



**THE WILLOWS**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



#### Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Wednesday marked three weeks to Christmas; I don't know how you are all feeling but it seems to have really crept up this year!

Year 1 finished their Christmas performances, and I hope that you enjoyed them as much as I did. They all did brilliantly, and I want to thank the pupils, the staff and the audience for making it a very special show.

I have sent something out about posting pictures or videos online that you filmed during performance but I want to reiterate the message here. I think that it is really important that you can film and take pictures of your children. From my own experience they grow up very quickly and it is important to cherish these early moments. However, you all need to be aware that other families and other children have different circumstances and may not want to be posted on your social media accounts. With modern technology, you can crop photos and even use AI to remove other people!

Please do not put me in a position where the only way to prevent this happening is to ban photography and videoing at school events.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr T Robinson

Headteacher

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

**1L Jakub** for working really creatively during Art week this week.

**1PR Ruby** for always being creative and exploring different art resources.

**1H Piper-Lily** for always showing a keen artistic flair through drawing, colouring and making.

**2D Delilah** has a passion for art and takes great pride in her Artwork, especially in creating a clay face this week!

**2SB Chimamanda** for lovely work during Art week. Chimamanda always includes detail and imagination in her pieces.

**2T Logan** is a passionate artist and has been working hard to create a clay sculpture, of someone that is important to him. Well done Logan!

**3S Aaida** for working hard to create amazing mosaic art, with meticulous attention to detail. Great job Aaida!

**3D Maisie** for settling into life at The Willows and producing a wonderful mosaic for art week.

**3CH Isabelle** is very creative and created a fantastic mosaic in art.

**4I Monty** for always being eager to do his best in Art and applying the same effort to every subject.

**4H Riley B** for settling into school amazingly well this week, with a big smile on his face!

**4B Jemimah** for working hard on meeting the goals of every art lesson and making sure it always looks presentable.

**5F Oscar D** for having great artistic flare and producing excellent art work. Well done!

**5J Excellent** for showing great creativity and enthusiasm in Art lessons, when using a variety of mediums.

**5W Austyn** for showing an incredible creative flare in your artwork as well as always being so enthusiastic about the subject!

**6F Jenson** for excellent technical skills when designing and cutting out our polystyrene blocks.

**6B Ronnie** for his creative use of watercolours when recreating an image of 'The Blitz'.

**6W Alyssa** for showing great creativity when designing your printing block for your Blitz picture.

### 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**.

### Attendance fact of the week:

Being around teachers and friends in a school environment is the best way for pupils to learn and reach their potential. Time in school also keeps children safe and provides access to extra-curricular opportunities and pastoral care.

That's why school attendance is so important and why the Government is committed to tackling the issues that might cause some children to miss school unnecessarily.

### Attendance for this Week

**Weekly** – 91.9%

**Yearly** – 94%

**KS1** — 89.9%

**KS2** – 93.3%

### Superstar Readers of the Week

Key Stage 1 **1PR** - 62

Lower Key Stage 2 **3S & 4B** - 56

Upper Key Stage 2 **5F** - 171



### Superstar Writers of the Week

Yr1— Alayna, Lainey, Tilly-Mae

Yr2— Evie, Gabija, Louie

Yr3 — Theo, Mila, Malissa

Yr4 — Nathaniel, Momoore, Jacob

Yr5— Saiyam, Pippa, Esme

Yr6— Tommy, William, Corina



### Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024

The children are invited to come to school wearing their Christmas jumpers in support of the Save the Children Charity. If you would like to donate to the charity please do so via our school's

Just Giving Page:



<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD240021903>

### Star Readers of the Week

Yr1— Presley, Lorenzo, Jayla

Yr2— Willow, Finley, Emily

Yr3— Leia, William, Dylan

Yr4— Elsie, Alexandra, Gracie

Yr5 — Wadud, Nichita, Ernie

Yr6— Joseph, Isla, Sophia J



### BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

CRAYS HILL – HLTA closing date 12<sup>th</sup> December

CRAYS HILL – SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 12<sup>th</sup> December

DOWNHAM – SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 11<sup>th</sup> December

DOWNHAM – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 13<sup>th</sup> December

DOWNHAM – PART TIME CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM MATERNITY COVER) closing date 20<sup>th</sup> December

FELMORE – CATERING MANAGER (FIXED TERM) closing date 9<sup>th</sup> December

ST NICHOLAS – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 9<sup>th</sup> December

WHITMORE – SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 9<sup>th</sup> December

WHITMORE – FAMILY SUPPORT & ADMISSIONS OFFICER closing date 10<sup>th</sup> December

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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