

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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Newsletter 25th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week I shared a fantastic poem from Jessica in Y4. This week as part of Anti-Bullying week Y3 wrote some amazing acrostic poems about Respect, one of our school values. Here is the fabulous one written by Philip in Y3!

Remember to be kind.

Everyone's games matter.

Show kindness to everyone you meet.

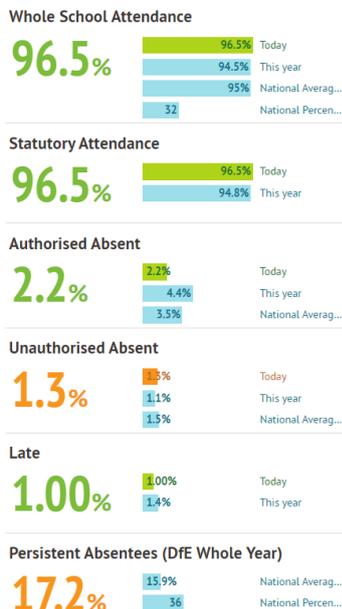
Promise to never give up in school.

Enjoy playing with friends.

Caring for other people.

Take care of homeless people.

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 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'.

Fantastic! Whole school attendance has continued to be above 96% today compared to last Monday and overall this year it has gone up a tiny bit to 94.5%. Last week the class with the best attendance was our Y6 Hazel class with 98.9% so a big well done to Y6 for having the best attendance.

Please be reminded that punctuality is just as important as attendance, school starts at 8:45am and the register closes at 9:15am, any children arriving after the register has closed will result in an unauthorised U mark. Under the new attendance laws, when children receive 10 or more unauthorised marks, schools can refer them to the local authority for a fixed penalty.

We are still 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!

Reminders

- The school office hours are 8.15am – 4pm. Please leave a message on the answerphone if you call outside of these hours and we will get back to you.
- If phoning up to report a pupil absence. Please leave these on the absence answer machine, which is option 1. There is no need to speak to office staff to report a pupil absent, these messages get checked regularly. You can also record a pupil absence on the School Spider App.
- Parent reminder to keep your School Grid account in credit at all times. Meals need to be paid for in advance. Office staff are having to chase on a daily basis, accounts that are on stop due to no payment when a child has a lunch ordered. Easiest way to avoid this, is to top up £13.90 every Monday for a week of meals, this is £2.78 a day. School Grid is the parent's responsibility and not the schools.
- The **school photographer will be in school on Thursday 28th November 2024**. Photographs are for children in all years. The pictures taken will be for children attending Willow Wood Primary School only and any siblings they have in Willow Wood. On this occasion, photos WILL NOT be open to younger or older siblings who do not attend the school. Please ensure your child attends in full school uniform that day.

Important Dates to Remember

- **Thursday 28th November – School photographs – full uniform**
- **Friday 29th November – Non-uniform – bring a donation for the Rainbow Hamper Raffle.**
- **Thursday 5th December** - School nurse is coming into school to do a drop 9-10am. You can come and talk to her about any questions/worries you may have e.g toileting, sleep, health

Christmas Rainbow Hamper Raffle

On Friday 29th November we will be having a Non-Uniform day, to collect donations for some Rainbow Hampers for a Christmas raffle. Children can wear any colour clothes. Raffle tickets for the hampers will go on sale on the playground week commencing 2nd December. Each year group has been assigned a colour, please bring your hamper donation to your child's class teacher on Friday 29th November.

The colours are: **Nursery & Reception – Purple** - **Year 1 – Yellow** - **Year 2 – Red** - **Year 3 – Orange** - **Year 4 – Pink** - **Year 5 – Blue** - **Year 6 – Green**

Christmas Dates

Date	Christmas Activity.
Friday 29 th November	Non-uniform day Donations for Rainbow Raffle Hampers – info to follow.
Tuesday 3 rd December	Christmas crafts – EYFS 2pm In Rainbow hall
Friday 6 th December	Christmas crafts -Y1-Y6 2pm In classrooms
Tuesday 10 th December	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Northwich Pantomime trip.
Thursday 12 th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper day £1 Donation
Thursday 12 th December	KS2 Singing at Christ Church 10am – Y4 & Y5 Parents 11am – Y3 & Y6 Parents
Friday 13 th December	Closing date for PTA Christmas Bauble Competition - £1 per entry
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch - Order on School Grid asap
Thursday 19 th December	Class Christmas parties – PM
Monday 16 th December	Reception Christmas Performance – 2pm In Rainbow Hall
Monday 16 th December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance – 9:30am In Rainbow Hall
Tuesday 17 th December	Reception Christmas Performance – 9:30am In Rainbow Hall
Tuesday 17 th December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance – 2pm In Rainbow Hall
Monday 16 th December	Nursery Singing & Mince Pies round the Christmas tree – 11:15am In the Nursery classroom

Parental Involvement

- **Little Willows** Mother & Toddler group each Thursday in the Sunshine Building hall.
- **Next SEND Parents Coffee & Chat** - Tuesday 3rd December – Everyone welcome, time for parents to come together and chat.
- **Next PTA Meeting** – Monday 9th December 9am – Sunshine building.

PTA Christmas Bauble Decorating Competition

Don't forget to bring a £1 to take part in the PTA Christmas Bauble Decorating Competition.

Bring a £1 to your child's teacher, they will then receive a blank bauble that they can take home and decorate. Decorate one side and put name and class on the other side. When decorated return to school to be displayed on the Christmas tree in the hall. There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize for EYFS, KS1 and KS2.



EYFS 1st place will get a toy, KS1 1st place will get a craft bundle and KS2 1st place will be a gaming voucher.

Closing date Friday 13th December. Winners will be announced during the last week of term.

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.

There are 5 days left to add to our cashpot, we've already made it to over £500! Thank you to all the ASDA shoppers for supporting Willow Wood!

We are now up to an amazing £531! Thank you to all the Asda shoppers!

Residential reminders

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
Y3/4/5/6	Gulliver's World Date: 5 th -6 th June 1 night	£115 £57.50 (pupil premium)	£35 by 15 th Nov '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
Ice Cream Farm	Reception	05/12/2024	£16/ PP £8	21/11/24
Panto	Years 3,4,5 and 6	10/12/2024	£16/ PP £8	26/11/24
Chester Zoo	Rec, Year 1 and 2	24/01/24	£8 / PP £4	14/01/24
Jodrell Bank	Years 5/6	21/01/24	£19/ PP £9.50	07/01/24

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 applies 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

Please keep reading at home with your child each night for them to be in with a chance of winning a tablet in the next 'Strive for 5' raffle!

Warm regards,
Katie Ullein
Acting Head Teacher

