

Widmer End Community Combined School & Pre-School Newsletter

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Dear Widmer End families,

Our school calendar is packed full of wonderful opportunities for children across all year groups for the rest of this term. From sporting events and sharing assemblies to nursery visits and much more, there has been a real buzz around school. It has been fantastic to see our pupils embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm and confidence.

I was particularly proud of the children who represented the school at last week's football tournament. They played with great pride, determination and outstanding sportsmanship throughout the day, demonstrating our school values both on and off the pitch. We were also very fortunate with the weather, as the rain kindly held off and allowed the event to take place in perfect conditions. I know this wasn't the case for the children who were back at the event on the weekend! With many more sporting events planned over the coming weeks, there is certainly plenty for our children to look forward to, and I know they will thoroughly enjoy taking part.

We were also treated to an incredible Year 5 sharing assembly which brought smiles to faces across the whole school. I was lucky enough to enjoy some personal renditions of Lulu and Elvis songs before the performance and knew immediately that the assembly was going to be a huge success. The children delivered their presentation with confidence, humour and energy, and they should be extremely proud of themselves.

As we move towards the end of the term, excitement is beginning to build for Sports Day. This is always a highlight of the school year and we are all hoping that the weather is kind to us so that the children can enjoy a fantastic day of fun, competition and teamwork.

Finally, I would like to remind families that our annual staff recognition is now open. This is a wonderful opportunity to nominate a member of staff who you feel consistently goes above and beyond, or simply someone who deserves to know what a fantastic job they are doing. The messages we receive from parents and carers mean so much to our staff team. Education can be incredibly rewarding, but it can also be challenging, and taking the time to share your appreciation genuinely makes a difference to morale and how we feel in the building. Knowing that our efforts are positively impacting your children's lives is one of the greatest compliments we can receive, and your kind words are always greatly appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

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

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 16th June

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

Wednesday 17th June

- CofE Church Assembly

Thursday 18th June

- AIM High Writers Day
- Year 6 Chess Tournament

Friday 19th June

- Sports Day!

Monday 22nd June

- Year 6 Residential to Devon (5 Days)

Tuesday 23rd June

- Year 5/6 Cricket at Tylers Green Cricket Ground

Wednesday 24th June

- Parent Forum 9am
- Reception Trip to NHM Tring
- Year 5 Woodrow Meeting 5pm

Saturday 27th June

- PTA Summer Event - Book Passports HERE!

Wednesday 1st July

- Year 5 Residential to Woodrow (3 Days)

Friday 3rd July

- PTA Hot Dog Day - Book HERE
- Reception Sharing Assembly - 9am

Monday 6th July

- Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle

Tuesday 7th July

- Transition Day

Thursday 9th July

- Year 2 Multisports Tournament at Manor Farm



Awards This Week

Shining Star



Oliver



James

Merit Awards



- Year R - Lyra, Freddie, Rory & Betsy
- Year 1 - Alfie, Ayana, The Whole Class!
- Year 2 - Rosalie, Henry A, Isaac & Emily
- Year 3 - Tabitha, Deen, Maisie & Jack
- Year 4 - Sarbani, Noah, Alice & William
- Year 5 - Jamie, Lara, Madison & Minnie
- Year 6 - Monty, Alf, Rupert & Oscar

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

House Winners



This week's winners of extra play time are FIRE! 

Year 5 Sharing Assembly



The Year 5 assembly was truly amazing and full of smiles, joy, laughter, singing, and fun from beginning to end! The children did an excellent job of performing their raps with confidence and enthusiasm, keeping everyone entertained throughout. A rather slow yet absolutely hilarious volcano experiment brought plenty of laughter, while the wonderful artwork and excellent writing on display showcased the children's creativity and hard work. To top it all off, the fantastic rock and roll singing (and dancing!) had everyone smiling and celebrating the incredible effort the children put into such a memorable performance. Well done, Year 5! - Miss Weston

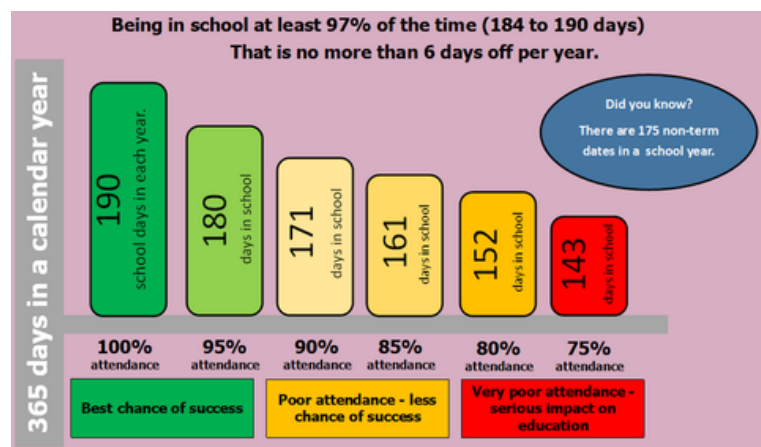
Attendance

School average this academic year

95.8%

The last fortnight:

- Reception - 96.7% - 5 Late Marks!
- Year 1 - 93.43% - 3 Late Marks!
- Year 2 - 92.5 - 4 Late Marks!
- Year 3 - 94.96% - 3 Late Marks!
- Year 4 - 98.46% - 4 Late Marks!
- Year 5 - 97.93% - 2 Late Marks!
- Year 6 - 97.14% - 1 Late Mark!



