

# Widmer End Community Combined School & Pre-School Newsletter

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Dear Widmer End families,

This week, firstly, a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils, who approached their SATs week with such maturity, resilience and positivity. We were incredibly proud of the way they took the tests in their stride and supported one another throughout the week. The children enjoyed the croissants and juice each morning - this small gesture really helped the children feel calm, relaxed and ready to do their very best each day.

Now that SATs are complete, Year 6 are already turning their attention to their upcoming production. Auditions are underway and excitement is building as rehearsals begin for what promises to be a fantastic show. We cannot wait to see the children shine on stage at the end of term!

Also this week, our Peer Mentors delivered a fantastic assembly focused on Mental Health Awareness, organised by our new Pastoral Lead, Mrs Munn. The children spoke confidently and thoughtfully about what mental health is and encouraged everyone to think about positive ways we can look after and improve our own mental health and wellbeing. It was wonderful to see such important messages shared by the children themselves.

Some year groups also had the opportunity to take part in a live football event linked to mental health awareness. We were especially thrilled when one of our Year 4 pupils, Scott, received a special mention during the event - an amazing achievement considering the large number of schools taking part!

As part of our celebrations for National Numeracy Day, the children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a range of exciting and interactive maths workshops throughout the day. We also came together for a whole-school assembly where pupils enthusiastically competed in a House Team head-to-head maths quiz, creating a fantastic atmosphere of teamwork and friendly competition. The children absolutely loved the experience! A huge thank you goes to Miss Weston, our Maths Leader, for organising such a successful and enjoyable event for everyone.

To round off the half term, the children took part in our enormous crocodile walk - a fantastic healthy initiative encouraging active travel and outdoor exercise. A huge thank you to Mrs Watson for organising the event so successfully and, once again, to our PTA for providing a delicious croissant and juice for the children on arrival to school.

I would also like to thank everyone who took the time to vote in our recent Parent Governor election. The result was incredibly close and we were delighted with the number of votes received, demonstrating the strong support for our school community. We are very pleased to announce that Jennifer Richards was successfully elected and has already attended her first Governing Board meeting this week.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful half term break. The sunshine is forecast to continue - let's hope it is accurate so that we can all enjoy some time outdoors with family and friends.

Best Wishes,

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

## Dates for your Diary

### 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
- Mufti for WATER house

### 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

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

- 3:30-4:30pm Year 6 Residential Information Meeting

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

- Year 5/6 Friendly Netball Match vs Cedar Park HERE

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June

- Years 3 & 4 Multisports Tournament at Cedar Park
- Year 6 Swimming Assessments

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

- Year 1 Trip to Science Oxford Museum
- Year 3 Cricket at HGSS

### Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

- Years 5 & 6 Football Tournament at Highworth
- Police Visit for Years 5 & 6

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June

- CofE Church Assembly

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June

- AIM High Writers Day
- Year 6 Chess Tournament

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

- Sports Day!



## Awards This Week

### Shining Star



Thomas



George

### Merit Awards



- Year R - Teddy, Sameera, Eva & Shania
- Year 1 - Primrose, Aadhya, Sulaiman & Myla
- Year 2 - Shanvika, Myrah, The Whole Class!
- Year 3 - Louise, Lilly-Mo, Imogen & Hannah
- Year 4 - Abbie, Milo, The Whole Class!
- Year 5 - Jamie, Lara, Madison & Minnie
- Year 6 - The Whole Class!, Bella & Florence

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

### House Winners



This half term's winners of an extra mufti day are **WATER!** Mufti will be on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June**.



## Year 1 Smoothie Making with Year 5

Year 5 and Year 1 were creative last week, with Year 1 making their smoothies from their own recipes.



Year 5 showed them how to refine Year 1's brilliant cutting skills, mixing the fruit and blending it to make a smoothie. They even got to try some!



