

Widmer End Community Combined School & Pre-School Newsletter

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Dear Widmer End Families,

What a wonderful and strange couple of weeks it has been at Widmer End! Thank you to everyone for your kindness and support these past few days. It has been difficult to navigate at times but I believe the right decisions were made and everyone was kept safe which was the most important thing.

Our Sports Day was a tremendous success, and I would like to extend a huge thank you to Mrs Watson for organising such a brilliant event. Her hard work, enthusiasm and careful planning ensured that the day ran smoothly and provided a fantastic experience for everyone involved. It was a joy to see the children having such a great day. From the first race to the last, there were smiles, cheers and plenty of encouragement. Our school values of Unity, Courage and Kindness truly shone through. Children supported one another, showed bravery in trying their best and celebrated each other's achievements with genuine kindness and respect.

We were also delighted that our Year 6 children were able to enjoy a wonderful week in Devon. Despite the sweltering temperatures, they had an incredible time, taking part in a range of exciting activities, developing their independence and creating lasting memories with their friends as they prepare for the next stage of their educational journey. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Oxby, Mrs Bravington and Mrs Weaver for giving up their time to support the visit and enable the trip to go ahead. Their care, commitment and enthusiasm helped ensure that the children had such a positive and memorable experience.

Despite the heat, we were pleased to continue with some of our Reception Stay and Play sessions to support our new families and our youngest children's transition into school. These sessions are always incredibly beneficial and play an important role in helping children make a positive start to their journey at Widmer End. It has been lovely to begin welcoming our newest members of the school community.

I would like to thank you for the Staff Achievement Certificates that have been sent in recently. They have brought smiles to many staff faces and have been greatly appreciated by the team. It means a great deal to know that our efforts are recognised and valued by our school community and receiving recognition does really boost everyone.

In addition, I would also like to thank you for your continued support of our Amazon Wishlist. Whilst you may not always receive a personal thank you, please be assured that every contribution is very much appreciated. These donations are making a real difference to your children's education by enhancing the teaching resources available within the school and supporting learning across all year groups. We are extremely grateful for your generosity.

Finally, we are very much looking forward to welcoming families to our Summer Fayre on Saturday. Events such as these not only bring our community together but also have a direct impact on the school by raising much-needed funds that help us continue to improve opportunities and resources for our children. Even if you can only pop in for a short while, every visit and every contribution helps, and your support is always greatly appreciated. The temperature looks to have dropped a little by then and will hopefully be more bearable!

Have a lovely weekend, everyone.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 27th June

- PTA Summer Event

Tuesday 30th June

- Extra Rocksteady Lesson

Wednesday 1st July

- Year 5 Residential to Woodrow (3 Days)
- Year 6 Friendly Netball Match vs Cedar Park HOME

Friday 3rd July

- PTA Hot Dog Day - Book [HERE](#)
- Reception Sharing Assembly - 9am
- Year 1 26/27 Meet The Teacher 2:30-3pm

Monday 6th July

- Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle

Tuesday 7th July

- Transition Day

Thursday 9th July

- Year 2 Multisports Tournament at Manor Farm
- Samurai Kickboxing Sessions

Friday 10th July

- 1:30pm Year 6 Performance Rehearsal (grandparents invited)

Monday 13th July

- Year 6 Leavers' Performance 5:30pm

Tuesday 14th July

- Year 3 Trip to the London Science Museum

Thursday 16th July

- Breck Foundation Workshops Years 5 & 6

Friday 17th July

- PTA Happy Bags
- Pre-School End Of Year Celebration & Picnic



Awards Last Week (None This Week!)

Shining Star



Imogen

Merit Awards



- Year R - Jessica & Daniel
- Year 1 - Thea & Leo
- Year 2 - Tamanna & Darcey
- Year 3 - Elsie & James
- Year 4 - Reuben & Lizzy
- Year 5 - Dylan & Eva
- Year 6 - Ibrahim & Aiza

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

House Winners



No house point winners this week as Year 6 are away!