Every Minute Counts!

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

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| 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!

Staff Recognition

We like to recognise pupils' achievements every day and we take pride in how our reward systems and Merit Certificates encourage and give confidence to our pupils.

We would also like to hear praise and to give you, our families, the opportunity to recognise staff members who you feel go the extra mile, and are the unsung heroes of our education system. They work tirelessly to teach and support your children in every avenue of their school lives.

If you have a member of staff in mind, please use the link [HERE](#) to thank or show your appreciation to a specific member of staff if you feel it is merited. You can complete as many nominations as you wish.



PTA Summer Event

☀️ The Countdown is On - Don't Miss Our Summer Fayre!

Our much-anticipated Widmer End School Summer Fayre is just around the corner, and excitement is building! Join us on **Saturday 27th June, 11:00am-3:00pm**, for a fantastic afternoon of fun, laughter, and community spirit at Widmer End School.

There's something for everyone to enjoy! Children can look forward to the bouncy castle, inflatable assault course, and the ever-popular ninja scramble. Be sure not to miss the hilarious 'Gunge the Staff' - always a crowd favourite!

You'll also find a great selection of games stalls, plus tombolas and raffles with brilliant prizes up for grabs. And of course, no summer fayre would be complete without delicious treats - from the ice cream van to tasty food options and a bar for adults.

📌 Entry is free for children and just £1.50 per adult, so bring along family and friends for a great-value day out.

To help you make the most of the day, you can book Games Passports and food in advance here:

www.pta-events.co.uk/widmerend

Every penny raised goes towards supporting our school and enhancing opportunities for all our children.

We can't wait to welcome you all for what promises to be a truly memorable day. Let's make this year's Summer Fayre the best one yet!

Parent Forum

Our termly parent forum is the **24th June, at 9am**. Please do come along for a cuppa with Mrs Hillier, ask questions and discuss items that are important to your child's experience at Widmer End School.

The forum has always been insightful and we welcome feedback and suggestions. We have been given ideas about how to communicate with parents more often, how to improve children's lunchtime and breaktime experiences and a brilliant suggestion to create an Amazon wishlist, which we started shortly after!

See you soon!



Breakfast Matters

Breakfast is a great way to start the day! 🌞 It helps children feel energised, improves concentration, and gets them ready for a busy morning at school 📚🌟

Even something small is better than nothing - it all helps!

Quick & Healthy Breakfast Ideas

- 🥣 Wholegrain cereal with milk and fruit
- 🍞 Toast with peanut butter or jam (if allowed)
- 🍌 Banana or other fruit on the go
- 🥛 Yogurt with a sprinkle of granola
- 🍳 Scrambled eggs on toast

Busy Morning Tips

- 🕒 Keep it simple – quick options work just fine
- 📦 Prep the night before (e.g. overnight oats)
- 🚶 Grab-and-go options like fruit or yogurt drinks

💡 Tip: Children who eat breakfast are more likely to stay focused and feel ready to learn 😊

A good breakfast helps set children up for a successful school day! 🌟🍴

Getting to Know Our New Starters

We are delighted to share that Mrs Hillier and our Early Years Lead, Mrs Watson, have now completed all nursery and home visits for our September Reception intake.

These visits are such an important part of beginning each child's school journey. They provide a wonderful opportunity to get to know our new starters in a setting where they feel most comfortable, helping to build those first positive relationships between home and school. It also allows us to learn more about each child's interests, personalities, and needs, ensuring we can support them in the very best way from their very first day.

Mrs Hillier and Mrs Watson were thrilled to see how happy, confident, and welcoming the children were during these visits. It has been a real pleasure to meet so many enthusiastic young learners, all ready to take their next big step. We are incredibly excited to welcome them into our school community and cannot wait to see them begin their Widmer End journey in September. We know they will settle in beautifully and look forward to a fantastic year ahead.





Spotlight On SEND!

Looking for practical advice and expert support? [The Witherslack Group](#) has a fantastic library of free pre-recorded webinars covering topics including autism, ADHD, anxiety, mental health, communication, and some great top tips for parenting a child with SEND needs. I have watched a few webinars recently, learning more in particular, about ADHD and masking.

