

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to all the families that donated to the British Legion whilst we celebrated VE day last week. You donated an amazing £113!



Attendance update:

Whole school Attendance today	94.3%	↑
Whole school Attendance last Monday	93.2%	
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.

**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 gone up to 94.3% and overall so far this year it has stayed at 93%.

# REQUEST FOR TERM TIME ABSENCE FROM WILLOW WOOD COMMUNITY NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL

Please note:

- Any absence within the academic year will be classed as unauthorised, unless the Headteacher has granted permission.
- We follow the guidelines which state that we may, in special circumstances, authorise an absence in term time.
- All absences for holidays will be unauthorised. If your child is on holiday for 10 consecutive days, you will receive a fine from the local authority. If 10 days' absence is accrued over a rolling 10 week period, you will receive a fine.
- Any requests for a 2<sup>nd</sup> absence within a 3 year period will be discussed at a meeting with The headteacher and the Attendance officer.
- Authorisation must be applied for at least 1 month in advance. Authorisation will not be given retrospectively.

## Attendance Superstars

Last week the classes with the **best attendance were Y1 Mulberry and Y3 Maple with 99.2% attendance!** So, a big well done to them for being our attendance superstars! They each received their £10 book token to buy new books to have in their classroom!

## Dates for your diary

- 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
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fair

## VE Day

We had a lovely picnic celebrating VE day last week!



## 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.

## Student spotlight

Jacob had an outstanding weekend, great starts, a very good pace and this was enough to give Jacob 5<sup>th</sup> overall for the weekend, far better than he could have wished for. He received a plaque and £40 prize money, another first. Next weekend he's off to Bridgestone Masters at Wroton near Banbury.



## Residential reminders

Final payments for these residentials are now open on school spider.

Year group	Residential to	Total cost	Deposit	Final payment
Y2	Tattenhall Date: 13 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> May '25	£122 £61 (pupil premium)	£40 by 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov '24	£82 £21 (pupil premium)

	1 night			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

## 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

We have a vacancy for a midday to support the children during lunchtime. If you or someone you know is interested in the post, please see the office for an application form,

Warmest wishes,  
Katie Ullein  
Acting Head Teacher

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