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 3rd March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,



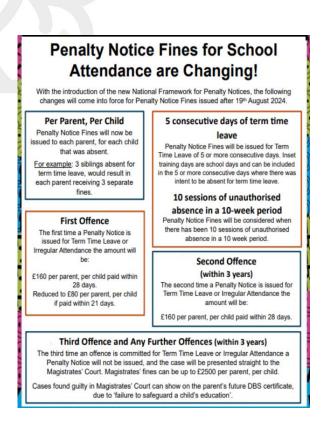
Get ready for an exciting Science Week! From 7th to the 16th of March, we will explore the wonders of science through fun experiments, hands-on activities, and fascinating discoveries.

This year's theme, Change and Adapt, will inspire curiosity and creativity as we dive into topics like Animal adaptions and Antibody adventures.

Get ready for a week full of learning and fun!

Attendance update:

Whole school Attendance today	93.6%	
Whole school Attendance last Monday	90.8%	
Whole school attendance so far this year.	92.7%	



Fabulous! Whole school attendance compared to last Monday has gone up 3% to 93.6% and overall so far this year it has gone down slightly to 92.7%.

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!

Attendance Superstars

Last week the class with the best attendance was Palm with 99.5% so a big well done to Y2 for being our attendance superstars!

Well done to all the children with 96-99% attendance and all the children who had improved their attendance by over 3% - how fantastic! They all received a certificard and sticker in assembly as a big well done!

World Book Day



World Book Day is on Thursday 6th March. This year, we'll be running a Bedtime Story themed World Book Day where **children are invited to come into school in their pyjamas/comfy clothes and bring in a favourite book to share with their classmates**. We will spend the day celebrating the joy and comfort that reading can bring and sharing book recommendations with each other. If you have already bought an outfit for your child, they can of course come dressed up in their outfit.

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.

OFSTED

You may have seen in the press last week that OFSTED have set out some new proposals that they are consulting on. The following link takes you to their press release.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofsted-sets-out-proposals-for-fairer-education-inspections-and-new-more-detailed-report-cards You can then use the following link to contribute to the consultation by sharing your views. Improving the way Ofsted inspects education - GOV.UK

Parental Involvement

- Little Willows Mother & Toddler group each Thursday in the Sunshine Building hall.
- **Next SEND Parents Coffee & Chat** TBC Everyone welcome, time for parents to come together and chat.
- Next PTA Meeting Monday 24th March 9am Sunshine building.

PTA

Our next PTA event will be Easter Bingo!! It will be on Tuesday 1st April in the Rainbow building Hall, doors open at 5:30, eyes down at 6pm.

Last year everyone had a fabulous time and went away with some amazing chocolate hampers and big Easter eggs! We will be having a non-uniform day Friday 21st March, please bring an Easter egg or bar of chocolate for the bingo evening.



Residentials reminders

Final payments for these residentials are now open on school spider, for anyone wanting to spread the cost.

Year group	Residential to	Total cost	Deposit	Final payment
Y2	Tattenhall	£122	£4 <mark>0</mark> by	£82
	Date: 13 th -14 th May '25	£61 (pupil premium)	29 th Nov '24	£21 (pupil premium)
	1 night			By 21 st Feb '25
Y3/4/5/6	Gulliver's World	£115	£35 by	£80
	Date:5 th -6 th June	£57.50 (pupil premium)	15 th Nov '24	£22.50 (pupil premium)
	1 night			By 26 th April '25

Dates for your diary

- World Book Day Thursday 6th March.
- Easter Bingo Tuesday 1st April

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



A big congratulations to Harry on being our 'Strive for 5' winner this half term!

Please keep reading at home with your child at least 5 times each week to make sure they get as many raffle tickets as they can for our next 'Strive for 5' raffle!

Warmest wishes, Katie Ullein Acting Head Teacher