I would be very interested to hear from anyone wanting to share feedback on a webinar they have found especially helpful.

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.

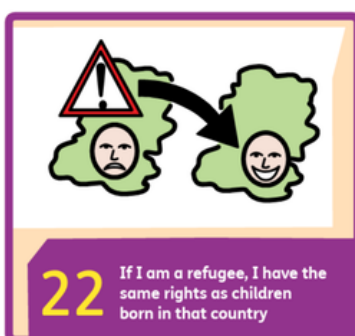
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Right of the Month

June's 'Right of the Month' is Article 22: If I am a refugee, I have the same rights as children born in that country.

The 15th to 21st June is World Refugee Week, World Refugee Day is celebrated on the 20th June. The theme this year is 'Courage', recognising the immense courage it takes every day for a refugee who has had to flee their home. Supporting this is Empathy Day, encouraging us to see things from others' perspectives.

Other important celebrations include Pride Month, Windrush Day, World Oceans Day, World Food Safety Day and World Wellbeing Week.



Value Of The Term

KINDNESS



"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world."

In our Values assemblies, children were introduced to our final value of the year: kindness. Mrs Marshall introduced our new inspirational figure, Desmond Tutu. She explained how Desmond grew up in the time of Apartheid in South Africa, and she explained how Desmond became a teacher but gave this up as he disagreed with the building of new schools to segregate the children. Newly ordained as a priest, Desmond stood up for what he believed in - equal rights for all people in South Africa - and showed his kindness to others by protesting against the rules, even though it led to his imprisonment. Children reflected on how they could show their kindness by helping others, standing up for them and doing what is right.

Exciting New Maths Club!

Professor Poopenshtinken and his friends will be coming to Widmer End to introduce a brand new after school club, designed to show your children just how much fun can be had with numbers!

This fantastic after school club on Fridays will help to boost your child's engagement and enjoyment in maths through really fun and challenging games, tricks and activities. This isn't your standard maths lesson, this is a vibrant and exciting club where your child is guaranteed to have lots of fun!

More information can be found [HERE](#) and on the attached flyer. Classes will have a quick maths workshop each next week, from the great Professor himself!





Student Shout Out!



The lovely Florence has been busy at knitting club and finally finished her cuddly creature. Florence has come a long way in Mrs Bravington's club, learning this fantastic life skill. What a fantastic achievement, Florence!

Charlie has attained his level 8 British Gymnastics Trampoline Award. He had to work hard for this, having to complete a range of elements including turntables and forward flips and a routine combining multiple moves in succession. That sounds dizzying to us, well done Charlie!



Year 6 Swimming Assessments

Yesterday, our Year 6 pupils took part in their final swimming assessments, marking an important milestone as they approach the end of their primary school journey.

Swimming and water safety form a statutory part of the National Curriculum for Physical Education. By the end of Key Stage 2, all pupils are expected to meet key requirements: to swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres, use a range of strokes effectively, and demonstrate safe self-rescue skills in the water. These assessments allow us to confirm how well pupils are meeting these important life skills before they move on to secondary school.

We were incredibly proud of how our Year 6 children approached their assessments. They showed determination, resilience and a positive attitude throughout, with many demonstrating great confidence and technique in the water.

Learning to swim is not only a key curriculum requirement but an essential life skill that helps keep children safe while enjoying water-based activities. These final assessments provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate progress and identify any next steps for continued development. Well done to all of our Year 6 pupils - we are very proud of your achievements!

Pre-School Updates

We were very excited after Half-Term to find that the postman had brought a parcel for Pre-School!

When we opened it, we found some tiny caterpillars in a pot. Inside the pot, there is some food for the caterpillars to eat and to help them grow fatter, and fatter.

They have grown so much in a week. We are very excited to watch as they grow bigger and hopefully turn into beautiful butterflies.

If you haven't guessed, we have been looking at life cycles. How a caterpillar grows into a butterfly, how frogspawn grows into a frog and how a baby grows into a grown up.

The children have made some lovely art work for life cycles. I think their favourite was butterfly painting. Can you remember how we did our butterfly painting?

The children are also very excited to watch our garden grow. We have some strawberries and tomatoes growing and can't wait until they are fully grown and we can pick them.

Have a lovely weekend.

Deborah & Tamsin



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Remember, Our Amazon Wishlist is [HERE!](#)



Marlow Football Tournament



What fun we had at the Marlow football tournament, last Friday! We decided to enter teams in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, including a girls' team!

Our Year 6 girls didn't win any matches, but they had a brilliant time and improved throughout the day. I think their favourite part was supporting the Year 6 boys!

Our Year 6 boys reached 2nd place over-all, not conceding any goals throughout their matches. This is a brilliant end to their Widmer End School football journey.