Staff Recognition

Celebrating our pupils' achievements is at the heart of what we do, and we are always proud to see their efforts recognised through our reward systems and Merit Certificates. These moments help to build confidence and inspire them to keep striving for their best.

We also know that behind every success are dedicated staff who go above and beyond each day. We would love to invite you, our families, to help us shine a light on those individuals who make a real difference. Whether it's a kind gesture, extra support, or unwavering commitment, these contributions mean so much to our school community.

Our staff recognition portal remains open, so if someone has made a positive impact on your child's experience, please take a moment to share your appreciation using the link [HERE](#). You are very welcome to submit more than one nomination.

THANK YOU!

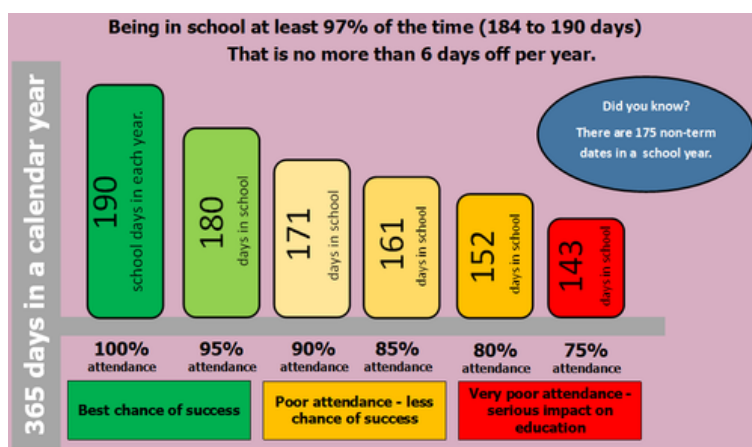
Attendance

School average this academic year

95.8%

The last fortnight:

- Reception - 92.86%
- Year 1 - 98.33% - 2 Late Marks!
- Year 2 - 94.19 - 5 Late Marks!
- Year 3 - 91.59% - 2 Late Marks!
- Year 4 - 96.51% - 3 Late Marks!
- Year 5 - 97.82%
- Year 6 - 98.79%



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!



One of our fantastic sports day races



PTA Summer Event - Tomorrow!

The countdown is on... our Widmer End School Summer Fayre is happening tomorrow, and we can't wait to welcome you all for an afternoon packed with fun, laughter and community spirit!

There will be something for everyone to enjoy, including exciting games, delicious food and drink, fantastic stalls, and of course our amazing prize draw with some incredible prizes up for grabs. It's a wonderful opportunity for families and friends to come together and celebrate the end of term.

We are incredibly grateful for all the support we've received so far - but we still need a few extra helping hands to make the day run smoothly. If you are able to spare even a short amount of time, please contact your class rep to sign up for a volunteer slot. Every little bit of help really does make a big difference!

Whether you're helping out, running a stall, or simply coming along to enjoy the festivities, we're looking forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Let's make this year's Summer Fayre the best one yet! 🌞

Breakfast Matters

Eating a variety of colourful foods helps children get all the vitamins and nutrients they need to grow, stay healthy, and feel their best 🍌✨ Plus, colourful meals are much more fun!

What Does "Eat the Rainbow" Mean?

- ❤️ Red – tomatoes, strawberries
- 🍊 Orange – carrots, peppers
- 🍌 Yellow – sweetcorn, bananas
- 🥒 Green – cucumber, peas
- 🍇 Purple – grapes, blueberries

Easy Colourful Ideas

- 🌈 Mix different fruits into a bright fruit salad
- 🥕 Add a variety of veggie sticks to lunchboxes
- 🥪 Fill wraps with colourful salad ingredients
- 🍓 Top yogurt with mixed berries
- 💡 Tip: Challenge children to eat 3 different colours each day - or even all 5! 🎯

Eating a rainbow isn't just healthy - it makes lunchtime more exciting too! 🌞🥗

Samurai Kickboxing Sessions

We are excited to share that it will be Sports Week in school soon, with a range of fun, active and engaging opportunities planned for all children throughout the week. This will be a fantastic chance for pupils to enjoy being active, try new activities and celebrate the importance of physical wellbeing.

