

January 2018



Newsletter



Calendar

6.2.18	FAST session 3 for Y1 families
6.2.18 1:20pm	Safer Internet Day
13.2.18	FAST session 4 for Y1 families
14.2.18 2-3pm	Bring your wellies and Smile for Mile
16.2.18	School closes for half term
26.2.18	INSET
27.2.18	School opens for spring term 2
27.2.18	FAST session 5 for Y1 families
26/27/28 March 18	Parent consultations

Reminder:

NO scooters/bikes are to be ridden on the playground. Please dismount at the gates.



Whole school attendance
December 2017
91.04 %

Class with best attendance
Year 2 Palm
95.28 %

A message from our Head Teacher



Happy new year and welcome back to the spring term which we agreed in our first assembly is all about, 'Learning, Learning, Learning!'

One of the main things that impacts on learning and progress is pupils not being in school and last term 24.9% of our pupils were listed as persistently absent (attendance of under 90%). We are currently holding Attendance Team meetings every 2 weeks and will be working with families to create Attendance Plans to ensure good attendance wherever possible. Of course if your child is ill then the best thing to do is to keep them at home so that they recover as soon as possible. Please contact me if you have any concerns about your child's attendance. I am looking forward to a happy and healthy term of learning together!

Progress score for Willow Wood Community Primary School

Progress scores

Reading
Average-1.2
Writing
Average-0.5
Maths
Average-1.3

I am delighted to report that children in our school make the progress that the government expects in reading writing and maths in between the end of Y2 and Y6. Therefore parents can be confident that at Willow Wood their child is being well taught and making good progress from their starting points.

Please come to parents Consultations in March to find out more about your child's progress.

Year 6 Careers visit



Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed the Winsford Primary Pathways event at the University of Chester. The event was designed to support our pupils in exploring a range of careers, subjects and potential pathways before their progression to secondary school. The visit included: a session outlining what options are available, a subject 'fair' which allowed pupils to meet academics; students from a range of our faculties and try activities, and a campus tour. The morning also allowed pupils to experience a real university campus and ask lots of questions.

The children were buzzing when they returned to school and a group told Ms Tomlinson that they want to go to University now, which is great. Aim high!

Online Safety Tip of the Month!

If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website, turn off your computer if you want to and tell a trusted adult immediately.

Free School Meals And Pupil Premium

You may be entitled to free school meals for your child if you receive any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal

OR if your child has been adopted or is under a special guardianship order.

Please speak to Mrs Smith in the school office.

It is important that you register, even if your child currently receives Universal Free Infant School Meals as there is additional funding (Pupil Premium) that school can apply for.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>



Learning Today for
Tomorrow

Compliments corner...

It's always nice to give and receive compliments and at Willow Wood we often receive them, so this is our chance to share them with you!

On the year 6 careers visit to Chester University our pupils were fantastic ambassadors for Willow Wood; Chantal Bradburn (Widening Participation Officer), who organised the event, fed back how the enthusiasm and engagement of our students was commented on by every member of staff involved!