



Dear Widmer End families,

It has been an exciting week with our Transition Day on Tuesday, Year 5 heading out for their residential at Woodrow and our Reception performing their class assembly this morning. I hope the children have come to you and talked about their new teachers and classroom with positivity and excitement. I have to say I was very proud of how respectful and well-behaved they were on Tuesday with their new adults and each other. I am looking forward to next year with my new class and I know the other teachers are, too!

The Year 5 children have done us proud this week on their residential. They were impeccably behaved and represented our school so well, as always. I can speak the same of our Year 6 children who I accompanied last week to Devon. It was wonderful to spend time with them all and see a different side to them, where they were relaxed and enjoying each other's company. Can I take this opportunity to thank all the staff members who give up their precious time at home with their families to attend these trips. It is a huge commitment with no additional remuneration and is hugely appreciated. I feel so lucky to have such a great team here at Widmer.

Please do read the attached letter about the PTA as we look for volunteers to help run this hugely important part of school. The money we raise from events is vital to maintain our high standards and the enrichment opportunities that we offer here for your children. Please do get in touch if you are interested in joining the committee or if you would like to help with PTA events. I know there are a number of vacancies to be filled and we would hate to have to put an end to the events and opportunities the children love so much. Thank you in advance.

I know that I informed you last week that we have several members of staff sadly leaving us; I have recently heard that Mrs Malik, one of our TAs who is currently on maternity leave, has decided not to return to her role so she can look after her baby full time.

We are all so disappointed she is leaving us but know how important the job of being a mother is - we wish her all the best for the future. Having received this information, we are currently holding interviews for a TA and will, of course, let you know if we recruit a suitable candidate.

Have a lovely weekend with your families,

Mrs Marshall

Please note: parents should not use the staff car park before or after school when dropping off or picking up their children from Friends at Play. This is for staff and visitors with permission only. Thank you!



Dates for your Diary

Monday 7th July

- Rescheduled Friendly Football Match

Tuesday 8th July

- Reception Induction Stay & Play

Wednesday 9th July

- ZKT Dance Assembly
- Year 6 Leavers Dress Rehearsal

Thursday 10th July

- Perform 'Jungle Rumble' Drama Workshops - YR, Y1 & Y2
- Reports Coming Home
- Year 6 Leavers Evening Performance

Monday 14th July

- Rocksteady Concert
- Friendly Netball Match vs Disraeli

Tuesday 15th July

- Year 1 Meet The Teacher 9:15am
- EYFS Police Visit

Wednesday 16th July

- CofE Church Assembly
- New Reception Parents Induction Meeting 9:30am

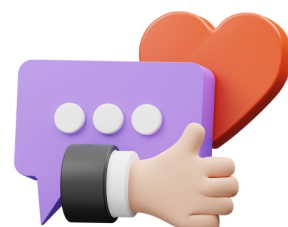
Thursday 17th July

- Pre-School Trip to Bekonscot
- 'School Concerts' Performance from Bucks Music Trust

Staff Recognition

Our link to share your appreciation of any staff member is live until the end of term. Please click the link [HERE](#) to thank or show your appreciation if you feel it is merited. You can complete as many nominations as you wish!

Thank you.





Spotlight On SEND!

If your child struggles to manage anxiety, overwhelm, and other strong emotions, this fantastic resource from Dr Lucy Russell (clinical psychologist) and the team at Everlief Child Psychology could help.

The Grounding Techniques for Kids Workbook is a beautifully designed, practical guide packed with calming activities. Whether it's a wobble at a holiday club, worrisome feelings around transition, or difficulty winding down in the evenings, this sensory-based resource can make a big difference.

Please see the flyer attached to the newsletter email for more information.

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.

01296 382135

Pre-School Updates

Another busy week in Pre-School with lots of outside play once the weather had cooled a bit.

The children always amaze me at how much they remember. We looked through all the words we had learnt from our NELI programme and counted 68! Your children are fantastic and there are still more to come before the end of term.

Don't forget to sign up for our trip to Bekonscot if you haven't already done so.

Have a lovely weekend

Deborah



Attendance

School average this academic year

95.7%

This week:

Reception - 99% - 1 Late Mark!

Year 1 - 98.18% - 5 Late Marks!

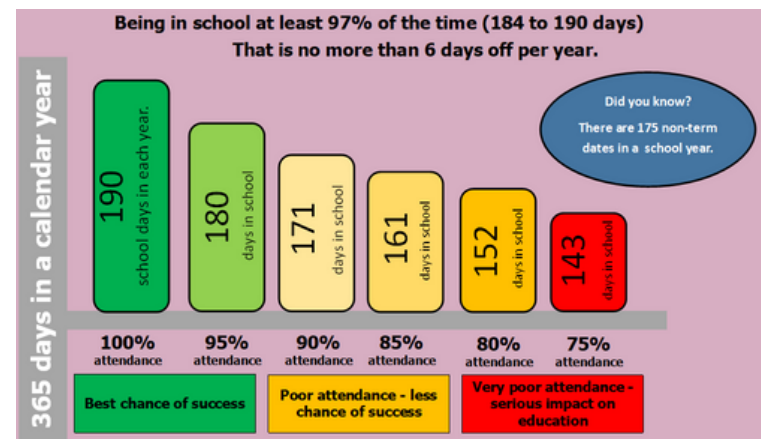
Year 2 - 95.82% - 2 Late Marks!