As part of Sports Week, we are delighted to welcome Samurai Kickboxing to our school on **Thursday 9th July**, where they will be delivering exciting kickboxing workshops for children in Reception to Year 5.

Samurai Kickboxing run a wide range of in-school sessions across the UK, helping children develop not only their physical fitness but also important life skills such as confidence, resilience, focus and discipline. Their sessions are designed to be safe, inclusive and enjoyable for all abilities, with experienced and fully qualified instructors. In addition to the workshops, Samurai Kickboxing also run a weekly breakfast club at our school **every Tuesday from 7:45–8:45am**. This is a fantastic way for children to start the day feeling energised, focused and ready to learn, while taking part in fun physical activity with their friends. It's a great opportunity to build healthy habits, improve fitness and boost confidence before the school day begins.

During the workshop day, children will have the opportunity to take part in activities that promote coordination, balance and teamwork, while learning basic kickboxing techniques in a supportive environment.

Important reminder for parents and carers:

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on this day, as they will be taking part in physical activities throughout their session.

We are looking forward to an exciting and active week!



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



Spotlight On SEND!

If your child has targeted provision outlined in a SEN Support Plan, you can now view both their current plan and any review documents on Provision Map. To access these, simply log in to your parent account at: <https://edukeyapp.com/parent>

As part of this review cycle, we are also introducing a new opportunity for parents and carers to contribute a short comment. Your comment will be visible to all staff involved in supporting your child, as well as any parents/carers who have access to view the plan.

We encourage you to work in partnership with us by sharing positive feedback, celebrating achievements, or highlighting anything you feel would help us continue to support your child effectively.

Mrs Ross-Wood

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

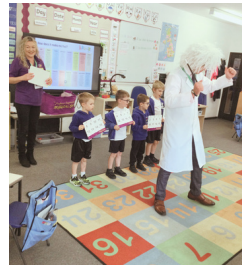
SEND Support Phone Line

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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Maths Clubs Taster Sessions



Years R-5 thoroughly enjoyed their maths sessions last week, with our new Professor Poopenshtinken. All teachers were enamoured with how the sessions were a fantastic and engaging experience for the children and were looking forward to the club starting in September.

If your child loved the taster and would like to enrol, please visit the website [HERE](#) to sign up, to either the KS1 or KS2 clubs.

Value Of The Term

KINDNESS



"What we call the lowest and highest in nature are both equally perfect."

In our Values assembly this week, children were introduced to our new inspirational figure, Beatrix Potter. Mrs Marshall explained how Beatrix was born in the 1800s and lived a lonely childhood. She spent lots of time with her pets as a result, and, alongside her family holidays to the Lake District, became inspired to write stories about animal characters in the countryside - her most famous being Peter Rabbit. Children learnt that Beatrix loved nature and wanted to protect it as much as she could, so she started buying land in the Lakes to protect. This act of kindness to our world was also the theme for the children's citizenship target this week. They talked about ways that they could look after our planet for future generations to come. Why not ask them what they came up with?



More snaps from sports day!



Summer Reading Challenge Ready, Set, Read!

We are delighted to support this year's Summer Reading Challenge, running from 4th July to 12th September in partnership with local libraries. The challenge encourages children to read six books over the summer holidays, helping to maintain reading skills while school is out. For each book, children will receive rewards such as stickers, and those who finish will earn a certificate or medal.

There will also be free activities across Buckinghamshire Libraries. At Hazlemere Library, children can enjoy weekly craft sessions, a visit from A Band in a Van and workshops with a local musical theatre group.

