Windy Arbor Primary School



Newsletter - Autumn 2- W1

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back to Our Christmas Term!
We hope you all had a wonderful October half term break and are feeling refreshed and ready for another exciting half term at Windy Arbor. It has been fantastic to welcome the children back to school. They have settled beautifully into their routines and have made a positive start to the Christmas term.
We have lots to look forward to over the coming weeks, including creative art workshops, exciting surprise events and, of course, our Christmas celebrations. It promises to be a busy and enjoyable half term for everyone.

Attendance Matters

Congratulations to the children who won our attendance hampers last half term. We were delighted to celebrate their excellent attendance and commitment to learning.
This half term, we would like to encourage all families to help us improve our overall attendance. Every day in school makes a difference to children's learning, confidence and friendships. Please support us by ensuring your child attends school every day whenever possible.

Christmas Fayre

Our annual Christmas Fayre will take place on Thursday 4th December. This is always a wonderful event for our school community, and we look forward to sharing more details with you soon.

Welcome to the Windy Family

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new dinner supervisors and cleaning staff who have recently joined us. We are delighted to have them as part of the Windy Arbor family.

Mrs Blakemore's Maternity Leave

As some of you know, Mrs Blakemore will be leaving us at February half term to begin her maternity leave. Whilst we will be sad to see her go for a while, we are incredibly excited for her and her family as they prepare to welcome a new baby. We are currently recruiting for a teacher to cover her absence and will keep parents updated as arrangements are finalised.

Takeover Day Applications

Our annual Takeover Day is approaching for children in Years 5 and 6. We encourage all interested pupils to submit their applications as soon as possible. Interviews will take place next Friday, so don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to develop leadership skills and take on important roles within the school.

Times Tables Workshop for Year 4 Parents

In the coming weeks, we will be holding our first Year 4 Times Tables Workshop. This session is designed to support parents in helping their children prepare for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), which takes place in June.
We strongly encourage Year 4 parents and carers to attend and find out more about practical ways to support times tables learning at home.

Thank You

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure that every child has a successful, happy and memorable half term.
We are looking forward to an exciting few weeks ahead and to seeing all of the wonderful achievements the children will accomplish.
Welcome back, and here's to a fantastic Christmas term! 51 sleeps till Christmas Day!

Mrs Curry



SCIENCE Curiosity Quest

Just some of our fabulous submissions following our half term curiosity quest. Children became curious scientists, and explored the world around them displaying their findings in the most creative way possible. Well done everyone who took part and we can't wait to see what you create during our next curiosity quest!







Calendar Dates



9th Nov	Year 3 Art Inspire Workshop
19th Nov	Year 4 TTRS Inspire Workshop
25th Nov	NEW DATE –Year 1 Art Inspire Workshop
27th Nov	TAKE OVER DAY!
4th Dec	Christmas Fayre
10th Dec	Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day









DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE.

Stay connected with all the latest school news, events, and celebrations!
Follow our Facebook page to see what's happening around the school.
Click the link – Follow our school page!
https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61594189715075

SMART Rules

Safe · Manners (Please, Thank you, Excuse me) · Aim High · Respect · Teamwork

SMART Award Winners

- Nursery – Zana'ya
- Reception – Ronnie & Madeline
- Year 1 – Callie & Frankie
- Year 2 – Aurora & Kaeleb
- Year 3 – Warrick & Persia
- Year 4 – Riley & George S
- Year 5 – David & Taliah
- Year 6 – Shavon & Louis
- ARC – Poppy & Ethan
- Nest – K-Jai

PE Star of the Week

- Year 1 – Primrose
- Year 2 – Leo & Elijah
- Year 3 – Summer & Marvelous
- Year 4 – Marlie-Mai & Paisley
- Year 5 – Alivia-Rose & Pheobe
- Year 6 – Kailum & Isabelle

Attendance

96% School target

The Nest	89%		
Blue Caterpillars	89%	ARC	87%
Purple Butterflies	94%	Yellow Butterflies	98%
Bluebells	98%	Daffodils	93%
Snowdrops	97%	Foxgloves	97%
Beech	93%	Ash	88%
Hawthorn	84%	Ivy	88%
Maple	93%	Oak	89%
Willow	94%	Sycamore	91%

100% Attendance



Book vending machine, this week's winners...
Brody, Harlow-Voilet, Jebless & Junior

Jingle All the Way to Christmas with Great Attendance!

'Tis the season to not miss out on wonderful opportunities to learn, grow and make special memories together. Every day in school counts, so let's make the most of every moment as we count down to Christmas!



Still to come this half-term!

