



Dear Widmer End families,

I am writing this as my final newsletter to you all in my role as Acting Headteacher. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has spoken such kind words and given me such wonderful gifts. It has been an absolute privilege to cover Mrs Hillier while she has been away and I have thoroughly enjoyed being able to spend more time with all of your fantastic children - they always bring me such joy and I know they will continue to do so next year. Some of you may see Mrs Hillier around as she gets ready to return in September - I know she is looking forward to getting back to work having spent some wonderful time with her little boy this year.

There were certainly already a few tears in eyes this morning as we watched the final Indian Dance assembly of the year. Mrs Saha works tirelessly to teach the children and the celebration event shows the passion the children have for dance. Those smiles are infectious!

Sadly, I have had concerns raised again by parents and neighbours about the children's safety outside the school gates. I need to ask again that you do not drive into Estcourt Drive and you park on neighbouring roads or on Brimmers Hill and walk the small distance instead. All of our children walk along the pavements and cross the road to gain access to school so cars turning and reversing outside the gates puts them in danger of being hit. I would much rather your child is late than we end up with a tragic accident happening outside school. Many thanks for your cooperation on this serious matter.

We have some special events happening next week as we count down to the end of the year. Year 6 are busy rehearsing for their assembly on Monday and I will be drawing the 'Headteacher for the day' reward at the end - children have been working hard to earn tokens and the lucky winner will be doing my job on Tuesday. I am looking forward to the day off, I have to say! We also have a rounders match planned between staff and the Year 6 team (weather permitting): the teachers currently hold the trophy, so let's see if the children can win this year! And finally, on Tuesday at about 3pm, we will be opening the gates early for a special choir performance of songs they have been learning this term - based on the value of kindness (to others and to ourselves!). Please just come to the playground if you would like to watch this lovely group of children sing their hearts out!

On Wednesday, we will sadly be saying goodbye to some very special members of staff and we will miss them terribly; however, we have just appointed two new excellent teaching assistants who will be joining our team in September - Mrs Dailey and Mrs Lacey. We warmly welcome them into our Widmer End community.

I am sure I will see many of you to say goodbye to next week, but, if not, have a wonderful summer with your family and friends.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Marshall

Dates for your Diary

Monday 21st July

- Cedar Park Practice Evacuation To Widmer End School
- 9am Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Tuesday 22nd July

- Staff vs Year 6 Rounders

Wednesday 23rd July

- School Finishes 1:30pm

Thursday 4th September

- School Reopens 8:30am
- New Reception Class Half Day

Friday 5th September

- New Reception Class Half Day

Monday 8th September

- Reception Class In Full Time
- Pre-School Opens

Tuesday 9th September

- Year 6 Mock Transfer Test Paper

Wednesday 10th September

- 2:30pm Year 2 Meet The Teacher
- 6pm Years 3-6 Meet The Teacher

Thursday 11th September

- Year 6 Transfer Test Paper
- Year 6 Swimming Lessons Begin



Spotlight On SEND!

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

Talented Parent Alert!

One of our wonderful parents, Mrs Abani, has recently published a new children's book!

Luna's Sleepless Night tells the charming story of Luna, a little lamb who struggles to fall asleep despite her cosy, grassy bed. Determined to find a solution, Luna explores various methods, seeking help from her farm friends. Feeling lonely and frustrated, Luna encounters Grandpa Sheep, Elder Woolsey, who offers a simple yet magical idea. This heart-warming tale celebrates kindness, imagination, and the comfort of wise advice in overcoming challenges.

The book is available here: <https://amzn.eu/d/aLYKG6U>

Last Netball Friendly of 24-25!

Some of our year 4s and 5s took part in a friendly netball match on Monday, against The Disraeli School. Our girls were nervous, they have big shoes to fill with our departing Year 6s. They shouldn't have been nervous, however! We led the match from the very beginning, against the Disraeli year 5s and 6s.

We rotated everyone to be able to get some great match play experience and they improved after every minute. They smashed the second half, with a win of 11-5.

Mrs Weaver



Attendance

School average this academic year

95.8%

This week:

Reception - 98.33% - 3 Late Marks!

Year 1 - 95.96% - 7 Late Marks!

Year 2 - 93.8%

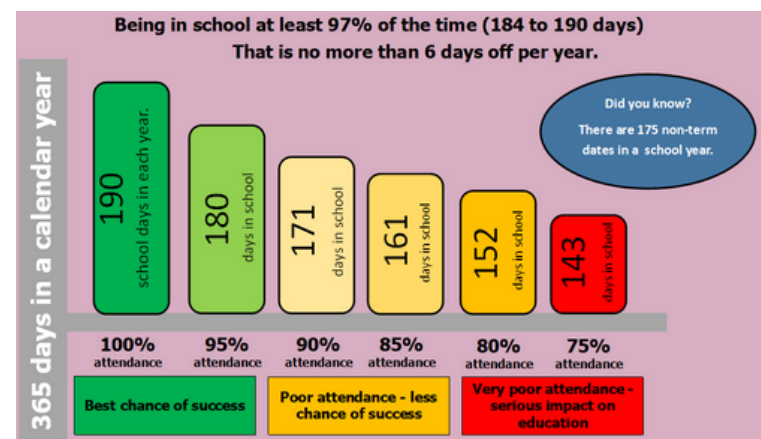
Year 3 - 93.59% - 4 Late Marks!

