

# Widmer End Community Combined School & Pre-School Newsletter

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Dear Widmer End families,

It has been another busy and exciting fortnight here at school with one of the standout highlights was our very special visit to the Royal Albert Hall. What an unforgettable experience it was! A huge thank you must go to Mrs Marshall, whose dedication and organisation made it possible for our choir to perform in such an iconic venue. The children sang beautifully and represented the school with confidence and pride. It was a truly magical day, and one that I know will remain a cherished memory for everyone involved.

Back in school, we were delighted to welcome families to the Year 1 sharing assembly. The children did an absolutely fantastic job performing in front of the whole school and their parents. It takes great courage to stand up and speak and sing in front of an audience, and they rose to the occasion brilliantly. I could not be prouder of each and every one of them.

We also hosted a very informative Occupational Therapy (OT) meeting, organised by Mrs Ross-Wood, our dedicated SENDCo. Staff recently gained a great deal from the training we received in school and as we found it so valuable we were keen for parents to benefit as well. I am pleased to say this is just the beginning - watch this space, as Mrs Ross-Wood will be organising further opportunities in the near future.

I would like to extend my thanks to all parents who have already taken the time to vote for our parent governor vacancy. Your engagement in the life and leadership of the school is greatly appreciated. If you have not yet had the opportunity to vote, I would encourage you to do so as soon as possible, as a decision will need to be made shortly. You can do this by clicking [HERE](#).

Have a lovely weekend!

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



*Did you know, our pond has been fixed and new signage purchased, thanks to a £500 grant from Tesco Stronger Starts? These blue token collections in our local stores are essential to provide little improvements across the school, where DfE Funding cannot.*

*If you know of any other grants that we could apply for to improve our school, please contact Mrs Weaver via the School Office.*

## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May

- SATs Tests begin for Year 6 - No Rise Up Music Lessons
- Reception Vision Screening Check
- Year 5 & 6 Football Teams Training After School

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

- Year 4 Trip to Cadbury World
- Year 2 Athletics Tournament at HGSS

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

- Walk to School Week
- PTA Fathers Day Photos - [Book HERE](#)
- Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Football Teams Training After School

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

- National Numeracy Day
- Reception Multisports Tournament at Highworth (CAP)

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

- Problem Solving Company Workshops Years R-6
- Netball Section Winner Play-Offs
- Transfer Test Meeting for Y5 Parents 6-7pm

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

- Enormous Walking Crocodile
- Finish for Half Term - School Closes at normal time (clubs still on)

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

- School Closed - INSET Day

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

- School Re-opens - 8:30am

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

- Year 6 Catch-Up Swimming Lesson

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

- Year 5 Sharing Assembly 9-9:20am
- Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Football Teams Playing In Marlow Tournament
- PTA Hot Dog Day



## Awards This Week

### Shining Star



Florence



Violet

### Merit Awards




- Year R - Finn, Nathan, Alaynah & Tyler
- Year 1 - Mabel, Owen, George & Layla
- Year 2 - Riley, Shannon, Sara & Hafsa
- Year 3 - Abdullah, Mia, Lexi & Nate
- Year 4 - Sarbani, Aster, The Whole Class!
- Year 5 - Bethany, Idris, Emily & William
- Year 6 - Josh, Ellie, Arlo & Nia-Rose

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

### House Winners



This week's winners of extra play time were WATER! 

## Year 1 and Reception Collaborate

Our Year 1 and Reception 'buddies' enjoyed storytime in the sun, today! Isn't it brilliant that our classes integrate? Building our pupils' sense of community and 'togetherness' is vital for their wellbeing at school.



