



Dear Widmer End families,

We have finally reached the end of the Spring term and we are all leaving tired but happy! I have been so impressed with how hard the children have worked: it was truly wonderful to be able to share the pride with families at the parents' evening this week. I would like to thank our dedicated staff team for providing such wonderful opportunities for all the children here at Widmer End.

It has been a great end to the term in terms of celebrating Art Week these past few days. Miss Davis has worked so hard to organise some amazing artists to come in and work with the children, as well as planning for classes to create their own artwork inspired by different artists. Thank you to parents and family members who managed to join us today for the Art gallery event in school, and to those who donated money to art resources by purchasing a piece of artwork.

Year 2 and Pre-school had a fantastic day out yesterday on their school trips. The weather was glorious and they learnt so much more about animals and habitats at Odd's Farm and Wooburn Safari Park. Thank you to all our parents who volunteer to join us on these days - it means the children all have crucial enrichment opportunities all the way through school.

Thank you for your support with our Year 6 fundraising for Save the Children. The next planned event is happening in the first two weeks back after Easter with a £1 raffle. Children may bring in £1 and their name will be put into a hat - one winner will be announced on the 2nd May. The winner will receive half of the money collected, with the other half being donated to Save the Children.

Please find attached to this newsletter a letter written collectively as headteachers within the CAP group of schools about the results of the 'smartphones in school' survey. Thank you to all families who answered this survey. It is an excellent first step towards a safer digital world for our children.



Shining Star Award

Have a lovely Easter break - lets hope the sun keeps shining. We look forward to seeing you all again on the 22nd April where the children will be straight back into some wonderful workshops for Earth Day!

Mrs Marshall

## Dates for your Diary

### Tuesday 22nd April

- School Reopens 8:30am
- VR Workshops for KS2
- Green Up Your Act Workshops for EYFS & KS1
- U11s Football League Fixture vs Manor Farm (Away)

### Thursday 24th April

- U11s Netball League Girls Fixture vs Stokenchurch (Away)

### Friday 25th April

- Year 4 & 5 at Holmer Green Athletics Festival

### Wednesday 30th April

- U11s Netball League Girls Fixture vs Hamilton (Home)

### Friday 2nd May

- PTA Hot Dog Day
- Happy Bags
- Year 1 Sharing Assembly 9-9:20am
- Mixed & Girls' Netball Matches vs St Johns CofE School

### Student Shout Out!

Shannon entered a gymnastics competition last weekend. She came 3rd, after only a couple of months of attending classes! What a natural talent she has. Well done, Shannon. Everyone is very proud of you.



## Happy Bag Collection

If you are having an Easter Spring clear-out, please use our Happy Bags (plus any extra bin liners welcome!) to recycle your clothes, shoes and accessories. This raises valuable funds for the school, at no cost to you! Bags are coming home with your child today. Thank you!

## Spotlight On SEND!

### 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

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



## Design Our Circus Programme Cover!

Have your chance to design the front cover for our programme, over the Easter holidays!

It needs to be:

- A5
- Circus Themed
- Feature the Date (4th June)
- Feature the Time (4-8pm)
- Say Widmer End PTA
- Say Happy's Circus



Make your entries as bright and bold as you like, bring them into school by **Friday 25th April**.

The winning design will be printed on all the Circus programmes *and* there will be a small prize for the winner!

## Year 2's Safari Adventure at Woburn!

I had the pleasure of taking Year 2 for a wonderful day at Woburn Safari Park on Thursday, made even better by the glorious sunshine! ✨ The trip was a fantastic opportunity to bring their geography learning to life, with plenty of hands-on experiences and animal encounters to support their understanding of habitats and adaptations.

During the foot safari, the children saw a variety of animals, including: otters, meercat, penguins, elephants, rhinos and the very playful California sea lions! 🐼🐧🐘🦏🦈

A highlight of the day was the outdoor classroom session, where the children took part in an exciting African adventure. They learned all about giraffes—their features, habitats, and the ways they thrive in the African savannah.

It was a fun, educational day full of curiosity, discovery, and smiles. Well done to all of Year 2 for representing the school so brilliantly! ★

Mrs Ross-Wood



## Attendance

School average this academic year

95.5%



This week:

Reception - 90%

Year 1 - 88.36% - 1x Late Mark

Year 2 - 93.7%

Year 3 - 90.95% - 1x Late Mark

Year 4 - 96.53% - 1x Late Mark

Year 5 - 95.49% - 1x Late Mark

Year 6 - 92.11% - 3x 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!

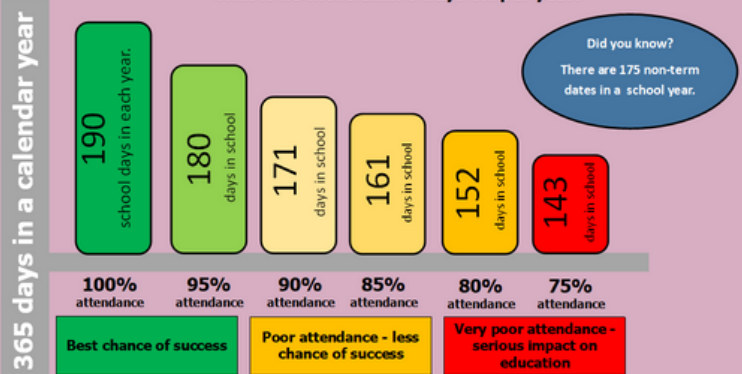
**LATENESS = LOST LEARNING**

(Figures below are calculated over a school year)

|                          |                |
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| 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!**

Being in school at least 97% of the time (184 to 190 days)  
That is no more than 6 days off per year.





## Art Week

We hope you LOVED our Art Week as much as we did! Our children all produced such beautiful work, displayed proudly in all our corridors and rooms.

If you decide you'd like to donate towards these valuable art resources, the item will stay on ParentPay for a few more days. Thank you as always, for your support.



## Indian Dancers Delight

Aren't we lucky! Mrs Saha's dance troops entertained us with their fantastic performances this morning.



## Learn Makaton With Miss Allen

What a fantastic Art Week we've had. Learn to sign 'to paint', whilst enjoying craft activities at home over the holidays!



## Merit Awards

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

- Year R - Ellis & Alfie
- Year 1 - Phoebe & Luka
- Year 2 - The Whole Class!
- Year 3 - Reuben & Noah
- Year 4 - Bella & Emily M
- Year 5 - Amelia & Rupert
- Year 6 - The Whole Class!



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

## Pre-School Updates

Pre-School had a fantastic day at Odds Farm Park! The sun shone all day which was definitely an added bonus.

We started the day all together with a tractor ride. We were driven around the fields and saw cows, sheep and pigs all enjoying the sunshine.

It was then time to feed the animals and so we headed into the big barn where the children had the opportunity to feed the goats. They were very eager to be fed and some even stood on the top rails of the pens to get to the food.

We watched a Jersey cow being milked and were able to stroke her if we were brave enough.

It was lovely to all have lunch together before going to the big sandpit and playground which were both a great hit.

The children were all so well behaved, which made us very proud and enjoyed the day. Thank you to all our parents who took the time to attend this trip. We hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did.

We want to wish you all a very Happy Easter 🐰🥚 and we'll see you after the holiday when Pre-School reopens on Tuesday 22nd April.

*Deborah*

