact Mrs Ross-Wood for any SEND related enquiries. SEND@widmerend.bucks.sch.uk

Merit Awards

Special Merit Award winners this week are:

- Year R - Freddie & Alfie
- Year 1 - Rosalie & Darcey
- Year 2 - Austin B & Amelia
- Year 3 - Arthur & Luna
- Year 4 - Evie & Eva
- Year 5 - Freddie & Bella
- Year 6 - Yunus & Frazer



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

Drama Workshops Enjoyed

This week, Pre-School, Reception and KS1 took part in some 'Under the Sea' drama workshops with Perform!

Emily (the drama leader) was so engaging and there was lots of enthusiasm filling the hall! They got their diving equipment on and had an 'under the sea adventure' to rescue different treasures, talking about what they saw along the way.

Mrs Watson & Miss Ilić

If your child enjoyed the workshop and you'd like to know more, please visit Perform's website [HERE](#).

