

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 19th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Summer Fair will be on Tuesday 15th July. If you know of anyone who would like a stall at the fair please contact the office. We've already secured a bouncy assault course to have on the field! We look forward to seeing you there!



Attendance update:

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| Whole school Attendance today | 94.2% | ← |
| Whole school Attendance last Monday | 94.3% | |
| 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 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 gone down slightly to 94.2% 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 5 consecutive days, you will receive a fine from the local authority. If 5 days' absence is accrued over a rolling 10 week period, you will receive a fine.
- Any requests for a 2nd 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 Y4 Cherry with 99.1% 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 10th June – PTA Film night**
- **Tuesday 24th June – Sports day – KS1 – AM – KS2 – PM**
- **Thursday 26th June – Sports day EYFS – PM**
- **Tuesday 15th July – Summer Fair**

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 6th June 9am – Sunshine building.

Student spotlight – Y2 residential to Tattenhall

Year 2 had an incredible time during their residential to Tattenhall. During the first day, we caught tadpoles and newts during pond dipping! Then we raced around the fields searching for hidden messages during orienteering. We settled down to watch a movie together in the evening (we decided it was too warm for hot chocolate, so enjoyed ice pops instead!)

We were all up very early on Wednesday morning, and very much enjoyed our breakfast: cereal followed by a fry up. After that, we headed out for archery, zip lines and a low-rope obstacle course. Their behaviour was amazing, and they conquered many fears and supported each other through challenges. It was lovely to see them out of the classroom and flourishing with confidence and enthusiasm. Since coming home they have spent time creating a beautiful scrapbook including photos and drawings and then wrote a recount of their trip. Everybody gave 100% effort to everything we did! The children represented our school brilliantly, we are so proud of you all!



Residentials reminders

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

| Year group | Residential to | Total cost | Deposit | Final payment |
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| 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

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.

Last week to get a ticket in the 'Strive for 5' raffle! Please read with your child at home each day. This half terms raffle will be pulled the first week back after the half term holiday.

Warmest wishes,
Katie Ullein
Acting Headteacher
