

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 9th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big **Thank You!** to Winsford United FC for our amazing new football kits!, seen here being modelled by some of our children who play for Winsford United FC. They will all look so smart when playing their next match!



Attendance update:

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| Whole school Attendance today | 94.6% |  |
| Whole school Attendance last Monday | 94.2% | |
| 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 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.

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.

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'.

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.

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.

Whole school attendance compared to last Monday has gone up to 94.6% and overall so far this year it has stayed at 93%.

Attendance Superstars

Last week the classes with the **best attendance were Y4 Elm with 98.3% 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!

Student spotlight

A huge congratulations to Isaac, Ophelia and George in Y4. After 3 years playing together at Winsford United Youth U9s Athletico, they finally won their first football tournament and trophy during half term!



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
- Thursday 17th July 1:30pm – Y6 Performance
- Friday 18th July 9:30am – Y6 Performance
- Monday 21st July 6-8pm – Y6 Prom
- Tuesday 22nd July 2pm – Y6 Award Ceremony

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 20th June 9am – Sunshine building.

Residential to Gulliver's World

Y3/4/5/6 had an AMAZING time on their residential to Gulliver's World last week! They got to go on all the rides as well as take part in crazy golf, roller skating, laser quest and bucket drumming! For many of the children it was the first time they had stayed in a hotel without their parents. All the children were fabulously behaved and made the staff so proud. A MASSIVE THANK YOU to all the staff who gave up their own time to take the children on such an exciting residential!



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.



Summer Fair

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 will be having some **non-uniform** days to collect donations for the summer fair over the next few weeks.

Friday 13th June - Bring rainbow raffle hamper donations.

Friday 20th June - Bring sweets donations.

Friday 27th June - Bring tombola donations.

Friday 4th July - Bring bottle for bottle tombola donations.

Tuesday 15th July – Bring cake donations for the cake stall.

Rainbow Raffle Hamper donation colours.

Nursery & Reception – Pink

Y1 – Purple

Y2 – Green

Y3 – Red

Y4 – Orange

Y5 – Yellow

Y6 – Blue

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 Alistair who won last half terms 'Strive for 5' raffle! We have one more raffle left this year, so make sure you are reading every day at home with your children to gain them as many chances as possible of winning the next raffle!

Warmest wishes,
Katie Ullein
Acting Headteacher

