

The Willows Primary School and Nursery

Friday 19th September
2025



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PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Another week has flown by! It has been an important week for Nursery and Reception who have completed their first full week in The Willows. We are beginning to learn personalities and see the development. It is just the start of their journey with us and so far the signs are very promising!

I want to say a big well done to the staff and children who have taken part in our daily travel plans. We have logged the most amount of journeys in the whole of the South of England; that is, Harwich to Land's End! There are a lot of people in that part of the world! We are fully committed to increasing walking, cycling and biking to school so this is a brilliant first step.

Speaking of which, lets start the year as we mean to go on with the parking and driving around the school! Please park considerately (and legally!) and drive responsibly when arriving at and departing from our school. I am having a discussion involving the MP, the police and local government about ways to improve traffic at pick and drop off but we also have a role in that!

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr T Robinson

Headteacher

The Willows Primary School

The Willows Primary PTA

You can now find information on any of our events under the '**PTA Events**' section on the contents page of the **PA connect app**.



OPAL

Please try to keep these items in mind as these are the kinds of donations that our school needs as part of our Outdoor Play and Learning initiative. These items will make playtimes outside much more exciting, engaging and fun! Please give your child's class teacher any donations and these can then be passed on.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

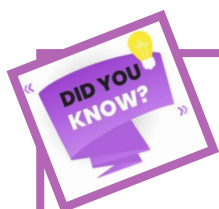
Miss Hudson and Miss Dorrington - OPAL Leads

Laundry basket	Suitcase	Wooden spoons	Action figures	Plastic crates
Dress up items	Cars	Dinosaurs	Pans	Plastic dolls
Lego	Small balls	Scooter	Plastic tubes	Tarpaulin
Beach spades	Buckets	Trowels	Skateboard	Cardboard tubes
Guttering	Wooden planks	Helmet	Aprons	Chalk

This weeks OPAL Certificate

Lilly for working hard to tidy up equipment and encouraging others to tidy.

Attendance



Primary school children in Key Stage 2 who didn't achieve the expected standard in reading, writing and maths missed on average **four more days** per school year than those whose performance exceeded the expected standard.

What to do the night before:

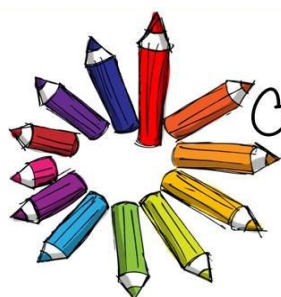
- Get everything you need for school ready
- Set your alarm allowing plenty of time
- Make your lunch and drink if you bring a packed lunch to school
- Turn off devices half an hour before bedtime
- Have a good night's sleep - a minimum of eight hours!

If you or your child are facing challenges or need support, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

The sooner we work together, the better chance we have of ensuring a strong and positive start to the year ahead.

If these first few weeks haven't gone to plan, its never too late to begin a positive journey.

We will continue to praise and recognise good attendance and hope to be handing out lots of certificates at the end of our first term!



Classroom Award

Congratulations to

3S

for achieving the highest attendance this week at 98.9%!

Attendance percentages for this week.

Weekly – 93.2%

KS1 - 93.8%

Yearly – 94.3%

KS2 - 94.6%



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It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about health protection and managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Reporting Absence

Please report your child's absence to the office by emailing admin@willows.essex.sch.uk or by leaving a message on the office telephone by calling 01268 470880. The school must be informed **EVERY school day** that the child is absent.



Please ensure that you have reported your child's absence by **9.20am**.

Lateness: If your child arrives to school after the gates have closed, or if they have an agreed later start time, you must accompany them to enter school via the office. You **must** sign them & support them in using our **InVentry console** in the reception area. You will be asked to give a reason for their lateness, please make sure you complete this accurately, as it is recorded on your child's attendance. If a later arrival time **has not** been agreed, should your child arrive after 9am, they will be marked as 'L' on the register. Any arrivals after 9.25am are marked as 'U', which goes down as a missed mark!



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

CANEWDON – FIXED TERM SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 29th September
CHERRY TREE – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 19th September
CHERRY TREE – FIXED TERM TEACHER closing date 2nd October
MERRYLANDS – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 1st October
MERRYLANDS – CLEANER closing date 30th September

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

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Canewdon
Primary School

WELL DONE!

1R Ioana for showing great responsibility by taking care of our classroom and setting an example to others.

1P Parker for taking responsibility for our classroom and welcoming new students this week.

1C Archie for being a responsible member of 1C and making the right choices.

2D Lily is always so responsible and the perfect role model for the class, supporting her friends and looking after her things! Well done :)

2H Presley for showing a fantastic responsible attitude towards his learning and behaviour since starting in Year 2.

2T Mia plays fairly with her friends and always shares. She is a great friend to everybody and has a kind nature. Keep it up Mia!

3SB Anaya for being a responsible and sensible member of the class.

3D Adele for consistently showing responsible behavior and responsibility for her own work.

3S Sonny for demonstrating a responsible attitude to all his learning and behaviour within the school community.

4I Sienna for consistently demonstrating responsibility in all areas of school life, taking care of her belongings, helping others and completing tasks on time!

4E Delilah for always being responsible in the classroom and on the playground.

4RH Hudson for showing responsibility and care in his learning and listening both in class and on the playground. Keep it up!

5F Autumn for always being a responsible member of the class and being a great example for everyone else. Well done.

5J Daniil for showing great responsibility this week by making positive choices in the classroom.

5W Harrison for always showing great responsibility in the classroom - taking care of all the resources as well as your peers!

6B Aleena for always demonstrating a mature and responsible attitude to learning.

6H Emmanuel has settled in incredibly well since starting last week and has shown great responsibility in the class.

6F Mayowa for a mature and excellent attitude towards the start of year 6. Well done I am very Impressed!

Star Readers of the Week

Yr1— Lorelai, Emily, Amelia

Yr2 — Nicole, Ava, Selena

Yr3 — Kajetan, Hope, Kit

Yr4 — Amiya, Antonia, Harrison

Yr5 — Tania, Archie, Jenson

Yr 6— David, Smilte, Katy

Superstar Writers of the Week

Yr1— Ella, Zara, Arete

Yr2— Chinemerem, Sofiia, Leo

Yr3 — Jayden, River, Noah

Yr4 — Amy, Mila, Dylan

Yr5 — Daniel, Liana, Reggie

Yr 6— Esme, Macie, Poppy

Whole Class Superstar Readers of the Week

Key Stage 1: 2D - 99 **Lower Key Stage 2:** 3D – 73 **Upper Key Stage 2:** 5F – 95

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