

# 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 18<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week Y4 were learning how to write poems in their English lessons. After learning all about poems in school Jessica in Cherry class went home and wrote the following poem. I'm sure you'll all agree she is a fantastic author!

### Poem of school for everyone.

Our school year has been full on fun.

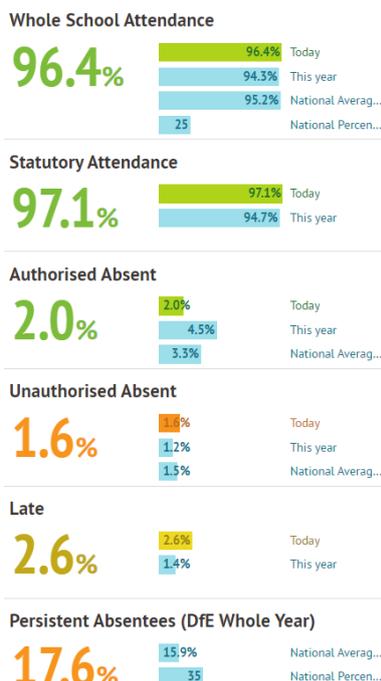
Learning and playing in all types of weather, but it's still fun.

Your learning helps with lots, and remember everyone is special, it doesn't matter who you are.

School has been going for years, you have grown up and made new friends over the years.

Your smile cheers everyone up everyday and year, so just be you!

### 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.

<p><b>Per Parent, Per Child</b></p> <p>Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.</p> <p><u>For example:</u> 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.</p>	<p><b>5 consecutive days of term time leave</b></p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>First Offence</b></p> <p>The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:</p> <p>£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.                      Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.</p>	<p><b>10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period</b></p> <p>Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.</p>
<p><b>Second Offence (within 3 years)</b></p> <p>The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:</p> <p>£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.</p>	
<p><b>Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.</p>	

Fantastic! Whole school attendance has gone up 2% compared to last Monday to 96.9% but overall this year it has dropped a tiny bit to 94.3%. Last week the class with the best attendance was again our Seedlings class with 98.8% so a big well done to Seedlings, our Nursery class 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!

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> November** – School photographs – full uniform
- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – Christmas crafts – EYFS 2pm
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas crafts -Y1-Y6 2pm
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Northwich Pantomime visit.
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – Save the Children Christmas Jumper day £1
- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Lunch
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Class Christmas parties – PM
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – **Reception Christmas Performance – 2pm**
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – **Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance – 9:30am**
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – **Reception Christmas Performance – 9:30am**
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – **Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance – 2pm**
- **Nursery Singing & Mince Pies - TBC**
- **KS2 Singing at the Church - TBC**

## Pupil Spotlight



A huge congratulations to Jacob for placing first 2024 White Rose Summer Motocross Championship.

What a fabulous achievement!

## Children in Need

A big thank you to everyone who dressed up and made a donation to Children in Need on Friday – we made an amazing £137!



## Parental Involvement

- **Little Willows** Mother & Toddler group each Thursday in the Sunshine Building hall.
- **Next SEND Parents Coffee & Chat** - Tuesday 3rd December
- **Next PTA Meeting** – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 9am – Sunshine building.

## PTA Christmas Bauble Decorating Competition

From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November your child will be able to pay £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 12 days left to add to our cashpot, can we make it to £500?

**We are now up to an amazing £497! Thank you to all the Asda shoppers!**

### Residential reminders

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
Y3/4/5/6	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
Chester Zoo	Year 5 & 6	22/11/2024	£14 / PP £7	8th November
Caft Farm visit	Fircones/Lilac	25/11/24	£10	21/11/24
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