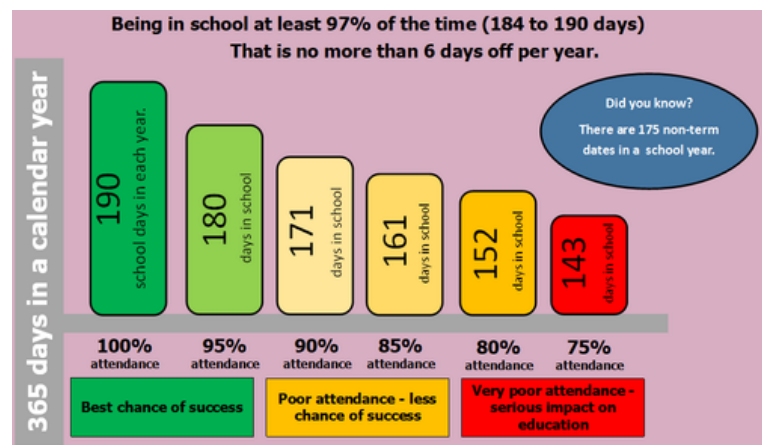
## Attendance

School average this academic year

**95.9%**

### The last fortnight:

- Reception - 97.72%
- Year 1 - 98.42% - 2 Late Marks!
- Year 2 - 98.12% - 1 Late Mark!
- Year 3 - 94.82% - 3 Late Marks!
- Year 4 - 97.74% - 2 Late Marks!
- Year 5 - 98.13% - 1 Late Mark!
- Year 6 - 95.53% - 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!**

## Year 1 Sharing Assembly

Year 1 had their sharing assembly last Friday where they loved sharing their knowledge of Travel and Transport from the past. They used their loud voices so everyone could hear them! They also learnt their song and sang and danced it with pride. The whole of Year 1 did everyone proud and should be proud of themselves.

Miss Davis





## Royal Albert Hall Concert



In the morning everyone in choir came to school early so we had enough time to get on the coach. The coach ride was long but once we got off we walked to the hall and had an extremely short amount of time for a snack. We went into the hall, it was huge! We found our seats and waited for the conductor to start practicing with the rest of the schools. We were practicing for so long we all got so hungry. So once we were done we walked to a park to have our lunch. We got lunch very late (which was not great) so there was a small amount of time until dinner so we walked to the Science Museum to look around for a little while. Because we had lunch at 3 o'clock a while later it was time for dinner. We went back to the hall and sat outside for dinner. Once we finished we had to go sit in the arena and look for our parents because a different group had to perform first. At the interval we swapped around and sat above the stage. The songs performed by us were called: Sing me a picture, Japanese bridge, the two Fridas, Tape Marilyn, Tuti fruti, Mother and her child, Lollipop city, Garroby hill, Life song. We got a T-shirt saying on the back "I sang at the royal albert hall". Overall it was an amazing experience I really enjoyed the day with my friends and teachers.

## Seasonal Foods

Eating seasonal fruit and vegetables is a great way to enjoy fresh, tasty food while often saving money too 🇬🇧

🌟 May is a brilliant time to start adding more fresh, British produce into lunchboxes!

### What's in Season in May?

- 🍓 Strawberries (starting to come into season!)
- 🥬 Lettuce and salad leaves
- 🥒 Cucumber
- 🧅 Spring onions
- 🥕 Carrots
- 🍓 Peas

### Easy Lunchbox Ideas

- 🥪 Sandwiches or wraps with lettuce and cucumber
- 🍓 A small pot of fresh strawberries
- 🥕 Carrot sticks or crunchy salad veg
- 🍝 Pasta with peas and a little cheese

**Tip:** Visiting a local market or letting children pick their own fruit can make them more excited to eat it!

Choosing seasonal foods helps children enjoy fresh flavours while learning where their food comes from 🌍

*Daphne, Year 5*

In the morning the choir group had to come in to school early so then we could get onto the coach to get to the Royal Albert Hall. When we got on the coach it took a long time but it was definitely worth the wait. When we got to the Royal Albert Hall we were all so excited, it was also so big. When we were allowed into the Hall we found our seats and then sat down. After we sat down the other schools that were there started to do the mexican wave. Then we started to practise all of our songs, when we finished practising we were all so hungry (we had our lunch at 3 o'clock). When we finished our lunch we walked to the Science Museum and had a look around. After lots of fun at the Science Museum we had to have our dinner. After that we went up to our place where we put our bags away and then we put our T-shirt on then went down to the arena and listened to the other schools. When they had finished we all went to our seats and then started to sing. The songs that we sang were: Sing me a picture, Japanese bridge, The Two Fridas, Marilyn, Tuti fruti, Mother and her child, Lollipop city and Garroby hill. After we finished every school sang Life song. Then we went home and we enjoyed it.

