

# 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 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 9-11am, Y4 parents are invited to a timetables workshop with your child. Times Tables – Game On! A two 2-hour session that aims to boost your child's confidence with times tables. Come along to both sessions and play games to help them learn and recall times tables. You will find out more about the Year 4 Multiplication Check and have fun with your child! We have 7 places left, please book your place on school spider.

Attendance update:

Whole school Attendance today	93.2%	
Whole school Attendance last Monday	92.2%	
Whole school attendance so far this year.	93%	

### 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.

**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.

**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.

**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 gone up to 93.2% and overall so far this year it has gone up slightly to 93%.

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

Last week the class with the **best attendance was Y5 Oak with 97.5% attendance!** So, a big well done to them for being our attendance superstars! They received their £10 book token to buy new books to have in their classroom!

## Dates for your diary

- **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May & Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Y4 Parent & Child Timetables workshop 9-11am**
- **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Gulliver's World Parents meeting 2:45pm**
- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May – VE Day Celebration**
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – PTA Film night**
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Sports day – KS1 – AM – KS2 – PM**
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Sports day EYFS – PM (changed from AM)**
- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fair**



## VE Day Reminder

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 clothes in red, white and blue and give a donation towards the British Legion. Please give your donation to your child's class teacher. The children will also be learning about VE day in class on the day.

## Reminders

As the weather has heated up, 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 6<sup>th</sup> June 9am – Sunshine building.

## 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 <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
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## 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 remember to read with your child at home every night so that they can have as many tickets as possible in the next 'Strive for 5' raffle at half term!

Warmest wishes,  
Katie Ullein  
Acting Head Teacher

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