



Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Another week has gone by and I for one am pleased it has warmed up!

It has been a very busy week here at The Willows. We have sent a Year 2 team to a cricket tournament and they absolutely loved it, despite it not being very cricket-like weather! There is a sport for everyone; you just have to find it and maybe a few of them will continue outside school!

The Essex Road Safety Team have been in to do some work with our Year 5 classes. They remarked how challenging poor parking outside the school makes it for pedestrians to cross safely. I know it sounds like moaning but it is really important. Badly park cars are tricky to navigate when crossing the road and the last thing you would want is to unintentionally harm a child through poor parking.

The end of next week marks the halfway point of the academic year so quite a lot has already happened and the rest of the year now marks to drive to make a success of everything! Expect information and conversations about GLD in EYFS, Phonics in Year 1 and Year 2, Multiplication times Table Check in Year 4 and SATs in Year 6.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr T Robinson

Headteacher

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates today.

1L Arya-Rose for always trying to use her phonics skills to try and spell out words in all her lessons.

1PR Millie for always trying really hard to spell her words using her phonics.

1H Teddy for always working hard to spell your tricky words and common exception words correctly in your work.

2D Diana is brilliant at spelling and always tries her best in spelling lessons. Well done!

2SB Moyo for achieving consistently high marks in spelling tests and using his spelling words in his written work. Well done Moyo!

2T Henry is a super speller! He has been working hard in his spelling lessons to learn new methods to learn how to spell tricky words. Keep it up Henry!

3S Daniel for working hard to use his spelling knowledge to use higher level vocabulary in his writing.

3D Aryav For trying his best to use the spelling rules we have taught so far in year 3, especially this week using the suffix -ful.

3CH Louie remembers to use the spelling rules in his writing, well done!

4I Zackary for always putting in the effort with his spellings. His hard work is really shining through—well done Zackary!

4H Lenny for working extremely hard to ensure that his spelling is always correct in his work!

4B Joshua for always doing his best on his spelling tests.

5F Zoe for really trying hard with her spellings in all of her work, and taking the time to make sure that she does them correctly.

5J Poppy for making a real effort when trying to spell new words in her work, and trying her best in spelling lessons!

5W Chibugo for always working really hard to make sure your spellings are correct, as well as up-leveling your vocabulary!

6F Jayden for being a consistently good speller. He regularly gets 22 or more out of 25 in our spelling tests.

6B Harry for achieving 100% score on every weekly spelling test since the start of Year 6.

6W William for consistently scoring well with your homework spellings each week and implementing these into your writing.

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 – 94.4% **KS1** - 93.5%

Yearly – 94.1% **KS2** - 94.4%

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 - 63

Lower Key Stage 2 : 4B - 89

Upper Key Stage 2 : 5F - 145



Superstar Writers of the Week

Yr1— Khaliyah, Jamie, Darcey

Yr2— Georgie, Maria, Lillie

Yr3 — Ethan, Jacob, Oscar

Yr4 — Daniil, Tina, Jorgie

Yr5— Brook, Florence, Aleena

Yr6— Ronnie, Owen, Daisy-May



Star Readers of the Week

Yr1— Elena, Mia, Millie

Yr2— Esmae, Gabija, Toby

Yr3— Mayra, Violet, Maisie

Yr4— Scarlett, Ilinca, Brendon

Yr5— William, Roman, Taylor

Yr6— Jude, Sam, Nicoleta



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BERLESDUNA – TRUSTEES/GOVERNORS closing date 31st January

CRAYS HILL – FIXED TERM SEN LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 23rd January

DOWNHAM – PART TIME CLASS TEACHER (FIXED TERM MATERNITY COVER) closing date 29th January

FAIRHOUSE – KS1 CLASS TEACHER closing date 28th January

FAIRHOUSE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 20th January

MERRYLANDS – CLEANING SUPERVISOR closing date 10th February

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

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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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