## Attendance

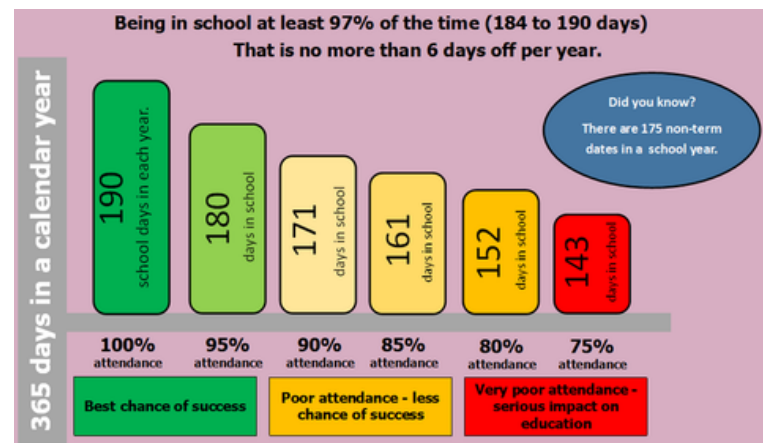
School average this academic year

**95.8%**

### The last fortnight:

- Reception - 93.1% - 2 Late Marks!
- Year 1 - 93.43% - 2 Late Marks!
- Year 2 - 95.8%
- Year 3 - 92.42% - 2 Late Marks!
- Year 4 - 96.08% - 1 Late Marks
- Year 5 - 95.46% - 2 Late Marks!
- Year 6 - 93.88%

As you are aware at the end of every half term & term we are obliged by the Department of Education to share your child/rens attendance with you via standard letters. If your child's attendance falls below 95% (expected level) or is at 90% or below (Persistent Absentee) you will receive an additional letter that will highlight a specific concern according to the Department of Education's guidelines. Please know that, as a school, we are here to support you with your child's attendance so please do contact us if we can assist you in any way. We do understand children become ill or may have barriers that affect their attendance. However, if we have significant concerns as a school surrounding your child's attendance, we will contact you directly at any point within the term.



### 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!**



## Reception CAP Multiskills Tournament

On Wednesday, Reception went to Highworth School to take part in a Multiskills tournament with some other local schools! They had a fantastic time taking part in activities involving high jump, dribbling, basketball and teamwork with pouring water! The children were fantastic and gave everything a go, we were so proud!

Mrs Watson



## Have Your Say: The Big Future Survey

We are pleased to share an important opportunity for children and young people to have their voices heard through 'The Big Future' survey, launched by the Children's Commissioner for England.

This nationwide survey aims to gather the views of children and young people (aged 0-18) about their lives, their communities, and their hopes for the future. It builds on previous surveys that have already helped shape decisions affecting young people across the country.

Children are being asked about:

- What matters most to them
- Changes they would like to see in their communities
- Their hopes and concerns for the future
- What a good childhood looks like today

The responses will be used to represent children's views at the highest levels and help influence future decisions.

👉 Take part in the survey here:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

We encourage all families to support their children in completing the survey before the deadline of Friday 23 October.

By taking part, our school community can help ensure that children's voices are heard and contribute to shaping a better future for all.

## Wycombe High School Community Carnival

We're delighted to share that Wycombe High School is celebrating its 125th anniversary with a special Community Carnival on Saturday 20 June 2026 - families from our school are warmly invited to join the celebrations!

This free, family-friendly event will be a fun-filled day with something for everyone, including:

- Live performances
- Interactive activities and workshops
- Delicious food stalls
- A vibrant, festival atmosphere

The carnival is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the strong links between Wycombe High School, local primary schools, and the wider community.

📅 Tickets are free, but must be booked in advance via Eventbrite to help organisers manage numbers and ensure a safe and enjoyable day for all.

👉 Book your tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/whs-community-carnival-tickets-1987395545576>

We hope many of our Widmer families will be able to attend and enjoy this special community celebration!

## Meet Our New Parent Governor!



Jen Richards

I am really excited to have been elected as a Parent Governor, and to get the opportunity to be part of such a special school community. Having seen first hand the commitment of the staff team, I hope that the skills and insight I have acquired through a long career in Human Resources will enable me to make valuable contributions and suggestions that lead to great outcomes for staff and the children.

I have one son at Widmer End; in my spare time I enjoy yoga, walking in the countryside, and I'm currently completing an apprenticeship to become an Executive Coach.



## Spotlight On SEND!

### Targeted Provision

If your child has a targeted provision set out for them within a SEN Support Plan, class teachers are currently reviewing these and will be sharing them alongside an invitation to meet to discuss the next cycle of SEN support after half term.

You can access a copy of all plans and reviews by logging on to the parent account you have set up on Provision Map.

<https://edukeyapp.com/parent/login>

*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**

## Free Music Fun This Half Term!

Looking for something fun and creative to do this May half term? Why not visit the Sound Shop in High Wycombe, where Chiltern Music Academy (CMA) is running FREE pop-up music workshops and instrument taster sessions in the Corn Market!

This is a fantastic opportunity for children to explore different instruments, try something new, and enjoy making music in a fun, relaxed environment.

