

Willow Wood Community Nursery & Primary School



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



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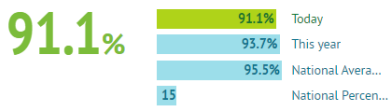
Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week Y6 have had! First of all they had training to become Play Leaders, to encourage and support the play and sports with the younger children in the playground at lunchtime. Then some of them have also seen Mr Bell at the Passion for Learning Sports Carnival in Chester. They had an amazing time trying lots of different sports!



Attendance update:

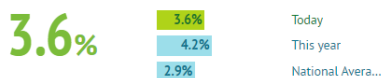
Whole School Attendance



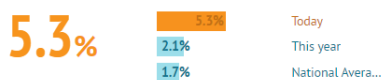
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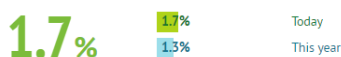
Authorised Absent



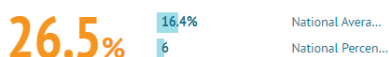
Unauthorised Absent



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.

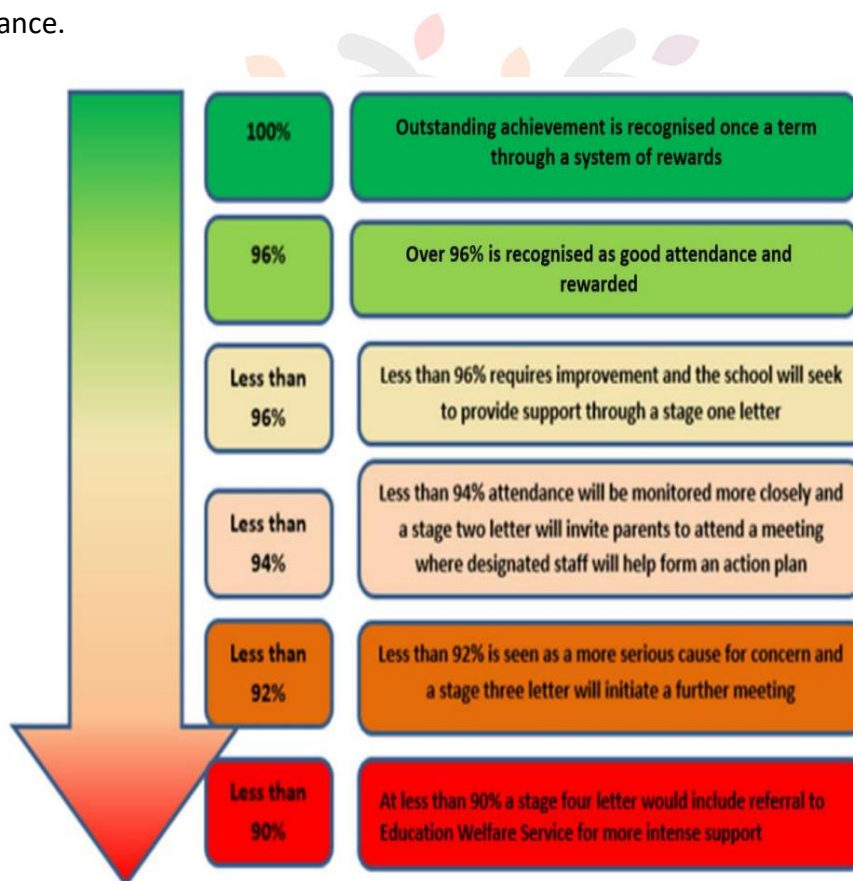
Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

Unfortunately whole school attendance compared to last Monday has dropped to 91.1% and overall this year it is now 93.7%, which is a slight drop. Well done Y1 Mulberry for having the best class attendance last week of 97.7%! The class with the best attendance each week receive a £10 book token to spend on books of their choice for their classroom! We are striving to be above 96% for whole school attendance, so please **only keep your children at home if they are really poorly**. Thank you for getting your children to school on time and ready to learn!

