



Dear Widmer End families,

The weather has not been as good this week but this has not dampened our spirits here at Widmer End school! The children have still been working so hard and showing us just what they can achieve in their learning. I have been thoroughly spoiled with many young visitors arriving at my office to show me their incredible work - I just love seeing their proud faces!

It has been a short week but we still have lots to celebrate. Our football team played a friendly match on Wednesday and did not disappoint, securing an amazing 7-0 win over the opposition. I am so impressed with their performance and, more importantly, their sportsmanship and respect for each other and the opposing team.

A huge congratulations to our girls netball team, who won their league after their match on Friday! I do know that they have a huge height advantage over other teams but they also have the skills to match! Well done, girls. See below for all the updates from both our netball squads. A big thank you, too, to Mrs Weaver, for training them and organising and running all the matches - what a first season.

We celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE day yesterday and remembered those who gave their lives for us during World War 2. Children watched a live assembly online in the morning and then did various activities to mark the occasion. Teachers shared a special letter written by John Eskerdale, a veteran aged 101 years. Addressed to the children of Widmer End School, the letter told the children all about his time as a Royal Marine and what life was like 80 years ago during the period of war. Some children have replied to John's letter and we will send these back so he can read them.

Our Year 6 children drew the Save the Children raffle today and Nancy was lucky enough to have the winning ticket, taking home a huge £44! The same amount will go towards our full donation at the end of the year. Thank you to those who took part in the raffle; we are so excited to find out how much we have raised in total for this worthy cause.



Shining Star Award

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Marshall

## Dates for your Diary

### Monday 12th May

- SATs Week

### Tuesday 13th May

- Y6 Residential Parent Information Evening 5:30-6:30pm *\*change of date!\**

### Thursday 15th May

- Bikeability Level 1
- Census Day!

### Friday 16th May

- Bikeability Level 2
- Year 4 to Cadbury World
- Year 2 Athletics Tournament at Holmer Green Senior School

### Monday 19th May

- Walk to School Week

### Wednesday 21st May

- Maths Workshops for All Years P-6
- National Numeracy Day
- 11+ Transfer Test Meeting for Y5 6-7pm

### Friday 23rd May

- Walking Crocodile - Book [HERE](#)
- Year 1 Trip to Woolley Firs
- Year 6 Volleyball Tournament at Holmer Green Senior School
- End of Half Term - 3:15pm Finish & Clubs Still On

### Monday 2nd June

- School Reopens 8:30am
- PTA Fathers Day Photos

### Tuesday 3rd June

- Year 5 Residential Parent Information Evening 5:30-6:30pm

## Year 5 Forest School

Year 5 had lots of fun at Forest School this week, making use of the newly refurbished tipi to create beautiful nature art.





## Spotlight On SEND!

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**

## Football Friendly And Debuts

Widmer had a brilliant friendly match this Wednesday when The Hamilton School brought their Year 6 B-Team to play our Year 4s and Y5s, some of whom were having their debut match! Our squad were nervous as the height difference was noticeable. Mr Gibbs kindly offered to step in and coach the team, giving them renewed confidence and energy. Widmer took an early lead and maintained the brilliant standard of play we have come to enjoy. Our more experienced Widmer players all kept our 'debut' players in play, passing them the ball and enabling them to get some valuable goals. The final whistle blew at 7-0 to Widmer End.

We look forward to seeing many more debuting players in our upcoming friendly matches.

Mrs Weaver



## Attendance

School average this academic year

**95.6%**

This week:

Reception - 97.5%

Year 1 - 98.13% - 3 Late Marks!

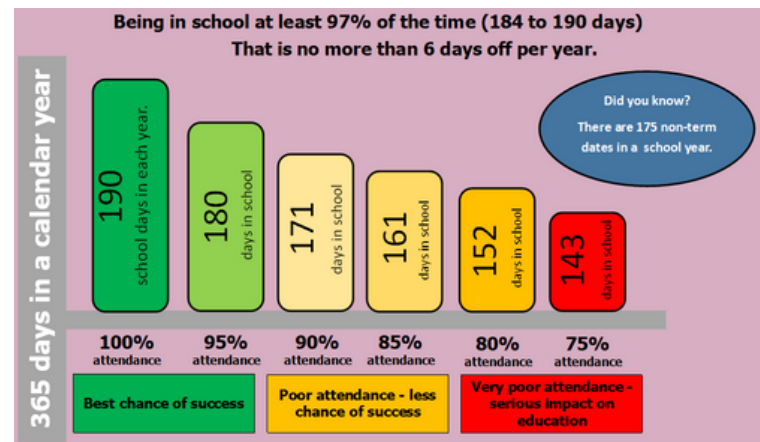
Year 2 - 99.4% - 1 Late Mark!

