



Friday 12th June 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

A rather wet and damp week has gone! Who would have thought after the lovely May, that we would have such a rainy June! Hopefully, everything has had a drink now and the sun can come back.

I said that this half term is non stop and this week has seen Year 1 do their Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 do the Multiplication Times Table Check. Every child did brilliantly and we are confident that they have done well. I want to thank all the staff for their work over the year(s) to get the children to this point.

We are preparing for next year in earnest now. Our EYFS team are meeting our new parents and organising classes and support for next year and our Year 6 pupils will begin their transition to the secondary placements by attending their transition days. We are also preparing classes and rooms ready for next year.

Finally, in a big family there are always those of who are unfortunate to be experiencing tough times. I want to wish those in our school community that are going through some hard times our thoughts; you know where we are if you need anything.

I hope that the drier weather encourages many of you outside to enjoy the weekend.

See you next week,

Mr T Robinson

Headteacher

The Willows Primary School



£585 was raised in total!

Thank you for all of your kind donations .



WELL DONE!

1R Ioana for using your phonics knowledge confidently during Phonics Screening Check.

1P Kody for outstanding effort in phonics this week!

1C David has been working extremely hard in his phonics lessons. He has been engaging in the learning and ensuring he is focused. Well done David.

2D Blake has blown me away with his phonics development this year. Blake really takes pride and tries his best with his reading and writing. Well done!

2H Marley-Jane for always working hard and trying your best in rapid phonics sessions. Well done!

2T Sofia has been working really hard to improve her reading. She participates fully in her phonics lessons and has shown great improvement since she joined us. Sofia's hard work is paying off and we love to hear about the books that she is enjoying at home! Well done Sofia!

3SB Harrison for demonstrating a keen interest in our History topic and asking interesting questions.

3D Ronnie for showing an amazing effort in class with his peers and completing all of his work this week.

3S Jedidiah for always being enthusiastic about foundation lessons and eager to ask questions.



4I Leighton for always showing enthusiasm during learning in all subjects especially foundation subjects.

4E Delilah for showing consistent effort, attention to detail and general excellence across all subjects.

4RH Leia Rae & Nelly for working collaboratively to create a wonderful information poster about fire safety in the home. Your sensible and mature approach, excellent listening skills, and thoughtful ideas helped you produce an informative and important piece of work. Well done!

5F Louie for a huge increase in effort across all subjects and for writing more in your beautiful handwriting. You are always full of interesting pieces of knowledge and questions.

5J Edi for making great effort in engaging with our Geography lesson on climate and how it affects animals this week—well done :)

5W Jenson for showing great enthusiasm across all foundation subjects, especially science and RE! You always ask some excellent questions!

6B Milana for superb explanations, presentation and illustrations in all of subjects.

6H Methusalah for settling into school amazingly well and embracing all of the Willow's School core values!

6F Matthew for having a vast and deep understanding of a range of historical events and periods of time. Well done!

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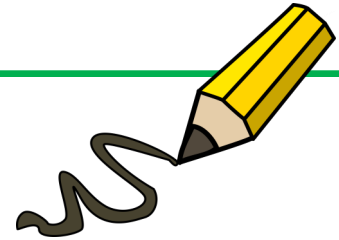
Superstar Readers of the Week

- Yr1— Elvianna, Maria, Jires
- Yr2 — Omarih, Selena, Elena
- Yr3 — Hunter, Diana, Amayah
- Yr4 — Aryav, Bonnie, Noah
- Yr5 — Brendon, Noah, Rocco
- Yr 6— Kye, Sophie, Hayden








Superstar Writers of the Week

- Yr1— Ruby, Roman, Halei-Jane
- Yr2— Jiya, Scarlett, Aaliyah
- Yr3 — Evelina, Poppy, Delilah
- Yr4 — Gio, Eileen, Kassie
- Yr5 — Feyisola, Oscar, Marnie
- Yr 6— Brody, Lena, Daniel