🎵 Highlights include:

- Free hands-on music workshops and instrument tasters
- Pop-up performances at 1pm outside Boots in the Eden Centre (Saturday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday)
- A fun CMA / Eden trail with the chance to win a free Autumn term at CMA

👉 Find out what's on and book your place [HERE](#). Don't miss this exciting opportunity to get involved in music this half term!

## Mental Health Assembly

Last week, our school came together to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week with a fantastic assembly led by our brilliant Year 5 Peer Mentors.

The assembly was interactive and engaging, with both children and teachers joining in enthusiastically. Everyone took part in fun exercises designed to get the endorphins flowing and promote positive wellbeing. There was also a lively feelings game, where participants were given different emotions and challenged to show the matching facial expressions. This created lots of laughter and smiles throughout the hall!

The children also produced some brilliant 'Widmer Wellbeing' puzzle pieces, sharing the different things they do to help look after their mental health. We had some wonderful suggestions including taking part in sports, enjoying favourite foods, cuddling pets and spending time outdoors enjoying nature.

Our Peer Mentors meet weekly at lunchtime and are always available to offer help and support to any child in school who may have a worry or problem they would like to talk about. They are such a kind, thoughtful and caring group of children, and we are incredibly proud of the positive difference they make across the school. Having them there to support others is a real asset to our school community.





## PTA Summer Event


We're excited to invite all our families to one of the highlights of the school year - the Summer Fayre! This much-loved event is the perfect way to celebrate the summer & enjoy a fun-filled day with friends and family.

 **Date: Saturday 27th June**


 **Time: 11:00am - 3:00pm**

 **Location: Widmer End School**

There's something for everyone to enjoy! Children can bounce away on the bouncy castle, tackle the inflatable assault course, and test their skills in the exciting ninja scramble. Don't miss the ever-popular "Gunge the Staff" - always guaranteed to raise lots of laughs!

 Entry is free for children, and just £1.50 per adult, making it an affordable way to enjoy a fantastic day together.

To make the most of the day, families can book Games Passports and food in advance [HERE](#). All funds raised will support our school, helping to provide enriching experiences and resources for our children.

We can't wait to see you there for an afternoon full of fun, laughter, and community spirit! 

## Student Shout Out!

On Sunday 10th May I won the Penn and Tylers Green U10s Players' Player of the Season award. This is an award that all of the players vote for. This year it was a really close vote as the team played super well together. The award could have gone to absolutely anyone. Everyone who participated did well and did their job, and everyone was a standout and the coaches agreed with me. I won the award by one vote, and I had a feeling I would win it. I feel happy and proud, and I am looking forward to playing next season. - Tom (Year 5)



Otto won a very prestigious award at Holmer Green Football Club, Manager's Player of the Season!

What a fantastic achievement, Otto.

Darcie gained a huge haul of awards at her recent dance competition! What a talented bunch of children we have.




## Picnic on the Pitch at Adams Park


Looking for something fun to do this half term? Wycombe Wanderers Football Club is hosting its first ever "Picnic on the Pitch" this Bank Holiday Monday; a fantastic family day out!

Join them at Adams Park from 12-4pm for a unique opportunity to relax right on the pitch and enjoy a variety of activities, including:

- Family entertainment throughout the afternoon
- Children's activities (including a bouncy castle, weather permitting)
- Outdoor games and local stalls
- Food and drink available to purchase
- Big screen entertainment

Families are welcome to bring their own picnic or enjoy the food on offer at the stadium.

 Tickets cost £5 per person

 Book here: <https://tickets.wafc.com/Stadium?eventId=15270>

Bring your blankets, gather your family and friends, and enjoy a special afternoon at the home of Wycombe Wanderers!



Please note: Stadium tours are now sold out.

## Year 2 Athletics Tournament



Well done, Year 2 on a fantastic effort in the HGSS athletics fun tournament! The whole class joined in and Mrs Bejan said it was a brilliant afternoon!

Thank you to our last minute volunteers, due to the new DBS regulations.



## Our 'Enormous Crocodile' Walk

This morning, our school community came together for a wonderful 'Enormous Crocodile' walk - and what a fantastic start to the day it was!

Children, staff and volunteers met at the Church of the Good Shepherd and made their way together to Widmer End School, forming a cheerful "crocodile" as they walked. Spirits were high, with plenty of smiles, chatter, and excitement along the route.

