



Willow Tree Primary School

'Small school, big heart...nurturing potential, inspiring confidence'

Upcoming Events

- 9.1.23** After School clubs Start
- 12.1.23** School Photos
- 19.1.23** Social story parent workshop
- 20.1.23** Reception parent workshop
- 24.1.23** Y4 trip to Recycling station
- 31.1.23** Anxiety parent workshop

Date: Friday 6th January 2023

A great start to the New Year!

It has, of course, been so lovely to welcome back all our children after the Christmas break. We hope all our families had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas time together. There are many things we are looking forward to as a school family in 2023 and we thank you for your ongoing support.

Attendance Matters

We would like to say a huge well done to the 35 pupils who had 100% attendance for the Autumn 2 term and received a certificate in assembly on the last day of school. Please remember that our school gates close at 8:55am. Children arriving after this time are missing out on vital learning. Please ensure your child arrives between 8:45—8:55am. Children who are regularly late miss key elements of learning, which when built up over a long period, gaps in certain areas are noted. Thanks for your support in ensuring your child is in school for 8:50am.

Attendance

Reception	83.3%
Year 1	89.4%
Year 2	90.6%
Year 3	77.3%
Year 4	82.5%
Year 5	92.1%
Year 6	88.6%
Whole School	91.8%

Well done to **Year 5** for winning the weekly attendance, with **92.1%** Keep up the good work!!

Felling good!

This week children have been learning about the importance of eating fruit and vegetables, especially in these winter months. They all made smoothies using the power of cycling to power the blender.





Knowsley News!

The children's nasal spray flu vaccine is safe and effective. It's offered every year to children to help protect them against [flu](#).

Flu is caused by the influenza virus. It can be a very unpleasant illness for children. It can also lead to serious problems, such as [bronchitis](#) and [pneumonia](#).

Children can catch and spread flu easily. Vaccinating them also protects others who are vulnerable to flu, such as babies and older people.

The nasal spray flu vaccine is free on the NHS for:

- children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2022 (born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2020)
- all primary school children (Reception to Year 6)

Contact your GP to make an appointment if your child did not get it in school before Christmas.

Special Education Needs

On Thursday 19th January 2023, at 9.30am, we are inviting parents who have a child with Autism or who is on the pathway to take part in some training about social stories and how to write them which will be delivered by Knowsley's ASC Specialist Teacher. There are a number of great services within Knowsley to support you with your child. ADDvanced Solution is one of them. ADDvanced Solutions Community Network encourages, equips and empowers neurodiverse children, young people and their families, and those with specific learning difficulties, SEN and Disability, and associated mental health needs. See the link below for lots of information about upcoming events and support groups: [For Families in Knowsley | What We Do | Community Network | ADDvanced Solutions](#)

Internet Matters

This Christmas, children may have received some lovely presents, including devices that allow them to access the internet. We just want to remind you how important it is to keep our children safe online. Please see below information about how we can be proactive in protecting our children from the dangers of the online world. For more information, please visit [Information, Advice and Support to Keep Children Safe](#)

Coffee Morning

On Tuesday 31st January 2023, at 9.30am, we are inviting parents in for a coffee morning during which Knowsley's Family Learning Support Worker will be giving information and tips about how you can support children should they feel anxious. Please look out for google form to sign up coming soon.

Reading

All children in Read, Write, Inc groups will be getting their new books on Monday 9th January. Please could all children bring in their reading books and reading journals everyday as adults in school may read with them. We also just want to remind families of our expectations for home reading... Children should be reading at home at least 3 times each week and we ask that their reading records are signed each time they do, as opposed to one signature referencing 3 times reading. This allows us to keep track of their reading journey and staff can then talk to the children about their books, what they've enjoyed and what they may need help with. Each class has a reward system in place for children who read 3 times. Thank you so much for your support in this.

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