



The Windmills News

Friday 4th September 2026

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Dear Families,

The autumn term started in full this week with the children returning to school and the wind and rain arriving. The Y3s made a great start to their time here at The Windmills and were very settled by the time I walked through after closing the gates on Wednesday. Welcome also to our new pupils joining in Y4—6.

Y3 and new joining families should have received invites to **ClassDojo** which is how classes and year groups share learning and happenings in the school. If you have not received your ClassDojo link please do let the office know.

We are going to be holding some year **group information sessions** in the next couple of weeks. These will cover the curriculum being taught this year, homework and how you can help at home. The dates for these are:

- **Y3—14th September**
- **Y4—15th September**
- **Y5—17th September**
- **Y6— 22nd September all at 3:20—3:50pm**

As highlighted last year we have moved to being smartphone free; thank you for your support with this. There was some independent research released over the summer that looked into the impacts of smartphones. When controlling for additional factors the research found that if at least 1/5 of parents in a school signed up to the Smartphone pledge of delaying giving a smartphone to a child until 14 schools reported an 8% drop in recorded social-emotional mental health needs and the effects are more pronounced for younger pupils. The Smartphone Free childhood pledge can be found here: [SmartphoneFree ParentPact](#). We currently have 40 or just over 10% signed up. The paper, if interested, can be found here: [Smartphones and Children's Mental Health](#).

We are currently **advertising for a Learning Support Assistant**. More information can be found here: [Windmills LSA role](#) and please do come and speak to me on the gate about the role if you have any questions.

Next Thursday we have both individual and a whole-school photo. If you have any questions about the latter please contact the office.

Lastly, we have been contacted by the office of **Alison Bennett MP** with details about her **Christmas Card competition**. It is very early, but the deadline is September 28th. The entries need to be on A4 and portrait orientation (although the winning design will be reduced in size and printed on A6). Everything fun, creative, and vibrant is encouraged! Please avoid glitter, glue, cotton wool and other stick-on items as they don't reproduce well when printing. More information can be found on the poster overleaf and please send entries to me by the 28th with your child's name on the back.

Kind regards,
Mr Page

Headteacher Awards

TEAM POINTS

EARTH

AIR

FIRE

WATER

School Diary

- 10.9 School photos inc. whole school photo
- 14.9 Y6 PGL residential (all week)
Y3 parent information session 3:20—3:50pm
- 15.9 Y4 parent information session 3:20—3:50pm
- 17.9 Y5 parent information session 3:20—3:50pm
- 21.9 'Book-nic' 3B and 3T (2:30-3pm)
- 22.9 'Book-nic' 3SH and 4B
Y6 parent information session 3:20-3:50pm
- 23.9 'Book-nic' 4WH and 4TW
- 5.10 Y6 Bikeability starts
- 13.10 Y3 Stone Age day
- 15.10 Y5 Bikeability starts
- 21.10 Parent evening 1
- 22.10 Parent evening 2
- 23.10 Last day of half-term
Conker day
- 2.11 INSET day



ALISON BENNETT MP'S CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION!

Design a Christmas card for Alison and the lucky
winner's design will be printed and sent out across
Mid Sussex!!

Open to everybody in
Reception to Year 11.

Closing date for
entries is Tuesday 29th
September.

Please read the rules and make sure you include
your name, age, school year and school on the
back of your entry.

There are prizes for the runners up and the
overall winner, and everybody who enters will
receive a certificate.

GOOD LUCK!!!