

The Willows Primary School and Nursery

Friday 26th September
2025



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PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Another week has passed! It has been a very busy one here.

You may have seen our marketing on line this past week with our own star Mrs Templar and some of our children from last year in EYFS. If you see it, like it and share it. If you know anyone that is looking for a school place in EYFS (Reception) or Year 1 we do have a few spaces available. All they need to do is contact the office and arrange a tour with me!

Clubs started up this week and we are proud of the number of spaces that we run each week. I have managed to get some outside providers to run additional clubs to meet the demand. Speak with a member of staff in the office if you want to book your child onto one of these clubs (they do come with a fee). Being active and doing things outside of the classroom are really important here at The Willows and these clubs are part of that.

We also have had our first tournament for the school football team and they all played very well in what was an opportunity for everyone to get used to their new team mates and for Mr Fuller to analyse tactics etc!

Finally, this will be the year of banging on about attendance! We would love to aim to reach national attendance this year and we need your help to do so! Please continue to support with getting your child(ren) into school as much as possible; if they are feeling a little poorly send them in and let us know, we will contact you if they feel worse. Try not to take the odd days off and if there are any issues about attending school speak with us, we can help!

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr T Robinson

Headteacher



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

CANEWDON – FIXED TERM SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 29th September
CHERRY TREE – FIXED TERM TEACHER closing date 2nd October
DOWNHAM – FIXED TERM SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 2nd October
MERRYLANDS – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 1st October
MERRYLANDS – CLEANER closing date 30th September
MERRYLANDS – SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 12th October

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

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**.

For more information, or to register your support please email: pta.thewillows@gmail.com

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

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

Attendance

DID YOU KNOW?

Lateness

Late arrivals interrupt class flow, negatively impacting both peers and teachers, it contributes to poor habit formation that may extend into professional and personal life.



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!



HOW CAN WE MAKE IT BETTER?



Classroom Award

Congratulations to

5J

for achieving the highest attendance this week at 97.7%!

Attendance percentages for this week.

Weekly – 93.4%

KS1 - 94.2%

Yearly – 94.3%

KS2 - 94.3%



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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!

You can also use the InVentry console to specify your lunch choice for that day.

Please see the menu in the main reception.



Diary Dates

Thursday 2nd October—Census dinner day (please see menu on PA connect app).

Friday 3rd October—Individual & sibling photos.



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Canewdon
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WELL DONE!

1R Finley for sharing your ideas, listening to others, and helping make fair choices this week.

1P Maria for always being fair and kind to your friends. For thinking of others and listening to everyone's ideas.

1C Eleeyah for always being fair and kind to your friends. For thinking of others and listening to everyone's ideas.

2D Sienna works extremely well with her peers and is a role model at following the rules and being fair and kind.

2H Arnie for taking a keen interest in and participating in voting for our school councillors and eco-councillor. You also explained to your friends why you would make a good school councillor or eco-councillor. Well done!

2T Danny always listens to others, shares fairly and plays kindly with everyone. Your respectful and inclusive attitude helps make our classroom a happy and fair place for all! Keep it up Danny!

3SB Harrison for showing fairness and kindness towards others, and remembering to listen to others' contributions.

3D Layla for always listening to others and taking on board their opinions.

3S Isla for always working with her table, delegating tasks in a respectful and supportive manner.

4I Heitor for showing democracy by taking part in voting, sharing ideas and respecting the choices of others.

4E Erin for having a strong sense of justice and democracy.

4RH Mia demonstrates a remarkable commitment to democratic learning, inspiring others by encouraging inclusivity and mutual respect. Keep it up!

5F Scarlett for understanding democracy and giving great answers and responses during democracy week.

5J Leonor for taking part in our democratic vote and becoming one of our new School Councillors!

5W Emily for being brave and putting yourself forward to represent your class as a school councillor, showing commitment to following the schools democratic approach and to be the voice for your class.

6B Zoe for ensuring that everyone is treated equally and always upholding a sense of justice.

6H Maya for showing a strong understanding of democracy by listening to others' ideas, respecting different opinions, and helping make fair decisions in our classroom.

6F Ebben for being a kind and considerate member of the class. Ebben has made an excellent start to year 6.

Star Readers of the Week

Yr1 — Oliver, Vincent, William

Yr2 — Eden, Riley, Khaliyah

Yr3 — Maxim, Frankie, Delilah

Yr4 — Shelbie, Teddy, Tallulah

Yr5 — Eymen, Mekaal, Feyisola

Yr 6 — Ernie, Poppy, Nichita

Superstar Writers of the Week

Yr1 — Arthur, Ella, David

Yr2 — Omarih, Zoe, Finley

Yr3 — Finley, Cassidy, Dolcee

Yr4 — Victoria, Danny, Aryav

Yr5 — Jack, Lennon, Daisy

Yr 6 — Florence, Raam, Pippa

Whole Class Superstar Readers of the Week

Key Stage 1: 2D—97 Lower Key Stage 2: 3S —71 Upper Key Stage 2: 5F—116

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