



Willow Tree Primary School

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

Upcoming Events

- 24.4.23** After school clubs start
- 27.4.23** Y3 trip to museum
- 1.4.23** School closed:
Bank Holiday
- 8.5.23** School closed:
Bank Holiday

Date: Friday 28th April 2023

Happy Easter

Welcome back and Happy Easter. We hope you have had an enjoyable break with family and friends.

We completed Spring term, and it was such a lovely one! Beach trip, dance and music parent performances, Y5 swimming, number day, World Book Day, Easter Bonnet parade and Egg competition and so much more!



Summer term is another busy one! Along with important assessments in Y1, Y2, Y4 and Y6 we have lots of great experiences to look forward to along with Y1 and Y2's trip, sports days and transition day.

Attendance

Reception	98.2%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	97.8%
Year 3	93.8%
Year 4	96.7%
Year 5	90.1%
Year 6	91.7%
Whole School	94.9%

Well done to **Reception** for winning the weekly attendance, with an impressive **98.2%**. Keep up the good work!!

Congratulations!

This weeks certificates were awarded to...

Class	Personal Learning Goal Award	Citizenship Award
Reception	Shea	Janae
Year 1	Alfie	Sophie
Year 2	Emily	Jack R
Year 3	Tony	Hollie
Year 4	Joseph C	Elsie
Year 5	Mohammad	Faith
Year 6	Phoebe	Adam



CEO Announcement

Our current trust CEO, Simon Bramwell has decided to retire after dedicating 40 years of his life to Education, 30 of which as Principal and CEO.

Following a robust recruitment process the Trustees are delighted to announce they have appointed a new CEO to take us forward into the future and welcome Jill Albertina into the post. Jill is currently Assistant Executive Director (Education) at Knowsley Council.

Jill is scheduled to start full time on September 1st 2023.



Sports for School

On Monday 17th April Rachael Latham visited school and delivered a truly inspirational assembly and sporting event to all our pupils. Rachael, a GB Paralympic swimmer, shared her story with the pupils and her motto;

- have fun
- teamwork
- never give up!



Three things that at Willow Tree we agree are so important!

Year 6 SAT's Arrangements

Due to the bank holiday on 8th May, SAT's assessment week will run 9th-12th May. Children in Y6 will complete test daily during this week.

Please find below some top tips for SAT's week:

- Ensure children go to bed at a reasonable time (this may seem a strange request but tiredness really affects some children's learning and we want them to have the best chance of achieving their full potential).
- Keep time spent on electrical devices.
- Chat to your children about how they have got on at the end of the day. Encourage them not to worry and to try and enjoy the week.

During SATS week to provide the children with a good start to the day and as a special treat, we are putting on a free of charge breakfast club. This will be available every morning at 8.00am, and we look forward to seeing all the children there as this is an ideal way to eat, chat and relax before each paper is completed.

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In School PE Competition

During Spring 2 all children took part in a Hula Hoop competition.

Below are the winners of each class competition.

Y1-Maggie

Y2-Isabella

Y3-Aseel

Y4-Ruby

Y5-Amelia

Y6-Eliza

Congratulations!!

Congratulations!

A huge congratulation is in order for Miss. Holden who is due to have her first baby in July. Unless the little boy or girl decides to make an early arrival Miss. Holden will be with us until July 14th.



We will be appointing another teacher to take on Miss. Holden's PPA teaching role for next academic year while Miss. Holden is on maternity leave. We will share with you who are new teacher will be once they have been appointed.

Bikes and Scooters

We are so pleased to see so many children riding to school as it's such a healthy choice! Could I politely ask both adults and children to dismount off their bikes or scooters when they enter the school grounds to ensure there are not accidents. Children can leave their bikes and scooters in our shed which is on the playground by the Reception gate.



School Uniform

Like before, we expect all children to be in full school uniform, looking smart, with their full P.E kit, book bags and water bottles, for the summer term.

Reception-Y5 - Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers, white polo shirt, royal blue jumper or cardigan, black, grey or white plain socks or tights, black shoes and grey or royal blue bobbles.

Y6 - Grey skirt, pinafore or trousers, white shirt, tie, royal blue jumper or cardigan, black, grey or white plain socks or tights, black shoes and grey or royal blue bobbles. P.E Kit - Black shorts, white t-shirt, black pumps or trainers.

As we are in summer term if you would prefer to send your child into school in their summer dress or shorts then this is warmly welcomed as we go start to see the warmer weather more regularly.

PLEASE REMEMBER: No trainers, oversized bobbles/hairbands, bracelets/necklaces or big earrings.

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Willow Tree
Primary School
Summer Term
Attendance Newsletter

Welcome Back

It is lovely to see all of our families back at Willow Tree. We hope you have all had a lovely Spring Break. Our Whole School Attendance was 92.4% at the end of last half term.



Let's all work together to increase this as much as possible over the Summer Term. Please do not hesitate to speak to us at the gate or call us at school if you have any questions about attendance or any barriers to attendance you may experience. Don't forget every day matters!



Punctuality

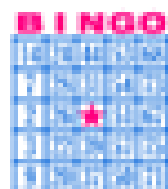
Our doors open at 8.45 to enable our children to be in class and ready to learn by 8.55. If you are experiencing any difficulties getting your child to school on time please speak to a member of staff to enable us to support you. We will be offering meetings to families this Half Term to support children improve their punctuality.

Keeping you informed

We will again be making every effort to keep you informed of your child's attendance figures throughout the term by letter, text and meetings. Our aim is to identify any barriers to your child attending school to enable the right support to be made available to ensure your child reaches their own full potential. We request that if your child is going to be absent that you call school before 8.55 on that day and also to keep us updated if your child's absence is ongoing. If you would like further information or support please contact Elaine Wilkinson at school.

Celebrations

A big congratulations to the 75 children who joined in our Attendance Celebration Event this week. These



children had outstanding school attendance every day last Half term.



What's New!

Last Half Term we began to set up our Attendance Working Group. The aim of the group is to ensure we listen to the voice of our pupils to find out what they feel are the barriers to great attendance and punctuality and to identify strategies to overcome these barriers to help our children reach their own full potential.