

# 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 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

### ☀️ Sad Farewells – Thank You, Mrs. Grigg and Mrs. Williams ☀️

As we approach the end of the school year, we are sadly saying goodbye to two much-loved members of our school community: Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Grigg.

After over 20 wonderful years as part of our Willow Wood family, Mrs. Williams will be leaving us to spend more time with her family. Her loyalty, care, and tireless support have touched generations of children at Willow Wood, including some of our parents! Throughout her time here, Mrs. Williams has inspired countless pupils through her passionate and caring approach to teaching. Her lessons have sparked curiosity, built confidence, and created many happy memories for the children in her care. Mrs. Williams has been a constant, trusted presence in the school, always ready with a kind word, a helping hand, and a smile that brightened everyone's day.

We are also saying a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs. Grigg who will be leaving us to become a Deputy Headteacher at a school closer to home. During her time here, she has made a lasting impact on so many children through her warmth, creativity, and dedication to making learning exciting and engaging. Whether in the classroom or supporting wider school life, Mrs. Grigg's positive energy and commitment have been truly valued by colleagues, pupils, and parents alike.

Both Mrs. Grigg and Mrs. Williams have contributed so much to the spirit and heart of our school, and they will be greatly missed by staff, children, and families. We thank them for everything they have done and wish them every happiness and success in the future.

## Attendance update:

Whole school Attendance today	94.6%	←
Whole school Attendance last Monday	94.6%	
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 stayed at 94.6% and overall so far this year it has stayed at 93%.

## Attendance Superstars

Last week the class with the **best attendance were Y1 Mulberry with 100% 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!

## 👋 Welcome to Willow Wood – Miss Toms & Miss Dysart!

We are delighted to share that in September, we will be welcoming two experienced teachers to the Willow Wood family – Miss Toms and Miss Dysart.

Both bring with them a wealth of experience, a passion for teaching, and a strong commitment to supporting every child to thrive. We are excited for the energy, expertise, and fresh ideas they will bring to our team.

We know you will join us in giving them a very warm Willow Wood welcome as they settle into their new roles and become part of our fantastic school community.

## Teacher year groups in September 2025

Year group	Teacher
Nursery	Miss Jones
Reception	Miss Hughes Mrs Wilcockson
Year 1	Mrs Ullein Mrs Millar/Miss Berry
Year 2	Mrs Pye Mr Aspinall
Year 3	Mrs Graham Mrs Caldwell
Year 4	Miss King
Year 5	Miss Toms Miss Dysart
Year 6	Miss Moore Miss Bell
Lilac	Mrs Capper
Fir Cones	Mrs Smith

We're excited to announce that the children will soon have the opportunity to meet their new teachers! In preparation for this transition, we will be hosting a series of transition meetings between current and incoming teachers. These meetings are designed to foster open communication and collaboration, ensuring that each child's unique needs are understood and addressed.

To further support a smooth transition, there will be opportunities for the teachers to read stories to their new children in their current classroom and a move up morning when they will spend all morning in their new classroom with their new teacher and classmates.

### Dates for your diary

- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Sports day – KS1 – 9:30-11am – KS2 – 1-3pm**
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Sports day EYFS – PM**
- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fair – 2pm**
- **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 1:30pm – Y6 Performance**
- **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 9:30am – Y6 Performance**
- **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 6-8pm – Y6 Prom**
- **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2pm – Y6 Award Ceremony**

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> June - Bring sweets donations.

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June - Bring tombola donations.

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Bring bottle for bottle tombola donations.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Bring cake donations for the cake stall.

## Parental Involvement

- **Little Willows** Mother & Toddler group each Thursday in the Sunshine Building hall.
- **Next SEND Parents Coffee & Chat** – Wednesday 9th July 9-10am – Everyone welcome, time for parents to come together and chat.
- **Next PTA Meeting** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 9am – Sunshine building.

## 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 one more 'Strive for 5' 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

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