Year 3 - 91.67% - 4 Late Marks!

Year 4 - 99.22% - 1 Late Mark!

Year 5 - 95.31% - 2 Late Marks!

Year 6 - 95.56% - 10 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!

## Student Shout Outs!



Lottie and Cassie both walked 100 miles in just 100 days, raising money for the Epilepsy Society. What an awesome achievement for a cause close to Widmer End's heart.

They were happy to receive their medals and certificates this week, amazing work girls!



## Netball News!

Last Friday, our league mixed team and girls team played their league matches against St Johns CofE School.

Our mixed team worked so hard to get the ball down the court, they persevered even when the goals weren't going in. St Johns mixed team had some super players and you could tell they had trained hard for this match. Widmer came away with their heads held high and a loss of 1-19.

Our girls played straight afterwards, with one of our mixed team debuting for this team! The girls were nervous, they knew that St Johns were 2nd in their league. They started with a few mistakes and some weariness, it was Friday after all! The second quarter saw them come back with renewed energy and a focus on accurate passing and finding space.

The girls found their 'groove' and just took the win 11-9, making Widmer End the High Wycombe Educational Netball League WINNERS for 24/25! Well done, girls. I expect you all to join competitive clubs soon and your netball career head from strength to strength.



Our brilliant mixed squad then took part in their final match against Little Kingshill School, yesterday. After their first 2 matches were defeats, they were apprehensive but confident that they would go out and play their best! They had a 'settling in' start to the match, with both teams scoring 0 goals. They came back with the next rotation of players and worked hard to gain a 1 goal lead. The remaining 2 quarters of the match brought energy and enthusiasm for the win, which they managed! The end score was 7-3 to Widmer. Well done, netball squad. Your resilience and hard work is paying off!

We are looking forward to some friendly matches for the rest of this term, maybe against some senior schools!

Mrs Weaver

## Pre-School Updates

Another dry week which is always a bonus in Pre-School. The children have enjoyed accessing our garden area as well as the big playground this week. Their imagination when using the big bricks is lovely to watch. I've been to the moon and the beach this week!

On Thursday, we celebrated VE Day in Pre-School with a number of activities to use all the children's knowledge and skills. They are very proud of the bunting displayed. The children coloured a piece of bunting before these were all put together and displayed by our windows. Fine motor skills, hand eye coordination and concentration were also used when placing beads etc using tweezers onto flags.

The children also got very excited when we looked at the camera feed from our bird box to find the 6 eggs had hatched. We are keeping an eye on the chicks and how they grow.

Please keep in mind that we have a case of chickenpox in Pre-School. If for any reason your child feels unwell, has a temperature or needs Calpol before school, please be mindful about sending them. Thank you.

Deborah





## Value Of The Term

# RESPECT

## Week 3 : Inspirational Figure



**Mother Teresa**

In our Values assembly this week, Mrs Marshall taught the children how Mother Teresa received a Noble Peace prize for her work helping people. She then read to the children part of Mother Teresa's acceptance speech, the prayer of St Francis of Assisi, and the children discussed how this is all about turning something that is negative into a positive, which is something we can all try and do in our own lives. The assembly finished with Mrs Marshall explaining how Mother Teresa was made a saint and that her legacy means that people around the world are still being helped by her charity, 'Missionaries of Charity'. Children had time to reflect at the end about how they treat others who may be different to them and that we need to show respect and kindness to everyone.

## Year 1 Celebrate VE Day

Our little Year 1 class were very excited to write their letters to veteran forces for VE Day. They have some beautifully written work. One child, when learning that one veteran had stayed afloat in the freezing ocean, asked in his letter that if we go to war again, that he uses a submarine!



## PTA Fathers Day

The link to book your child in for Fathers Day photos with the PTA, is now live. Please book your child's photograph [HERE](#). This doesn't have to be just for dads! If your child has a significant male role model in their life, they are welcome to surprise them too.



## Merit Awards

**Special Merit Award winners this week are:**

- Year R - Leo & Harry
- Year 1 - The Whole Class!
- Year 2 - Albert & Maisie
- Year 3 - Milo & Lizzy
- Year 4 - Madison & Idris
- Year 5 - Charlotte & Aiza
- Year 6 - Charlie & Ella



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