How Attendance is managed and reported at Willow Wood Community Nursery and Primary School

At Willow Wood Community Nursery and Primary School **ALL** children’s attendance is monitored daily. When a child’s attendance falls below 96 %, their attendance becomes a concern. Attendance will be reported to Parents every 4-6 weeks. For Parents of Children who are persistently late for school and/ or have a high number of unauthorised absences, they will receive additional communications and will be invited into School for Attendance meetings.

The table below sets out the attendance targets and at what stage parents/carers will be contacted about their child’s attendance.



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Important Dates to Remember

- **Tuesday 1st October 9am** – SEND Parents Coffee & Chat – Sycamore room in the Rainbow building.
- **Friday 11th October 9am** – Parents Come and Join Us for Maths games!
- **Tuesday 15th October 9:30am** - Year 1 parent phonics assembly in the Rainbow Building hall
- **Tuesday 22nd October** – PTA Halloween Discos – Timings TBC
- **Wednesday 6th November** - Year 1 are visiting The Brampton Museum.

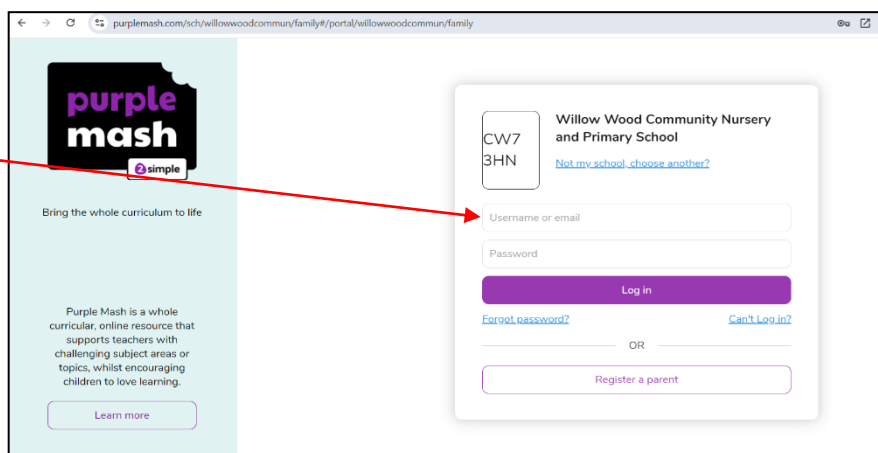
LOGGING IN INTO PURPLE MASH

Ensure you are using our personalised browser address as seen here:

<https://purplemash.com/willowwoodcommun/family>

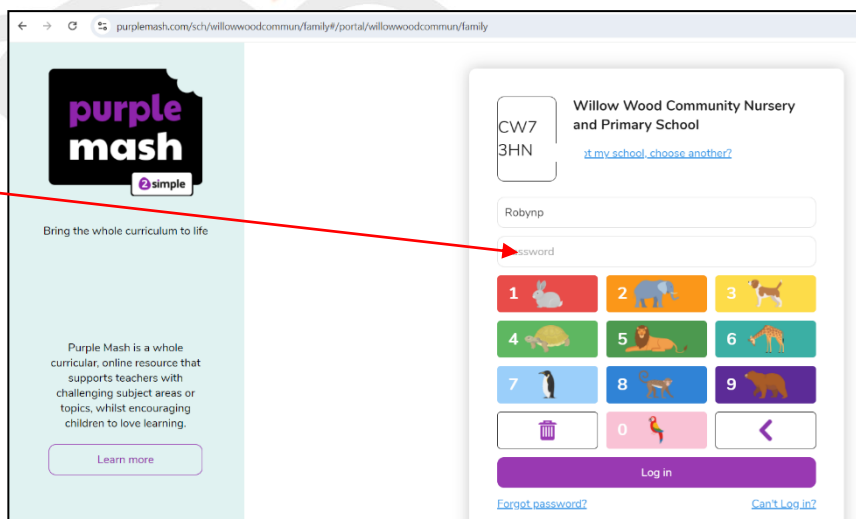
The screen will look like this:

Add your child's username
(DO NOT leave any spaces in between
unless the log in card shows this).