On arrival at school, everyone was warmly welcomed by a very special guest - the Bucks Bear, who was a big hit with the children! To top it all off, our amazing PTA volunteers were on hand serving croissants and squash, giving everyone a well-earned treat after their walk.

Events like this are a great reminder of how enjoyable and beneficial active travel can be. We strongly encourage all families, where possible, to walk, cycle, or scoot to school. Not only is it a great way to start the day feeling energised, but it also helps reduce traffic and supports a healthier environment.

For those who do need to drive, we kindly ask that you park a little further away and walk part of the journey - every small step makes a big difference!

We're also thrilled that some of our children were featured in the 'Bear Cubs' section on Bucks Radio, sharing their experiences from the walk. You can listen to the station here [👉 Bucks Radio](#).

A big thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the morning such a success. We look forward to many more active, fun-filled events like this! 🚶 🚲 🛴





## Netball Results



What a brilliant set of 'finals' for the school netball teams! Our mixed team came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Wycombe are over-all, our girls team came 1<sup>st</sup> after a nail-biting 'golden goal' moment! Well done to these fantastic netball-mad children, hopefully you've inspired us all to take up this brilliant team sport!

Mrs Weaver

## 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 continued to learn about our inspirational person, Maya Angelou. They learnt about her life as an adult - how she was a singer, dancer and then a writer. Children heard about her friendship with Martin Luther King, and how he inspired her on her mission to promote equal rights for people in America. Maya then wrote about her life's work in a book that became famous. It was called: 'I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings'. Mrs Marshall told the children that Maya was given special awards from an American president called Barack Obama and was asked to perform a poem at another president, Bill Clinton's, inauguration. She gave respect and earned respect in her life which is what we encourage the children to do here at Widmer End.

## Maths Workshop Fun!



On Thursday this week, we were delighted to welcome The Problem Solving Company into school to celebrate National Numeracy Day with a range of fun and engaging maths activities for the children. Each class thoroughly enjoyed the exciting challenges set before them, working collaboratively in teams to solve a variety of problems. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, perseverance, and excellent teamwork on display throughout the day - well done to all involved!

To mark National Numeracy Day on Wednesday, teachers planned a range of exciting mathematical activities across the school to inspire our young mathematicians. We kicked off the day with our annual Maths Assembly, where two children from each house in Years 5 and 6 competed against one another to answer maths questions as quickly as possible. A big thank you to James and Luke (water), Poppy and Bethany (Earth), Cassie and Evan (Air), and Freddie and Florence (Fire) for participating in this year's competition! Congratulations to Water House for being crowned this year's winning house! Throughout the day, children also enjoyed a variety of engaging activities, including escape rooms, carousel activities, probability games, and much more. It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm, teamwork, and problem-solving on display!

Miss Weston



## Healthy Family-Friendly Meal Ideas

After a busy school day, having a few quick, healthy meal ideas can make evenings much easier for families 🕒 ✨ Meals don't need to be complicated to be nutritious and child-friendly!

### Easy Family Meal Ideas

- 🍝 Pasta with tomato sauce and hidden vegetables
- 🥔 Baked potatoes with beans and cheese
- 🍗 Simple chicken wraps with salad
- 🍳 Scrambled eggs on wholegrain toast
- 🍚 Rice with mixed vegetables and beans or chicken

### Make It Healthier

- 🌈 Add extra vegetables where you can (grated or finely chopped works well!)
- 🌾 Choose wholegrain options for longer-lasting energy
- 💧 Keep added salt and sugar low

💡 Tip: Try to eat together as a family when possible; children are more likely to try new foods when they see others enjoying them 😊

## Year 4 Forest School

Year 4 used their maths skills during Forest School this week! Measuring, collecting and weighing natural elements. We are so lucky to have this fantastic provision for all pupils to take part in.



## Pre-School Updates

Over the last 2 weeks, we have been learning about Under the Sea.

We have had so much fun using our fine motor skills to make some fantastic crafts such as sea-snails, octopus and fish. We used various media to create these.

Having sea creatures in the water was lots of fun, making them splash around and swim from one end of the water tray to the other!

We have also used our turn taking and sharing skills whilst digging in our garden area. The children (and staff!) have been busy weeding & planting some tomato plants and wild flower seeds. We are so excited to watch these grow.

As supplies are running low, we would really appreciate any donations of boxed tissues and glue sticks.

We hope you all have a lovely half term. It finally looks like we are going to have some sunny, warm weather.

As always, we look forward to hearing about your holiday adventures when we re-open on Tuesday 2nd June.

*Deborah & Tamsin*



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