

Willow Wood Community Nursery & Primary School



Acting Headteacher: Ms Katie Ullein

- Nursery for 3 & 4 year olds
- Breakfast Club from 08:00 £1



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Welcome Back!

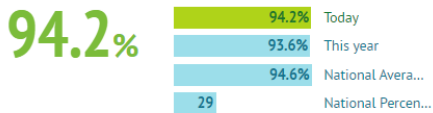
Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I extend a warm welcome to all of you as Acting Headteacher of Willow Wood Community Nursery & Primary School. I am honoured to have the opportunity to lead such a wonderful school community and work alongside dedicated staff, supportive parents and talented children.

We hope you had a wonderful summer and are as excited as we are for the year ahead. It was a pleasure to see all the children return to school, looking so smart in their school uniform! A very warm welcome to all our new parents and children just beginning their Willow Wood journey in Nursery and Reception. This year promises to be filled with learning, growth, and fun, and we can't wait to get started!

Attendance

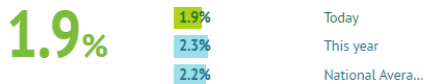
Whole School Attendance



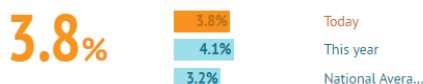
Statutory Attendance



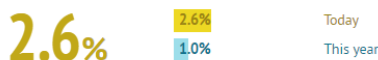
Authorised Absent



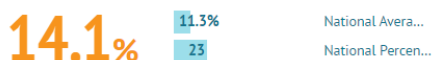
Unauthorised Absent



Late



Persistent Absentees (DFE Whole Year)



Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Inset training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
 Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

Meet Our New Staff

We're thrilled to introduce a few new faces to our school community: **Miss King** – Year 2 Teacher, **Mrs Eddie** – Year 1 Teaching Assistant and **Miss Fryer** – Year 1 Teaching Assistant.

I'm sure you'll all join us in giving them a warm welcome!

Important Dates to Remember

- **Friday 11th October 9am** – Parents Come and Join Us for Maths games!
- **Tuesday 1st October 9am** – SEND Parents Coffee & Chat

Be sure to mark your calendars!

Residentials

As per the letter before the holidays please see the table below for cost breakdown for all residentials. Deposit payments for all residentials are now live on school spider. This table will be on each newsletter as a reminder of payment dates.

Year group	Residential to	Total cost	Deposit	Final payment
Y2	Tattenhall Date: 13 th -14 th May '25 1 night	£122 £61 (pupil premium)	£40 by 29 th Nov '24	£82 £21 (pupil premium) By 21 st Feb '25
Y3/4	Conway centre Date: 27 th -29 th Jan '25 2 nights	£180 £90 (pupil premium)	£50 by 27 th Sept '24	£130 £40 (pupil premium) By 17 th Jan '25
Y5/6	Gulliver's World Date: 5 th -6 th June 1 night	£115 £57.50 (pupil premium)	£35 by 25 th Oct '24	£80 £22.50 (pupil premium) By 26 th April '25

We know trips and residentials can be expensive, so to support families any children in receipt of Pupil Premium will have 50% financed by school. If you think your child is entitled to Pupil Premium please see the office staff for support in applying for it. You can also spread the payments across the months leading up to the final payment date.

Student Spotlights

Congratulations to all our Stars of the Week, who received their purple jumper in our first Celebration Assembly on Friday! We're so proud of your hard work and dedication! If your child receives a purple jumper to wear please return in on Thursday the following week, so we can wash and dry it in time for the next assembly.

Parent Involvement

We are always looking for volunteers to join our PTA or to spend some time in school listening to children read. If you're interested, please contact the main office for more information. Also if you have pre-school age children we hold a mother and toddler group called **Little Willows** each Thursday in the Sunshine Building hall. Please contact the office for more information.

Calling all Asda shoppers...

You may have seen that Asda have launched 'Cashpots for Schools' which is running until the end of November Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our school & also donate £1 for every person who opts in This won't affect your individual cashpot.

It's simple to set up, just make sure your rewards app is updated and follow the steps below

1. Go to cashpots in the Asda rewards app and click 'Join Cashpot for Schools'
2. Click 'I have a school I want to choose'
3. Search Willow Wood Community Nursery & Primary School
4. Asda will confirm your choice then start spending!

We are already at £133!

Finally

As we kick off this school year, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support and involvement. Together, we can make this year a memorable one for our children. Let's work together to create a positive and engaging learning environment for the children.

Warm regards,
Katie Ullein
Acting Head Teacher