*Bella, Year 5*



## Spotlight On SEND!

### OT Coffee Afternoon



On Tuesday 28th April, we held a really successful parent coffee afternoon hosted by the Bucks NHS Trust Occupational Therapy team. The focus of the session was on understanding the senses and supporting sensory regulation at home.

Thank you to all of the parents and family members who were able to come along; future sessions will only be viable if engagement and interest remains high. Is there is a specific focus you wish to see discussed at future coffee afternoons? If so, please email me.

Mrs Ross-Wood

**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**

## Spare Clothes Needed!

We STILL urgently need the following spare clothes, in case of first aid and other accidents among our children:

- NEW boys pants age 2-3 and 3-4 for Pre-School
- Grey and white socks suitable for boys and girls in sizes 11-13 (child) and 1-10 (adult)
- Black joggers in ages 5-14
- Black leggings in ages 5-14
- Black shorts (both male and female) in ages 5-14
- White t-shirts (plain) in ages 5-14

Example clothing changes could be; nosebleeds, cuts and grazes, toilet accidents, food/drink spillages, forest school accidents, plus many more!

If your child has had spare clothes from school, we kindly ask that you wash and return these straight away so we may use them for other children.

Thank you, from the School Office.

## Netball Teams Through To The Finals!

Our brilliant netball teams have beaten all of the schools in their league section to move through to the finals on the 21<sup>st</sup> May at Kingsmead Netball Centre! A huge well done to all children, you have all improved significantly since first joining Netball Club in Year 4 and have developed a real passion for the sport. Long may it continue!

Now the main fixtures are all over, we are looking forward to some friendly matches for our developing players, expecting the same brilliant results!

Mrs Weaver



## Reception Enjoy Forest School

Reception are having their turn for Forest School sessions! Luckily, the weather has been fabulous and they have thoroughly enjoyed these with Mrs Sadler.





## Right Of The Month - Article 30

May's 'Right of the Month' is Article 30: I have the right to speak my own language and to follow my family's way of life. There are lots of religious festivals and celebrations this month, including Vesak Day, Ascension Day, Shavuot and Eid-Al Adha. People celebrate their culture through African World Heritage Day and Europe Day. The Rights Reps suggested trying a recipe from a different culture on World Baking Day on the 17th!



## Value Of The Term

# RESPECT



*"Live your life with integrity, respecting others, doing what you feel is in the best interest of humanity."*

In our Values assemblies, children were introduced to our new inspirational person, Maya Angelou. She has been chosen for our value of Respect. Maya had a difficult childhood, growing up in a poor family and living with her grandmother for most of it. However, children learnt that this gave her strength and she was able to speak up for herself and others later on in life. Maya was an advocate for human rights and many people respected her for this. We will be learning more about her life in the coming weeks.

## Pre-School Updates

Over the last two weeks, we have been looking at transport in Pre-School.

What is transport? How do we get to school? What transport have we travelled on? The children created some cars and hot air balloons for our transport board which looks great in Pre-School.

We love books and stories in Pre-School, we use a scheme called NELI. Each week we have a new story and through this, we learn 4 new words that have appeared within the story. The definition of the words are explained and we have activities to take part in around the new words.

So far, the children have learnt 58 words and are able to remember the words by looking at the pictures. Once the new words has been learnt, a highlight is then dancing to 'Nellie the elephant'! This is fantastic way to learn new words while doing something we love... reading books.

Have a lovely weekend and fingers crossed for some sunshine.



Deborah & Tamsin



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