

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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Newsletter 4th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you've all had a spooky and sparkly half term holiday, enjoying Halloween and Bonfire night! Thank you to all the children that attended our first PTA Halloween disco, their outfits were amazing and the PTA raised over £500 which is fantastic!

Attendance update:

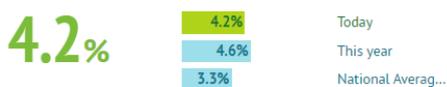
Whole School Attendance



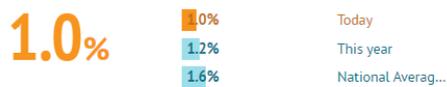
Statutory Attendance



Authorised Absent



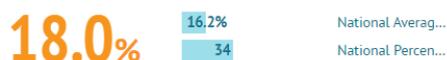
Unauthorised Absent



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 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'.

Whole school attendance has dropped a little compared to last Monday at 94.8% but overall this year it has gone up a tiny bit to 94.2%. Amazing! Last week we had 2 classes with 100% attendance for the week, so a big well done to Y2 Palm and Y2 Magnolia for having the best class 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!

Important Dates to Remember

- **Wednesday 6th November** - Year 1 are visiting The Brampton Museum.
- **Friday 15th November** – Children in Need – Dress as a super hero!
- **Friday 6th December** - Christmas crafts -Y1-Y6 PM
- **Monday 9th December** – Christmas crafts – EYFS AM
- **Tuesday 10th December** – Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Northwich Pantomime visit.
- **Thursday 12th December** – Save the Children Christmas Jumper day
- **Wednesday 18th December** - Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 19th December** – Class Christmas parties – PM
- **Christmas Nativity Dates TBC**

Parents evenings

Parents evenings will take place next week on **Tuesday 12th** and **Wednesday 13th November** 3:30-6pm. Appointments will go live on school spider at 4pm on Tuesday 5th November for you to book a slot to meet with your child's teacher. If you need any help booking a slot please see your child's class teacher.

Children in Need

This year for Children in Need their motto is to make life lighter for children and empowering them to be the best they can be! So we are going to have a school full of superheroes for the day! On Friday 15th November your child can come to school dressed as a superhero and bring a donation of a £1 to go to Children in Need.



Vacancies

We currently have some vacancies for Midday Assistants, if you have an hour to spare between 12pm and 1pm and would like to work in school supporting our children at lunchtime, please come to the office to collect an application form. The children look forward to welcoming you!

Parental Involvement

- **Little Willows** Mother & Toddler group each Thursday in the Sunshine Building hall.
- **Next SEND Parents Coffee & Chat** - Tuesday 3rd December

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 26 days left to add to our cashpot, can we make it to £500?

We are now up to an amazing £405! 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

Trips reminders

Trip	Year group	Date of trip	Cost	Needs to be paid by
Chester Zoo	Year 5/6	22/11/2024	£14 / PP £7	08/11/2024
Ice Cream Farm	Reception	05/12/2024	£16 / PP £8	21/11/2024
Panto	Year 3,4,5 & 6	10/12/2024	£16/ PP £8	26/11/2024
Jodrell Bank	Year 5/6	21/01/2025	£19 / PP £9.50	07/01/2025

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

This Friday we will be having our first 'Strive for 5' raffle of the year. All the children that read 5 times in a week during last half term will have received a raffle ticket. The raffle will be drawn on Friday in celebration assembly and the winner will receive a tablet! 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