Year 3 - 96.91% - 4 Late Marks!

Year 4 - 97.81% - 2 Late Marks!

Year 5 - 98.61% - 3 Late Marks!

Year 6 - 98.06% - 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!

Year 3 Moving Monster Madness!

Our Year 3 class have created fantastic talking monsters using a pneumatic mechanism. They cleverly used syringes and air pressure to make their monsters "speak." All the children were very excited to share their creatures with the Year 1s!

Miss Dodd





Transition Day



Year 6 Residential

We've come to the end of an incredible week at PGL, and what a week it was! The children threw themselves into every activity – from archery and orienteering to shelter building and fire lighting in 'Survivor'. One of the real highlights was the vertical challenge – it was amazing to watch them push themselves, climb higher than they thought possible, and face their fears with such determination.

There were plenty of laughs throughout the week – especially during our campfire evening with songs, marshmallows (maybe a few too many!), and some very enthusiastic dancing! The children were brilliant company and made us all proud with their resilience, teamwork and positivity. They represented the school beautifully, and it's been a real pleasure to spend this special week with them. We're sure they'll have plenty of stories to tell!

We came home with tired legs, full hearts, and lots of special memories. I hope they've been sharing some of their favourite moments with you – there were far too many to fit into one summary!

Mrs Archer-Doran



Year 6 Cricket Tournament

We really enjoyed our morning, playing cricket at Tylers Green School. We all tried our best even though the schools were very competitive and had lots of experience. Thank you to all of the teachers and parents who helped us at the cricket.

Lottie & Jacob



Reception Sharing Assembly

We were treated to the cutest assembly of the year, by our wonderful Reception class. They were immensely brave and proud that they had learned their lines. We loved hearing all about dinosaurs!





Student Shout-Outs!

Pixie and Indie did so well to start off their charity walk at midnight and complete the route from Great Missenden and around Prestwood, last Friday. They've have raised nearly £1000 between them!

Thank you to everyone that donated! Pixie and Indie's funds, will allow any of the following:

- 3 families to have a holiday in New Forest.
- One family to have a holiday at Disneyland Paris.
- 15 families (60 people) a visit to the panto with lunch and a visit from Father Christmas.
- Provided toys, play equipment, days out, birthday presents etc. for very poorly children.
- Raise awareness of childhood cancers.
- Help support bereaved families.



What amazing effort, girls. We are all very proud of you.



There was a very shocked Cassie, last Sunday! She came 1st in her gymnastics tournament, on the hottest Sunday of the year which was an incredible feat!

Well done, Cassie.

Another shout-out to Indie! We are thrilled to share that Indie has won a Highly Commended prize in the National Literacy Trust competition focused on keeping water safe and clean. We are incredibly proud of Indie's achievement and grateful for the wonderful books we've received, inspiring us to explore this important topic further.



Value Of The Term

KINDNESS

Week 9 : Inspirational Figure



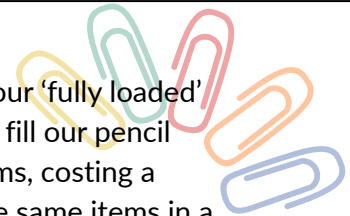
Steve Irwin

*"If we save our wild places,
we will ultimately save ourselves."*

In our Values assembly on Monday, Mrs Marshall continued to tell the children about Steve Irwin and how news of his kindness towards animals spread across the world when his show, The Crocodile Hunter, aired on television. Children learnt how Steve and his wife, Terri, helped to protect wildlife across Australia, particularly crocodiles. Steve helped people understand the importance of understanding these creatures and working to save them. This kindness turned into 'Wildlife Warriors' - a special charity set up by the Irwin family that still helps protect wildlife today.

Stationery Reminder

We have recently emailed out our 'fully loaded' pencil case offering to you. We fill our pencil cases with premium quality items, costing a significant amount less than the same items in a stationery shop. Please see the requirements for KS1 and KS2 attached to the newsletter email. Reception and Pre-School's stationery are provided by the school. Thank you!



Merit Awards

Special Merit Award winners this week are:

- Year R - The Whole Class!
- Year 1 - Margot & Tamanna
- Year 2 - Tabitha & Austin B
- Year 3 - Charlie & Arthur
- Year 4 - Jennifer & Evie
- Year 5 - The Whole Class!
- Year 6 - Mia & Frazer



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