



Dear Widmer End families,

Thank you so much for your support this week with preparing the children for the sunny weather; children came ready wearing caps and with suncream on which has made such a difference to their comfort at lunchtimes on the field. Please continue to provide these for the children as we will hopefully keep the sunshine in the coming weeks!

Don't forget that the Circus is coming to Widmer End on the 4th June, with doors opening at 4pm for games and stalls and then the performance starting at 6pm. Please make sure you have bought your tickets and come to support the PTA with essential fundraising for our school. Thanks to everyone who is helping to organise and run this amazing event - we can't wait for the show! Thanks, too, to all the parents who helped out with our hot dog day today - we couldn't do these events without you.

It has been another brilliant week here in school, culminating in a joyful Year 1 sharing assembly today. The children all shone as they performed such a spectacular dance routine with one Y3 pupil commenting; "Mrs Marshall, my cheeks hurt so badly because I was smiling so much!" It was so also wonderful to see every single child supported by a member of their family - what a wonderful way to end the week.

I have also been so impressed by how polite our children have been this week. We have been talking about our core value of respect and we discussed how being polite shows a huge amount of respect for others. Our staff team commented on how many more children are now asking how they are and saying 'hello' when they meet adults in passing- it really does result in such a positive and calm environment for our staff and children to work in.

In order for us to get as large a prize pot as possible, our raffle for Save the Children has been extended for a final week with 'tickets' now on sale on Parent Pay - names will go into the raffle using this method to avoid you having to scrape around for cash! The new deadline is Thursday 8th May. Thank you.

Have a wonderful long weekend with your families,



Amelie

Shining Star Award

Mrs Marshall



Save the Children

Dates for your Diary

Monday 5th May

- School Closed - Bank Holiday

Wednesday 7th May

- Friendly Football Match vs Highworth (Home)
- Phonics Meeting Online for Y1

Thursday 8th May

- VE Day
- Mixed League Netball Match vs Little Kingshill (Away)

Friday 9th May

- Reception Vision Screening

Monday 12th May

- SATs Week

Thursday 15th May

- Bikeability Level 1
- Census Day!
- Y6 Residential Parent Information Evening 5:30-6:30pm

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

PTA Shout-Out!



Our valuable PTA need members! We have lots of wonderful volunteers leaving our PTA at the end of summer, as their children are leaving the school to move to secondary.

As you are most likely aware, without our PTA, we wouldn't be able to give our children the experiences and opportunities they have enjoyed over the years.

If you are interested in joining us, please shout out on your class WhatsApp group or email PTA@widmerend.bucks.sch.uk.



Spotlight On SEND!

FACT Bucks is a parent/carer forum that helps provides a voice for parents of young people with special educational needs, and/or a disability. They host monthly discussion groups, connecting and supporting families, and are currently seeking the views and experiences of families who are supporting children with social and health difficulties. Further information below:

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



Walking with you

The chance to connect with like-minded people who have walked in your shoes. Walking With You is a parent led support group for anyone supporting children and young people, up to the age of 25, experiencing mental health difficulties. You can take part discussing shared experiences with other parents and carers as well as having mental health professionals from CAMHS on-hand to support and answer any questions you may have.

Dates:
 Monday, 28th of April 10am - 11:30am
 Monday, 19th of May 10am - 11:30am
 Monday, 23rd of June, 10am - 11:30am

If you would like to join the session/s or would like further information, please contact:
 Roxy Uritescu, Participation Lead,
 Bucks CAMHS at
Roxy.uritescu@oxfordhealth.nhs.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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Attendance

School average this academic year

95.6%

This week:

Reception - 97% - 2 Late Marks!

Year 1 - 99.52% - 1 Late Mark!

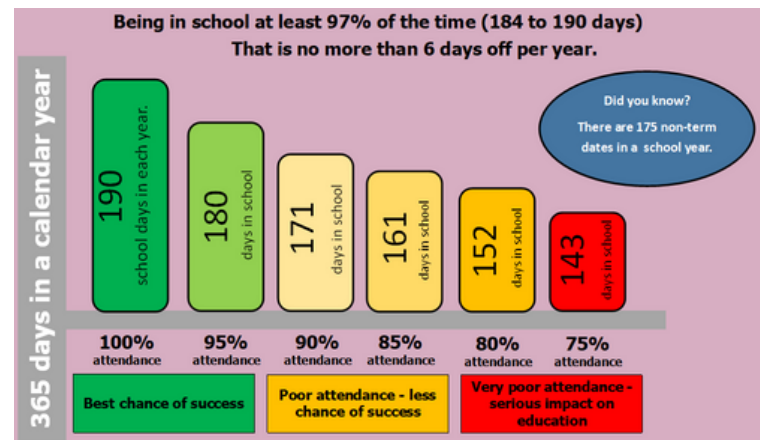
Year 2 - 93.65%

Year 3 - 97.04% - 2 Late Marks!

Year 4 - 97.81%

Year 5 - 95.94%

Year 6 - 97.74% - 1 Late Mark!



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!