Year 4 - 99.64% - 2 Late Marks!

Year 5 - 95.83% - 4 Late Marks!

Year 6 - 96.406% - 8 Late Marks!

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!



Pre-School Updates

What a fantastic day at Bekonscot on Thursday for Pre-School's trip. We had a little bit of rain but that did not dampen our spirits.

The children were all so well behaved while they walked around the model village, spotting things to mark off on their worksheets. They took part in a workshop run by a lady called Cathy which was great fun. We were told the history of Bekonscot. Did you know that the model village used to be just a back garden with a train set and a swimming pool, until this expanded into the model village?

We heard the story of "Oi, Get off our train". Some children helped to tell the story by being the characters. The moral of this story was to help save animals from becoming extinct.

Before lunch we had a ride on the miniature railway, waving to our friends as we rode along.

Thank you to all our families that attended. We hope you had a lovely day.

We'd like to wish all our families a lovely summer break, making lots of special family memories and we will see you all in September, ready for new adventures.

Deborah



Police Visit

Pre-School and Reception had the joy of having the police visit on Tuesday morning. They had a lovely time seeing in the back of the van and also sitting in the drivers seat to work the sirens and the lights! The police were also kind enough to let Year 1 have some time to see the van as well which they really enjoyed. Thank you to Mr Warburton and his colleague for giving up their time to come in to see us.



Rocksteady Concert



The whole school, plus parents, were treated to the final Rocksteady Concert of the year this week.

All bands are really coming together and the Year 6s went out with a bang!

If you would like to book Rocksteady, please see the details attached to our club list.



Staff Appreciation - Last Chance!

Our link to share your appreciation of any staff member is live for a few more days. 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.



Aylesbury Waterside Panto

Our PTA still have some Panto tickets available! This is for Friday 5th December at 7pm - Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury - Jack and the Beanstalk. If you haven't been before, you might want to bring a poncho and a water pistol!

These are reserved for us at a heavily reduced rate, grab your tickets before the end of the summer holidays, as we have to confirm numbers and give the other seats back at the beginning of September. You can book tickets, [HERE](#).



Value Of The Term

KINDNESS



In our Values assembly on Monday, Mrs Marshall shared the story 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?' by Carol McCloud. The children listened to how they could become 'bucket-fillers', being kind and filling people's (invisible) buckets with good thoughts and feelings. Lots of children were able to say how they had done this last week and they explored many ways they could fill up people's buckets. They also learnt how dipping into buckets, such as being unkind, can not only make others feel sad, it can make them feel sad too, making them dip into their own buckets.

Student Shout-Out

Imogen has created this beautiful poem for all her peers and teachers, as a leaving gift. What fantastic poetry and wonderful sentiment, well done Imogen!

Class of 2025



Poppy is brilliant, she brightens up my day,
Lexi is a fab dancer, that much I can say,
Holly-Rose is so funny and a good friend to everyone,
Bella is an artist, her drawings shine like the sun.

Hakimah is generous and did impressive fundraising,
Lottie is kind and as a house captain she is amazing,
Jess was a thoughtful school councillor and did her best for all her friends,
Adam is great at baking and a whizz on the drums.

Ella is so loyal and tries her hardest for anyone,
And Juli's intelligence I will remember for so long,
Cody is knowledgeable and great at RE,
Hugo is full of facts, and loves history.

Jacob is impressive at maths, to do sums he's really quick,
Isla on the piano, is like a magic trick,
Yunus has a super sense of humour and tells such funny jokes,
Chloe D is great at swimming and brilliant at every stroke.

Frazer is supportive and good to his friendship group,
Mia is great at netball, she really can shoot,
Chloe B is at one with horses and loves them so much,
Zain is so clever, any answer he can clutch.

Elora is so caring and a trust worthy peer,
Amara is brilliant at acting and after the Production that was clear,
George loves his cricket and has a great swing,
Owen loves football, it really is his thing.

Ruby is so sporty, she puts on a fair race,
Charlie is so fast he runs at lightening pace,
Shai is also really quick and rather hard to beat,
Zayden is an arithmetic star, most top scores he can meet.

Ayaan was a great bongo bandit and made the parents smile,
Berte was perfect at lighting and made the show worthwhile.

A class of 31 (that's including me).
Not perfect... but the best class Widmer End will ever see!

Good luck next year!

From Imogen x



Merit Awards

Special Merit Award winners this week are:

- Year R - The Whole Class
- Year 1 - Nyah-Grace & Hallie
- Year 2 - Elsie & Imogen
- Year 3 - William & Niamh
- Year 4 - The Whole Class!
- Year 5 - Aiza & Jake
- Year 6 - Imogen, Juli, Poppy, Lexi & Lottie



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