OPAL

 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

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**

OPAL Certificate this week

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

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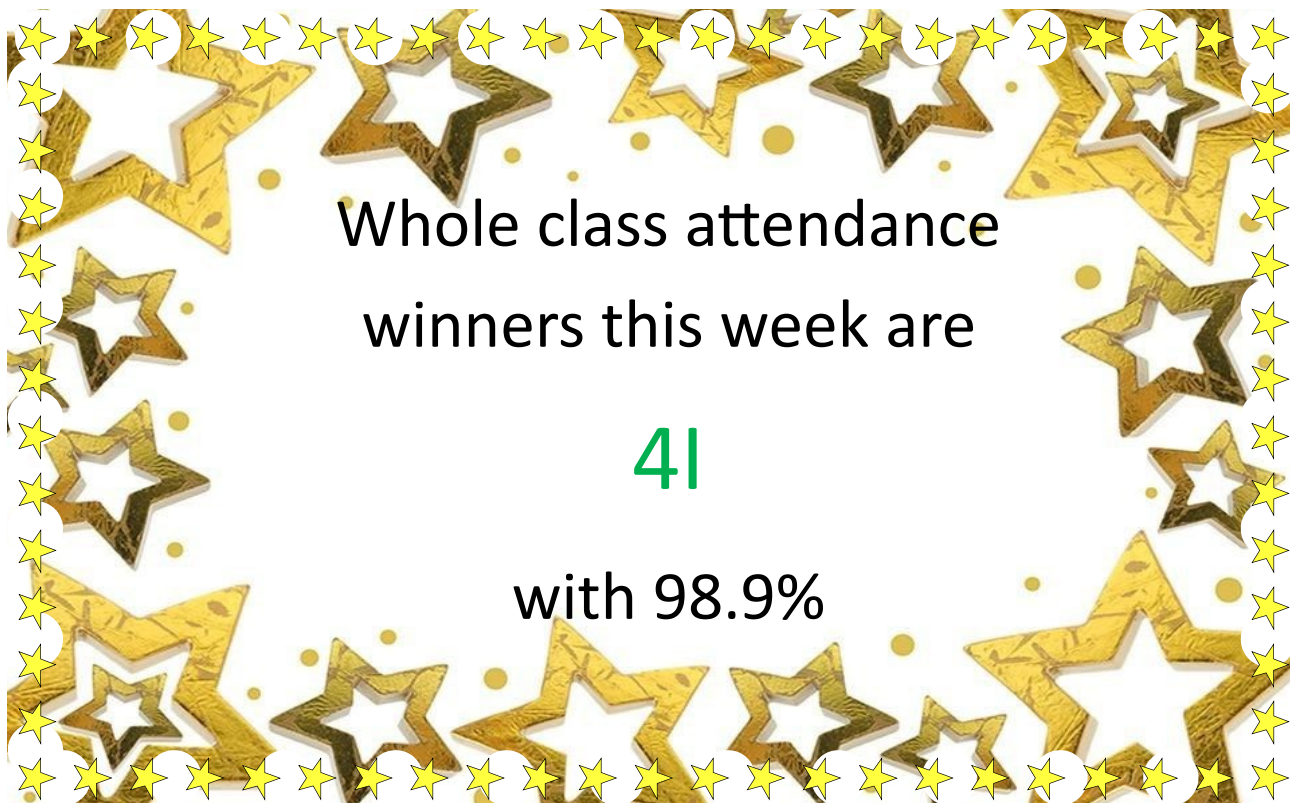


Attendance percentages

for this week.

Yearly - 93.5% Weekly - 92.9%

KS1 – 90.9% KS2 - 93.9%



Whole class attendance
winners this week are

41

with 98.9%

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.



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Reporting Absence

Please report your child's absence to the office by emailing admin@willows.essex.sch.uk, on your [PA connect app](#), 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**.



If you or your child have an appointment, or know that you will be arriving to school late for any other reason, **please inform the office via email your child's lunch choice for that day**. This is so the kitchen can be provided with the correct number of lunches. Should we not receive your lunch choice, we cannot guarantee your child will be able to have their preferred option. Should your child's choice be baguette, please state which filling they would like to have.

PLEASE REMEMBER

**WE ARE A NUT
FREE SCHOOL**



Thank you for your understanding.



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

MERRYLANDS – CLEANER closing date 15th June

MERRYLANDS – NURSERY LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 15th June

WHITMORE – FULLTIME/PARTIME EYFS TEACHER closing date 19th June

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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THIS WEEK...



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Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been learning all about finding quarters of an amount. In English we have been creating fact files on jaguars. We have researched our facts and written some amazing work. We have also been doing amazing with our phonics screening checks and our teachers are so proud of our hard work.

Year 2

This week, year two have been continuing to write our non-chronological reports about Grace Darling. The children have enjoyed learning about Grace's bravery and have produced some excellent pieces of work. We have also introduced Readling and have loved to see the children engaging with this. If you have any trouble setting this up for your child, please contact your class teacher.

Year 3

We are continuing to explore time in Maths and have made a clock to help us tell the time to the minute next week. We have explored light in Science and have used mirrors to look at reflection. In History we have been looking at different modes of transport and how that has changed over time. The children have loved reading Paddington and are looking forward to continuing our playscripts next week. In PE we have athletics, rounders and in PSHE we have been looking at online safety. Year 3 finished the week looking at brushes and brush techniques in art.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic week! The children completed their MTC with confidence and a calm, positive attitude, and they should be very proud of how well they approached the challenge. They also thoroughly enjoyed their Viking Day, stepping back in time and fully embracing life as Vikings while bringing their learning to life. In maths, they have been developing their understanding of angles, and in Design and Technology they had great fun baking bread, putting their practical skills to good use. Well done, Year 4, on another successful and enjoyable week of learning!

Year 5

This week has been test week for Year 5 and we are really proud of how they have conducted themselves throughout the tests. We also had our reading cafe on Wednesday and had a huge number of parents come in to support us with this. Thank you so much for those who have joined. Also, we have had great engagement with our new online reading record 'Readling'. Thank you again for your support with this!

Year 6

Year 6 have had a truly inspiring and busy week, demonstrating not only their growing independence as they prepare for transition, but also their compassion and maturity. They showed magnanimous support for their loved ones, and for anyone affected by cancer, by taking part in our Race for Life event with enthusiasm, respect and determination. Alongside this, they welcomed visitors from the Lower Academy for another secondary transition session, where they had the opportunity to meet their Head of Year and take part in an exciting team challenge to build the tallest tower. The children engaged brilliantly, showing teamwork and creativity, and gained valuable insight into life at Lower Academy, hearing about the many exciting opportunities available to them, including dog training, lifeguarding and fashion design. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they take these important steps towards the next stage of their education.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

19th June	Sports Day
23rd June	Year 1—Call of the wild
25th June	Year 3 Reading Cafe
30th June	Class Swap
30th June	Reports—Except Year 6



Yesterday Mia had a dance competition which she came first in her solo and then she went onto winning her first ever title “mini miss hotshot” and is now through to nationals!



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