PTA Fathers Day Gifts

Monday 2nd June

More information on how to book will follow shortly!

Netball Girls' Sunny Success

It was a hot and sunny afternoon on Wednesday when we hosted The Hamilton School for our girls team's penultimate league match. We were excited about the competition,



It was a slow start, the first quarter ending 0-0. A quick pep talk during the break gave the girls renewed energy and the match finished with an exhausting 6-2 win! Well done, girls.

Mrs Weaver

Year 5 Forest School Fun at Widmer Fields

Our Year 5 class visited Widmer Fields to help the bees, this week. They, alongside a small team of volunteers and parents, dug and spread lots of wildflower seed for the Hazlemere 'Bee Squared' project. It was a VERY hot day so they did well to finish the job!





Student Shout-Outs!

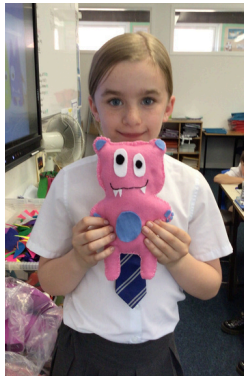
Joshua's Junior Premier League team, Streets2Pro, won the Bucks and Oxfordshire championship beating MK Dons in the regional final. They then went on to finish



third in the Junior Premier League national championship by beating the Birmingham, Kent, and Bristol regional champions in the finals at Warwick University.

What an incredible feat; well done Joshua!

Oscar & James both competed in a rugby tournament in Aylesbury last weekend. Their team fought hard through every match. Even though there are no 'winners' in this age group, they still came away with a medal for their growing collection. Well done, boys!



Florence has been working very hard, and created this fantastic monster for her DT project, showcasing her sewing skills. Mega work, Florence!



Arthur and his dad have created this amazing Tower Bridge x Suspension Bridge model! The attention to detail is wonderful. We are very proud of you, Arthur.

Happy School Bag Collection

Thank you to everyone that donated their clothes to the collection this morning, we raised **£156.60** and have saved 348kg from going to landfill!



The next collection will be in the Autumn term, but remember we have the clothes recycling bin next to the gate in the meantime.

Panto Tickets!

Jack & The Beanstalk at Waterside Theatre, Aylesbury
Friday 5th December 2025 at 7pm

Our annual Panto trip is a lovely family event! We have a block booking of reduced price tickets in Circle 1 at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre to see Jack and the Beanstalk. You are welcome to book for family and friends with your group.

All tickets are £18.50 which is a reduced rate to theatre prices. Children under 2 years old can sit on laps for free. First come, first served, book [HERE](#).



Pre-School Updates

This week in Pre-School we have had a lovely time playing and learning in the sunshine! We have talked about life cycles and the life of a frog. The children made frog headbands, putting the life cycle in the correct order. Can you remember how a frog starts?

A polite reminder that Pre-School uniform is to be worn every season your child attends. Thank you

Have a lovely long weekend and we'll see you on Tuesday.

Deborah





Circus Excitement Building

Roll Up, Roll Up! The Circus is coming to town!

If you haven't got your tickets yet, be sure to book now to avoid disappointment! This event is open to the community, so feel free to invite friends and family.

We would love some help before the circus starts (4.00 - 5.30), serving food and drinks and on games stalls. The more volunteers we have, the more fun we can provide at the event! You can volunteer even if you aren't coming to watch the circus, any help much appreciated! Contact a PTA member or email pta@widmerend.bucks.sch.uk

Year 1 Sharing Assembly

Year 1 entertained the whole school, parents and grandparents this morning with a lively sharing assembly. They showed us what they had learned about different classifications of animals. The grand finale was a fantastic boogie, making everyone want to join in!



Value Of The Term

RESPECT

Week 1: Inspirational Figure



Mother Teresa

In our Values assembly this week, Mrs Marshall taught the children how Agnes, as she was called, became a nun and gave herself the new name of Teresa. She then received a calling from God to help the poor of India. Many people in India at that time did not have even their basic rights met; some were homeless and did not have enough to eat and drink. Mrs Marshall explained that Mother Teresa helped to start a new charity to help the poor which was called the 'Missionaries of Charity'. They learnt that this charity still exists today and supports people who still do not have their basic rights met.

As a Rights Respecting School, it has been good to link the work Mother Teresa did to what the children are learning about as part of this programme. Perhaps you could ask your child what our 'Right of the Month' is and how it links to our value of respect?

Good Travel Plan

We are pleased to announce that we are again, members of the Good Travel Plan! Modeshift STARS is the Centre of Excellence for the delivery of Effective Travel Plans in Education, Business and Community settings. The scheme recognises schools, businesses and other organisations that have shown excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable and active travel.



Merit Awards

Special Merit Award winners this week are:

- Year R - Owen & Ayana
- Year 1 - Sara & Isaac
- Year 2 - Otto Austin
- Year 3 - Pixie & Rehan
- Year 4 - Eva W & Jennifer
- Year 5 - Oscar & Emily
- Year 6 - Holly-Rose & Amara



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