The Year 5 boys worked hard throughout, against some tough opposition. Trials for our school team will start next year and this gave them a great example of school football being different to club-level.

Year 4, what can I say? Their enthusiasm and spirit never waned. It was a long day with lots of matches for their little legs and they kept going through to the end, never giving up. I think they are looking forward to trialling for the school development team in September.

Finally, our fantastic Year 3 team came 3rd in their section! They had a brilliant attitude, were supportive and kind to their peers and other teams and represented our school beautifully.

Thank you to all our awesome coaches and team leaders, staff and children for making this event a good experience that we would like to repeat.

Mrs Weaver

School Summer Fair - Exciting Prize Draw!

We are delighted to announce that this year's School Summer Fair's Prize Draw is bigger and better than ever!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of local businesses and supporters, we have an amazing range of prizes on offer for families and friends to enjoy. There really is something for everyone, from family experiences and dining treats to pampering sessions and fun activities for children.

Some of the fantastic prizes include:

- £50 vouchers for 4Fun Group hire – perfect for parties with bouncy castles, hot tubs, silent discos and more
- A 2-night B&B stay at a De Vere Group hotel
- A delicious 2-course meal for two at The Full Moon, Little Kingshill
- Family photography experiences from Pumpkins & Pixies
- Swimming lessons at Ducks 2 Water
- A family day out at Woburn Safari Park
- Gift vouchers for local favourites including Atrium Café, The Polecat, Shelley & Millies, and The Entertainer
- A fun pottery painting session at Prestwood Creative Hub
- A day ticket for 2 at Hobbledown Heath
- A Clip 'n Climb voucher

And many more exciting prizes still to come!

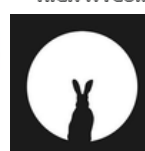
Whether you're looking for a special treat, a family day out, or the chance to win something unique, this prize draw is not to be missed.

Get involved!

Tickets are available now - don't miss your chance to win while supporting the school. Visit: www.pta-events.co.uk/widmerend to purchase yours.

All proceeds go towards supporting Widmer End School and enhancing opportunities for our children.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to seeing you at the Summer Fair! ☀️





Rugby Opportunities at HW Rugby Club

We are pleased to share two fantastic opportunities for pupils to get active, try something new and build confidence this summer with High Wycombe Rugby Club.

Girls' Summer Rugby Taster Sessions (Years 4, 5 & 6)

High Wycombe Rugby Club, one of the fastest-growing girls' rugby sections in Buckinghamshire, is offering FREE rugby taster sessions throughout the summer. These fun and inclusive sessions are led by fully RFU-qualified coaches and are open to all abilities - no previous experience is needed.

Sessions take place every **Wednesday** at **6:00pm**, providing a great opportunity for girls to:

- Make new friends
- Stay active and healthy
- Build confidence and resilience
- Learn new skills in a supportive team environment

There will also be a special Activity Day on Saturday 22nd August.

Boys' Summer Rugby Training (Year 6)

Year 6 boys are also invited to take part in FREE rugby training sessions over the summer holidays, designed to help them get a head start before beginning secondary school.

Training sessions run every **Tuesday** at **7:00pm**, from the start of June through to the beginning of September, when the new season begins. This is a fantastic way for pupils to develop skills, gain confidence and ease the transition into secondary school sport.

How to Get Involved

Families can register their interest online, contact the club via email, or simply turn up on the day. Further details are available via the club's registration links or by emailing: youth.vicechair@hwrufc.com

We encourage families to take advantage of these wonderful opportunities for children to stay active, have fun and be part of a welcoming local sports community this summer.



**HIGH WYCOMBE
RUGBY CLUB**

Year 2 Music Lessons!

Did you know that we provide peripatetic music lessons as part of our curriculum? Year 2 have been learning to keep to a rhythm during their African Drumming classes this term. Our fantastic teachers at Bucks Music Trust have been engaging and ensured our children all take part.



Year 4 Create Dinner From Scratch

Our forest school provision just gets better and better! This week, Year 4 MADE pasta from scratch, they also made a delicious tomato-based sauce to add to it and cooked them all over the camp fire. Mrs Bejan said that it was delicious and the children ate every morsel! Along with building a shelter, starting the fire itself and foraging, we know which children we'd like to have with us if we were stranded in the woods!



Year 1 Science Oxford Centre

Year 1 had a fantastic time at the Science Oxford Centre. they started the day with a Woodland Walk where they got to find out about different animal habitats, do a bug hunt and dress up as bees to pollinate plants using ping pong balls! They then spent some time in the Exploration Zone which caused so much excitement. trying to create paper planes to fly on a wind machine, sending balls and scarfs through tubes and experimenting with different science challenges. We finished the day with a Wow to Wonder show. they learnt about different animals and got to see a plastic bag explode! Each and every one of them had an amazing day and the centre staff commented at how well behaved the class was.



Miss Davis