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Windmill Class Newsletter - Term 1 and 2 2026

Dear Parents & Pupils,

We have had a fantastic term in Windmill settling into new class routines and expectations. We have already learnt an unbelievable amount of new skills in reading, writing, maths and beyond.

The children have made new friendships and continued with friendships from last year – the joy of mixed year classes is the opportunity to make so many friendships.

READING

We expect children to read aloud, at least 4 days a week, at home for around 10 minutes. These books are closely matched to their current phonics attainment and will help them apply new sounds (GPC's) they have learnt in school.

Daily reading is proven to be the greatest indicator of academic success. This might fit into your bedtime routine, whilst tea is being prepared or even before coming to school in the morning.

Please continue to support this by recording your signature in their reading records every time your children. Reading diaries are checked daily.

PHONICS and SPELLING

Children are encouraged to spell using their taught phonics however the exception to the phonetic rule is their common exception words.

Year 1, Phase 4 and 5 common exception words.



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oh	their	people	Mr	Mrs
looked	called	asked	water	where
who	again	thought	through	mouse
work	many	laughed	because	different
any	eyes	friends	once	please

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National Curriculum spellings.

Years 1 and 2 Common Exception Words						
Year 1			Year 2			
the	you	where	door	cold	grass	whole
a	your	love	floor	gold	pass	any
do	they	come	poor	hold	plant	many
to	be	some	because	told	path	clothes
today	he	one	find	every	bath	busy
of	me	once	kind	great	hour	people
said	she	ask	mind	break	move	water
are	we	friend	behind	steak	prove	again
were	no	school	child	pretty	improve	half
was	go	put	children	beautiful	sure	money
is	so	push	wild	after	sugar	Mr
his	by	pull	climb	fast	eye	Mrs
has	my	full	most	last	could	parents
I	here	house	only	past	should	Christmas
	there	our	both	father	would	everybody
			old	class	who	even

PE

Sessions will be held on Wednesday and Friday. Pupils need to wear their PE kit to school on these days.

What to bring to school:



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There is limited space in our cloakroom so we ask that children just bring a **book bag** and **coat**. They will need to bring their reading books everyday and a water bottle. As the weather gets colder and we begin to bring hats and gloves can we please ensure they are labelled.

Teachers working days:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Miss Massey	Miss Massey	Miss Massey	Mrs Needs	Mrs Needs
Miss Massey	Miss Massey	Miss Massey	Mrs Needs	Mrs Needs

Thank you for your anticipated support. We look forward to working with you all this academic year. If you should need to speak with us outside of school hours this is the class email address:

Windmill@stmarysprimaryportbury.org

Or you can always contact the school office 😊

Yours sincerely,

Miss Massey and Mrs Needs



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