



#### Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Happy new year and welcome back. I hope that you all enjoyed a nice break and have come back refreshed for the cold weather!

The Spring term is always a busy one as we rush towards the end of the school year and it is really a term of opposites; we have the bitter cold and dark days of the Winter months and then the gradual thawing and sunshine of Easter. It is always an interesting term weather wise so make sure that your child is fully equipped for any weather outcome!

Speaking of weather, this is usually the term where car usage rises. Can I ask that if you do drive to school you are a thoughtful parker and driver? We have many neighbours who need to be treated with respect. If possible, park further away and walk the last bit in! Be considerate to each other aswell. Poor parking can cause a knock on effect with other drivers; your children do not want to see you getting angry with other road users!

Thanks everyone, enjoy your weekends and we'll see you Monday!

Mr T Robinson

Headteacher

The Willows Primary School

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

**1L Dottie** for showing great compassion and helping people when they are a little upset.

**1PR Selena** for always showing kindness to your friends and staff in the school.

**1H George** for always demonstrating a responsible attitude towards your learning and striving to improve.

**2D Franklin** has had an excellent start back to school in the New Year– Well done Franklin!

**2SB Aubree** for beginning the new term with a mature attitude towards school.

**2T Enoch** is a hardworking boy who always tries his best. He is a keen learner and is a great role model to others. Keep it up Enoch!

**3S Jack** for demonstrating responsibility through making positive changes to his attitude to school, learning and working. I am so proud of you Jack! Keep it up!

**3D Sobechukwu** for having resilience and always trying his best in all situations.

**3CH Reggie** for always giving things a go and never giving up.

**4I Elsie** for always being respectful to others in the classroom and on the playground.

**4H Reggie** for being a respectful and kind member of the class and always looking to offer a helping hand to the class!

**4B Galena** for always showing responsibility by completing her work in a timely manner.

**5F Elijah** for always sharing his wisdom through random facts about all aspects of the world and how it works.

**5J Krish** for always having a responsible attitude and showing respect to adults and others in the classroom!

**5W Albie** for showing an incredible creative flair with your drawings!

**6F Chidera** for a great first week back after the holidays. He has continued to work hard and make the school proud.

**6B Natalie** for always sharing her jovial personality with her peers and embracing every challenge with optimism.

**6W Joey** for being a compassionate member of the class who cares for everybody.

### 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** – 90% **KS1** - 89.4%

**Yearly** – 93% **KS2** - 90%

Poor punctuality is not acceptable and can sometimes lead to irregular school attendance patterns. Good time-keeping is a vital life skill which will help children as they progress through their school life and out into the wider world. Pupils who arrive late disrupt lessons and, if a child misses the start of the day, they can feel unsettled and embarrassed and risk missing vital work and important messages from their class teacher. The times of the start and close of the school day for all pupils at The Willows Primary School and Nursery are:

**Gates open: 8.40am Registration starts: 8.45am**

**Registration closes: 9.00am**

**End of the school day: KS1 3:15 and KS2 3.20pm**

### Superstar Readers of the Week

**Key Stage 1 : 1PR– 78**

**Lower Key Stage 2 : 3S - 105**

**Upper Key Stage 2 :**

**5J & 5W both with 150 reads.**



### Superstar Writers of the Week

**Yr1**— Connor, Millie, Olivia

**Yr2**— Mia, Finley, Alex

**Yr3** — Charlie, Noah, Alaia

**Yr4** — Olly, Dominic, Leland

**Yr5**— Owen, David, Iosif

**Yr6**— Riley, Antonia, Jessica



### Star Readers of the Week

**Yr1**— Jayci, Lily, Jacob

**Yr2**— Reggie, Josh, Patrick

**Yr3**— Freddie, Amelia, Emily

**Yr4**— Louie, Lillie, Alex

**Yr5**— Ellie-Mae, Eesha, Freddie

**Yr6**— Oluwasemiloore, Natalia, Bailey



## BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

DOWNHAM – PART TIME CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM MATERNITY COVER) closing date 15<sup>th</sup> January

DOWNHAM – SEND LEARNING SUPPORT & MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 15<sup>th</sup> January

FAIRHOUSE – KS1 CLASS TEACHER closing date 28<sup>th</sup> January

FAIRHOUSE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 20<sup>th</sup> January

WILLOWS – ASSISTANT COOK closing date 10<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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