

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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Dear Parents and Carers,

VE Day



We will be holding a special commemorative event at school on Thursday the 8th of May to mark 80 years since the end of the Second World War. As part of the celebrations there will be picnic lunch in place of the hot school dinner. This will be served on the field in the style of the street parties that were held to celebrate VE Day 80 years ago. Children are invited to wear their own party clothes in red, white and blue and give a donation towards the British Legion. The children will also be learning about VE day in class on the day.

Attendance update:

Whole school Attendance today	92.2%	
Whole school Attendance last Monday	94.1%	
Whole school attendance so far this year.	92.9%	

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 compared to last Monday has dropped to 92.2% and overall so far this year it has stayed the same at 92.9%.

Willow Wood Community Nursery and Primary School places great emphasis upon every child achieving their full potential. It is important therefore that every child attends the school regularly and participates in the schooling that is offered if they are to make good progress and benefit from the opportunities that school offers.

It is expected that parents/carers support their child by complying with the law which imposes a duty on parents/carers to ensure that their son/daughters are properly educated.

When a child has a high level of irregular attendance due to illness, we will contact Parents to discuss the measures that have been taken, ie. visiting the GP. When a child's attendance falls below 90 %, to enable us to authorise any future absences due to illness medical evidence may be required.

This can be in the form of:

- Copy of prescription relating to the illness
- A dated note from the GP's receptionist confirming your visit to the GP
- A medical appointment card
- Evidence of medicine prescribed by the GP

If you are unsure whether your child is too unwell to attend school, please consult the information from the NHS in the link below.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please remember that Parents must contact school every day to inform us of the reasons for absence.

Attendance Superstars

Well done to the 49 children who have had 100% attendance for the spring term! They all received a badge in assembly last Friday.

Certificards for improved and consistent attendance will be given out at next week's assembly.



Dates for your diary

- Thursday 8th May – VE Day Celebration
- Tuesday 24th June – Sports day – KS1 – AM – KS2 – PM
- Thursday 26th June – Sports day EYFS - AM
- Tuesday 15th July – Summer Fair

PTA Easter Bingo

Thank you so much to everyone that came to our PTA Easter Bingo! They made an impressive £754!

We are hoping to spend some of the money raised on some playground markings for the children to use at playtime!

Reminders

As the weather is expected to be hot for the rest of the week, please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle, a sun hat and with some sun cream on.



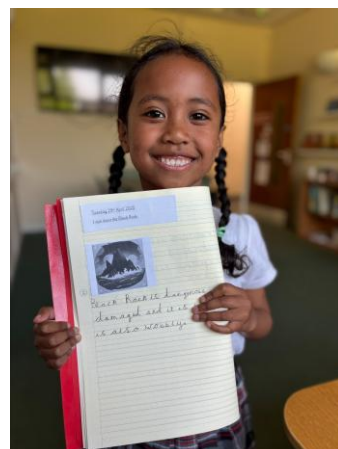
Parental Involvement

- **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** – Friday 2nd May 9am – Sunshine building.

Student Spotlight

Look at Ceserina's amazing independent writing in Y1!

With beautiful cursive writing, capital letters, finger spaces and adjectives!



Residential 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 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

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 well done to Fraser who won this terms 'Strive for 5' raffle. He's already enjoying his new tablet!

Please remember to read with your child at home every night so that they can have as many tickets as possible in the next raffle at half term!

Warmest wishes,
Katie Ullein
Acting Head Teacher