- Blues Go Green Project & Anti- bullying Workshops
- The Mayor of Solihull is visiting our School
- Year 4 Workshop
- Sustainability Squad Award Ceromony at the Three Trees
- Agility Competition
- Christmas Jumper and Lunch Day
- Reception Nativity
- SILENT DISCO
- TAKE OVER DAY!
- PARTY DAY!
- and so much more!

Be here to be in with the chance of winning:

- A booking Vending Token
- Extra Play Time
- Class Movie
- VR Experience
- Class Cosy Day
- Festive Hot Chocolate
- Vouchers

LOOK OUT for our Attendance Challenges!

PROSPER TOGETHER Multi Academy Trust

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Breakfast Club

FREE
for all children in Reception - Year 6

Monday - Friday

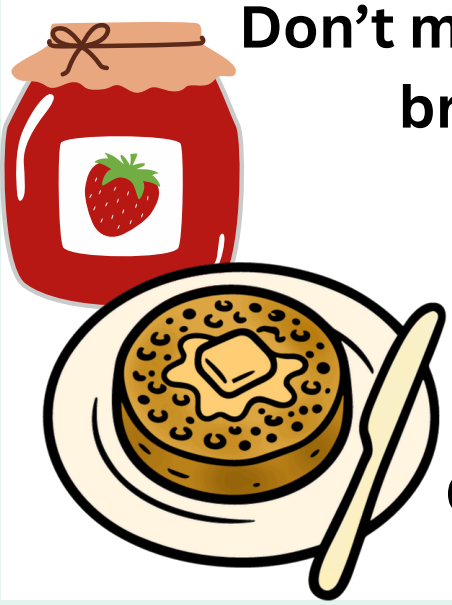
8:10 - 8:45a.m

Main Entance



Why Choose our Free Breakfast Club?

- Enjoy a free nutritious breakfast
- Relaxed and friendly environment
- Take part in a range of activities and games



Don't miss out on an extra addition to our breakfast menu for next week!

MONDAY 9th November

Crumpets and Jam

Contact the school office to sign up.

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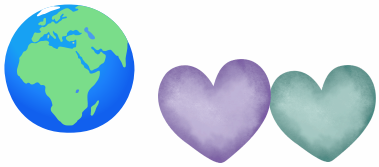
🌿 **We are delighted to announce that our school has been awarded the**

Level 3 Green School Award!

This fantastic achievement reflects our ongoing commitment to sustainability and caring for our environment. A huge thank you goes to **Miss Povey** for her dedication and hard work in leading this important area, and to our wonderful **Sustainability Squad**, whose enthusiasm, ideas and efforts have helped make this award possible.

We are incredibly proud of everyone involved in helping our school become a greener and more sustainable place to learn and grow. Well done!







Save energy at home

Try one of these handy energy-saving tips to reduce your home's bills and carbon emissions.

Households could save about £250 a year by installing some energy-efficient measures[3]

Heating and hot water

More than half of your fuel bill is likely to be spent on heating and hot water[1], so it's a good place to start looking for energy savings.

- Turn down your room thermostat by just one degree and you could save up to £90 a year[2]. Aim for a temperature of between 18-21°C.
- Spend one minute less in the shower and save around £10 each year, per person[3].
- Switch to a water-efficient showerhead: This could save a four-person household around £67 a year[4].

Lighting

Lighting consumes about a fifth of your electricity bill[5], so look for savings here too.

- You can't buy traditional incandescent bulbs anymore, but you might still have some old bulbs in use, so upgrade these to Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFLs) or LED spotlights.
- Switch off lights: even if you turn off a light off for just a few seconds, it'll save more energy than it takes for the light to start up again – and this could save you around £15 a year[6].

Appliances

Homes today have more appliances than ever before, but you can save money by using them more efficiently.

- Don't leave appliances in standby – this includes always-on devices, such as broadband modems.
- Only fill the kettle with the amount of water that you need – boiling more wastes water and electricity[6].
- Choose energy-efficient appliances but remember that the larger an appliance, the more energy it will consume – regardless of its energy rating.
- Consider swapping a desktop computer for a laptop, which consumes 85% less electricity over a year[7].

Be smart about energy

Make sure you understand your energy usage and everyone in the family is saving energy too.

- Shop around for the best energy deal, as you could save more than £350[8].
- Consider investing in a smart heating control that lets you manage your heating from your mobile.
- Involve the whole family in saving energy! Find quizzes, activities and games – like our fun energy-saving game Power Patrol – at jointhepod.org.

[1] www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/heating-and-hot-water; [2] [3] [4] www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/energy-saving-quick-wins; [5] www.which.co.uk/energy/saving-energy/guides/how-to-use-less-electricity/money-saving-tips/; [6] www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/home-energy-efficiency/home-appliances; [8] This was the average annual saving made by consumers using Which?'s Switch service between 1 November 2016 and 30 May 2018.

Learn more about energy at

www.jointhepod.org