



### Headteacher Message

Dear parents and carers,

The cold snap continues! This week I have felt really cold, maybe I'm just getting old but I've decided I much prefer the warmer months! As always, keep safe on the pavements and heed our messages about gritting etc. Please ensure appropriate clothing is worn to school!

I want to extend a thankyou to the site team for the past few weeks. The site Manager and Assistant Site Manager along with the cleaners have done a brilliant job tidying the site and keeping it running smoothly. The school inside is looking very clean and this is down to the site team. Our site is very big and it takes a lot of hard work to keep it looking good! Thank you to you all for the (sometimes!) invisible job that you do!

You may have already seen the letter about extended October Half Terms. This is something that a lot of schools are doing or are considering. I am happy to discuss if anyone needs more information. Please give it some thought and do the survey; the more reply, the better informed our decision will be.

Have a great weekend everyone, stay warm and we will see you on Monday.

Mr T Robinson

Headteacher

The Willows Primary School

### Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates today.

**1R Charles** for always working hard and recognising what is the right thing to be doing. Charlie always behaves well in class, and is a role model for others.

**1PC Kajetan** for always making the right choices and for knowing the difference between right and wrong.

**1H Pippa** for always showing a great sense of integrity within school.

**2C Camilla** for being a great role model to her peers and always making the right choices.

**2SB Theo** for always working hard to achieve full marks in weekly spelling tests.

**2T Sienna** always tells the truth and is a fantastic role model to her friends. She is super at sharing and plays nicely with her peers. Keep it up Sienna!

**3S Monty** for always demonstrating integrity by being truthful and honest as a friend, student and member of our school.

**3D Reggie** for always being truthful and helping others.

**3HC Tyler** for always being truthful and supporting his peers.

**4I Bella** for always wanting to do the right thing in class and on the playground.

**4H Crispin** for always showing honesty and kindness in the classroom towards others.

**4J Gabriella** for always wanting to do the right thing both in class and on the playground.

**5F Ronnie** for always being a model student and someone I can rely on. I admire your integrity! Well done!

**5R Harrison** for demonstrating resilience and integrity within his learning! Keep it up!

**5C Cooper** for always showing great integrity by being honest, even when it's not easy. I know I can rely on Cooper to be trustworthy, reliable and to always tell the truth.

**6TB Erin** for always acting with integrity and reflecting the strong moral principles of The Willows core values.

**6MB Alfie** for always showing strong moral values and being an honest member of the class.

**6F Daisy** for being a fair and honest member of the class. She is incredibly hardworking and continues to make progress everyday. Well done!



## Reporting Absence.



Please report child absences using the Willows PA Connect app.

The school must be informed **EVERY** school day that the child is absent.

Please ensure that you have reported your child's absence **by 8.30am.**

Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

## Attendance Matters.

If your child has a cough or a cold, we still expect your child to be attending school. When dropping off your child, please inform their teacher of your worries. Please be assured, staff will look after your child and will contact parents if they are concerned in anyway. If your child's attendance has fallen below 90% then you will be receiving a letter to make you aware of this. We will be expecting your child's attendance to improve when we monitor again next month. Through our monitoring, we have noticed that the number of children late for school is increasing. Please remind yourselves of the times the doors open (**8:40am-9:00am**) to ensure your child does not miss any more of their education.

## Weekly Attendance.

**Weekly** — 94.6%

**Yearly** — 94.4%

**KS1** — 1R with 100%

**KS2** — 5F with 98%



## Class superstar readers of the week:

**Key Stage 1** — 1PC — 55

**Lower Key Stage 2** — 4H — 81

**Upper Key Stage 2** — 5F — 97



## Superstar writers of the week:

**Yr1**—Elliot, Emily, Isla

**Yr2**—Rosie-Leigh, Eileen, Ibrahim

**Yr3** —Beau, Scarlett, Freddie

**Yr4** —Esme, Rishab, Kye

**Yr5**—Daisy-May, Sophie, William

**Yr6**—Roughton, Joey, Blake



## Star readers of the week:

**Yr1**—Hope, Dolce, Willow

**Yr2**—Aaron, Alin, Louie

**Yr3**—Alexandru, Jayda, Brendon

**Yr4**—Aleem, Sophia, Elsie

**Yr5**—Albert, Jayden, Harry

**Yr6**—Archie, Ethan. Olivia



### BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA – FINANCE MANAGER closing date 12<sup>th</sup> January  
CANEWDON – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> January  
CHERRY TREE – HLTA closing date 25<sup>th</sup> January  
CRAYS HILL – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 17<sup>th</sup> January  
CRAYS HILL – EYFS CLASS TEACHER closing date 17<sup>th</sup> January  
DOWNHAM – KS2 CLASS TEACHER closing date 7<sup>th</sup> February  
DOWNHAM – SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER closing date 4<sup>th</sup> February  
DOWNHAM – SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 21<sup>st</sup> January  
DOWNHAM – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 21<sup>st</sup> January  
MERRYLANDS – PART TIME CLASS TEACHER closing date 21<sup>st</sup> January  
MERRYLANDS – CLEANER closing date 31<sup>st</sup> January  
WILLOWS – HLTA closing date 14<sup>th</sup> January

For more information and to apply for any of our roles, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies – Berlesduna Academy Trust](#)

Our Core Values: Respect, Responsibility, Courage, Hope, Justice, Compassion, Integrity, Wisdom

The vision of the Berlesduna Academy Trust is to create and foster a culture of high aspiration, enjoyment for learning, academic success and lifelong skills amongst all pupils, regardless of their social, economic or cultural background.



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