

# 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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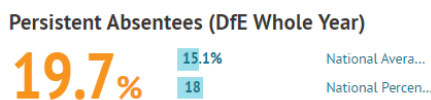
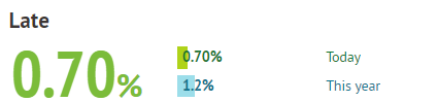
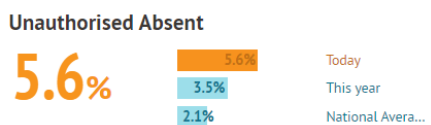
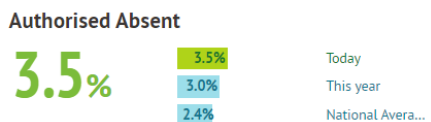
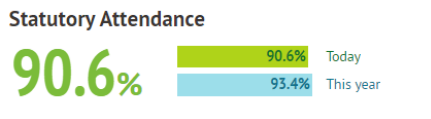
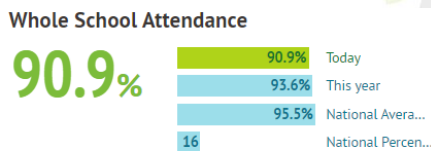
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## Newsletter 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous first full week in school! As I've walked around school each day the children have all been settled well into their new classes and enjoying working hard. I've already seen some beautiful cursive handwriting in their English books and overheard children asking for home learning on Purple Mash!

### Attendance update:



### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

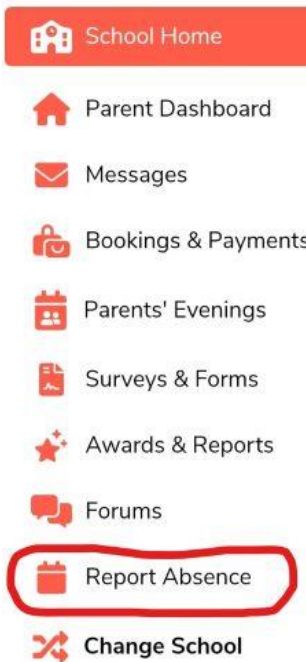
#### Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

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'.

Whole school attendance compared to last Monday has dropped to 90%, though overall this year it is 93.6%. We are striving to be above 96% for whole school attendance, so please **only keep your children at home if they are really poorly**. Lates have improved this week and dropped to below 1% today, thank you for getting your children to school on time and ready to learn!

## Reporting a pupil absent



Please can we remind all parents that if your child is going to be absent from school, can you let the school office know first thing in the morning, ideally before the start of school.

These are the ways in which you can do this.

1. Ring school and select option 1 to leave a pupil absence message, including information of the illness.
2. Report the absence on school spider, by selecting Report Absence. Please see diagram, including a description of the illness.

If your child is going to be off for more than 1 day, then we do need daily contact from you, until your child returns to school.

The above are monitored throughout the day and messages are picked up regularly, so if you could leave your message before 9.30am we would really appreciate it.

Thank you to all parents currently doing this.

## Important Dates to Remember

- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9am** – Parents Come and Join Us for Maths games!
- **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 9am** – SEND Parents Coffee & Chat.
- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 9:30am** - Year 1 parent phonics assembly in the Rainbow Building hall
- **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 1 are visiting The Brampton Museum.

Be sure to mark your calendars!

## Student Spotlights

Thank you to all the Year 6 children who applied to become this years Head Boy and Head Girl. They all wrote amazing persuasive letters, letting us know why they would be the best person for the job! It was a very hard choice but our Head Girl this year will be Ruby Atherton and our Head Boy will be Matthew Taylor! Congratulations to you both, I'm sure you are going to be great ambassadors for Willow Wood this year!

## Year 6 High School Open Days and Applications

- Leftwich Open Evening – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 5:00-7:30.
- Rudheath Senior Academy Open Evening – Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 5pm-7pm.
- The Winsford Academy Open Evening – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 4:30-6:30pm.

It is advised that parents and carers arrange to visit the preferred schools prior to making an application, as once the place is offered, it may not be possible to accommodate a change of preference later in the process. Applications need to be made by 31<sup>st</sup> October. If you would like any help with the application

process please contact the family support team via the school office. [Secondary admissions | Cheshire West and Chester Council](#)

## Parental Involvement

- **First PTA meeting Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 9am** – Sycamore room in the Rainbow Building – Anyone interested welcome.
- **Little Willows** Mother & Toddler group each Thursday in the Sunshine Building hall.
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 9:30am - **Year 1 parent phonics assembly** in the Rainbow Building hall.

## 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 now up to £167!**

## Residential reminders

Deposit payments for all residential are now live on school spider.

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

## Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Your child may be able to get free school meals/pupil premium if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- 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 Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

The criteria also apply if your child is adopted or under a special guardianship order.

Please speak to the school office if you need any help with applying or have any questions.

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>

## Finally

As we continue to support all the children on their educational journey, we want to remind you of the importance of staying informed and engaged with our school community. Engaging with teachers and school staff helps foster a positive relationship that benefits your child. Open communication creates a supportive atmosphere for everyone involved. We encourage you to take the initiative to ask questions, seek information and engage with us. Your involvement is crucial to your child's success and our school community.

Warm regards,  
Katie Ullein  
Acting Head Teacher

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