The Summer Reading Challenge is a great way to keep children engaged and build confidence in reading. We encourage families to take part and visit their local library to sign up. Please see the attached flyer for more details and check the library website for activities. Happy reading!

World Refugee Week

Children took part in the 'Great Big Live Assembly' for World Refugee Day. We heard from professional footballer Alphonso Davies who was born in a refugee camp in Ghana after his family had to flee their home in Liberia. As a UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador, he speaks up for the 80 million refugees and the importance of supporting them. It made links to our value of 'Courage' and supported our right of the month - article 22 - that refugee children have the same rights as children born in the country they move to.

Rev Daniel led an assembly that made links to World Refugee Week and our value of Kindness. He talked about how no matter who we are, where we come from or what our beliefs are, it is important that we all treat each other with respect and kindness.



Pre-School Updates

Last Wednesday, there was great excitement in Pre-School as Deborah and Nabila helped get the children ready for their first ever Forest School session.

Led by Mrs Sadler, we all walked beautifully out onto the field and sat on a log under the teepee, where we listened to a story about a frog.

We played a game, hopping like a frog and when we heard the whistle, we had to jump onto a lily pad. We were great at pretending to be frogs.

We then all stomped across the field to the pond area. There was so much to see in here.

Mrs Sadler, Deborah and Nabila all helped the children to spot tadpoles, froglets, tiny frogs, bugs and dragonflies. It was amazing.

When it was time to leave the pond, we made our way back to the teepee where we all shared our favourite part of the morning.

It was so much fun and we are all looking forward to our next adventure.

Deborah & Tamsin





Student Shout Out!

After a very hot sports day Aster still wanted to go to her football training this evening. She won player of the match again. The coach said " It wasn't a great session tonight, no one was listening and paying attention apart from Aster!" Well done, Aster. We love your enthusiasm and hope to encourage more girls playing football!



Last Saturday, Grace, Amelia, Amelie, Myleigh, Charlotte, Poppy and Ivy took part in the Mighty Netball annual tournament. This is always a fantastic end to the netball season and the girls always have loads of fun.

They had a tough tournament against strong oppositions, including a mixed team! They managed to win their heats to get through to the semis, then the final, which ended on a draw. It went to a golden goal with the opposition taking the centre pass. Defence picked it up quickly and we converted it with Amelie scoring the winning goal, winning the whole tournament!



On Saturday 13th June James, Joseph, Malakai & Nate played for Totteridge F.C. in the under 9s competition at the Windsor and Eton Youth FC Tournament.

After 5 matches and a penalty shoot-out in the final, the team won the competition! Amazing work, boys.



Drowning Prevention Week

With Drowning Prevention Week last week, we would like to take this opportunity to highlight the importance of water safety for all children.

In school, we are continually supporting pupils to develop the skills, knowledge and confidence they need to stay safe in and around water. This may include discussions in class, assemblies and links to our wider PE and swimming curriculum.

Water safety is not just important in school - it is a vital life skill that extends beyond the school gates. We encourage all families to take time to talk about water safety at home, particularly as we approach the summer holidays when children may spend more time near pools, beaches and open water.

To support this, a dedicated [parent newsletter](#) has been created by Buckinghamshire Council, which includes key water safety tips and lots of information.

Swimming is an essential life skill, and we are committed to ensuring all children have the opportunity to develop confidence and competence in the water.

Chess Tournament Success!

Our Year 6 boys were absolutely ecstatic to host our very first inter-school chess tournament last Thursday. We had a round-robin with Year 6 and Year 5 children from three schools competing head-to-head, then the winners and runners-up of each age group battled each other for first, second and third place and medals.

The winner was a year 5 student from Tylers Green Middle School, second place went to our own Austin and third to a Year 6 student from Tylers Green. The winning school received a trophy for their cabinet too!

Well done to Luke for spearheading this tournament and Austin for assisting! We love children's enthusiasm and will try our best to make ideas like this become a reality.

