

# 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 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

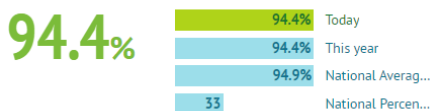
Dear Parents and Carers,

My Favourite time of the year has finally arrived!  
 I am looking forward to seeing Mrs Lee's amazing  
 daily costumes throughout December. Here she is  
 this morning dressed as a Christmas tree!



### Attendance update:

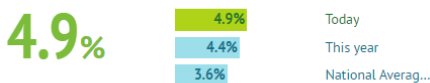
#### Whole School Attendance



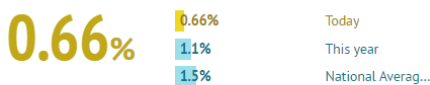
#### Statutory Attendance



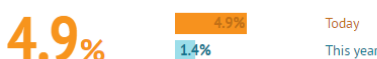
#### Authorised Absent



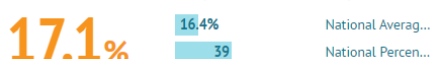
#### Unauthorised Absent



#### 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 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'.

Unfortunately, whole school attendance has dropped to 94.4%, that is down 2% compared to last Monday and overall this year it has gone down a tiny bit to 94.4%. Last week the class with the best attendance was our Y4 Cherry class with 98.9% so a big well done to Cherry 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.

## Important Dates to Remember

- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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

Thank you for all your donations for the Rainbow Raffle hampers, you have been so generous! Staff are now creating the hampers and Mrs Lee will be on the playground selling tickets soon!

## Christmas Dates

Date	Christmas Activity.
Tuesday 3rd December	Christmas crafts – EYFS 2pm In Rainbow hall
Friday 6th December	Christmas crafts -Y1-Y6 2pm In classrooms
Tuesday 10th December	Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Northwich Pantomime trip.
Thursday 12th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper day £1 Donation
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Singing at Christ Church 10am – Y4 & Y5 Parents

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Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Closing date for PTA Christmas Bauble Competition - £1 per entry
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch - Order on School Grid asap
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Class Christmas parties – PM
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Performance – 2pm In Rainbow Hall
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance – 9:30am In Rainbow Hall
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Performance – 9:30am In Rainbow Hall
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance – 2pm In Rainbow Hall
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Everyone welcome, time for parents to come together and chat.
- **Next PTA Meeting** – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> December. Winners will be announced during the last week of term.

## Thank You Asda shoppers!!

Cashpot for schools at Asda has now ended and we have made a **fantastic £566!!** A big Thank You to all the ASDA shoppers for supporting Willow Wood!

## Residential reminders

Year group	Residential to	Total cost	Deposit	Final payment
Y2	Tattenhall Date: 13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> May '25	£122 £61 (pupil premium)	£40 by 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov '24	£82 £21 (pupil premium)

	1 night			By 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb '25
Y3/4/5/6	Gulliver's World Date: 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> June 1 night	£115 £57.50 (pupil premium)	£35 by 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov '24	£80 £22.50 (pupil premium) By 26 <sup>th</sup> 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

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