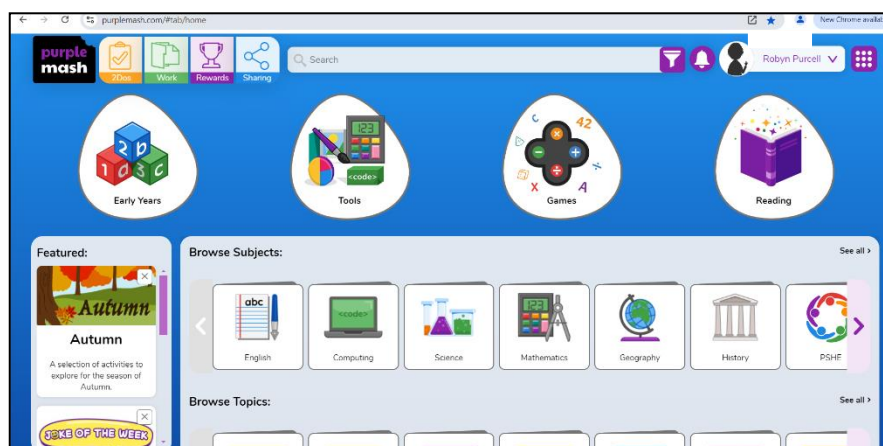
The screen will look like this:

Add the password as seen on the
login details – it is made up of
2 animal images/numbers.



The screen will look like this:

Your child's name will appear in the
top right corner.
Explore the dashboard.
Early Years for young learners,
Games and tools for all learners.
Find your child's specific interests of
topics in subjects.



Please contact your child's teacher if you experience problems – Enjoy!

Student Spotlights



Last weekend Jacob became
Cheshire North West Schoolboys Scramble Club
2024 65cc Champion – Congratulations!

Also Isaac and Ophelia became the Captains for their teams on Saturday, after all their hard work at last week's training session! Amazing achievement!



Year 6 High School Open Days and Applications

- The Winsford Academy Open Evening – Thursday 3rd 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 31st 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

- **Tuesday 1st October 9am** – SEND Parents Coffee & Chat – Sycamore room in the Rainbow building.
- **Next PTA meeting Friday 11th October 9am** – Sycamore room in the Rainbow Building – Anyone interested welcome.
- **Little Willows** Mother & Toddler group each Thursday in the Sunshine Building hall.
- Tuesday 15th 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 an amazing £242! Thank you to all the Asda shoppers!

Residentials reminders

Unfortunately we only had 43% of deposits paid for the Y3/4 residential to Conway, by Friday 27th September. As per the letter before the summer, unfortunately the residential will have to be cancelled and all deposits we did get will be returned this week. If anyone who paid the deposit has debts from previous school trips/residentials, we will request you use the deposit towards missed payments, to try and recoup the £7K of missed payments last year for trips/residentials.

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
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

Trips reminders

Trip	Year group	Date of trip	Cost	Needs to be paid by
Clonter Theatre	Year 5	10/10/2024	£15/PP £7.50	4th October
World Museum	Year 3 & 4	25/10/2024	£15/PP £7.50	4th October
Brampton Museum	Year 1	06/11/2024	£16.10 / PP £8.05	23 rd October
Chester Zoo	Year 5 & 6	22/11/2024	£14 / PP £7	8th November

This is the table of trips for this term. Again if 80% of the payments are not paid by the dates in the table, unfortunately the trip will have to be cancelled. This is mostly due to high coach costs, as school cannot afford to fund a half full bus. For example the entry tickets to Chester Zoo were free and the cost is for a workshop and the coach travel. When the trip goes ahead any children who have not paid will unfortunately not attend the trip and will stay in school on the day of the trip.

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

Thank you to all the parents who are reading with their children at home at least 5 times a week, you are helping your child to expand their vocabulary and grasp of language, as well as introducing them to new words, phrases, and sentence structures. They will receive a raffle ticket every week they read 5 times and will be in with a chance to win a bike or a tablet at the end of term, so the more they read the more chances they have to win!

Please continue to read with you child at home everyday to support them on their learning journey.

Warm regards,
Katie Ullein
Acting Head Teacher

