



THE WILLOWS
PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



Friday 19th June 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

The week has ended with a hot one so I'll keep it brief today!

Just a reminder, with the hot weather we will still use our outside spaces for play and lunch. Please remember to clothe your child appropriately and to ensure you provide a hat and a refillable water bottle. Please apply sun cream before they come to school. There is shade on the site and we will do our best to ensure that children play carefully in the heat.

Thank you to everyone who attended sports day today. Despite the heat, everyone managed to have a good time. Personally, I love spending relaxed time with you and just chatting while the children enjoy themselves. It is rare to be able to do that!

We are getting to the end of term so please familiarise yourselves with the events and timings.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr T Robinson

Headteacher

The Willows Primary School



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

BERLESDUNA – COMPLEX NEEDS & SEND TEACHER closing date 3rd September

FAIRHOUSE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 6th July

WHITMORE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 1st July

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

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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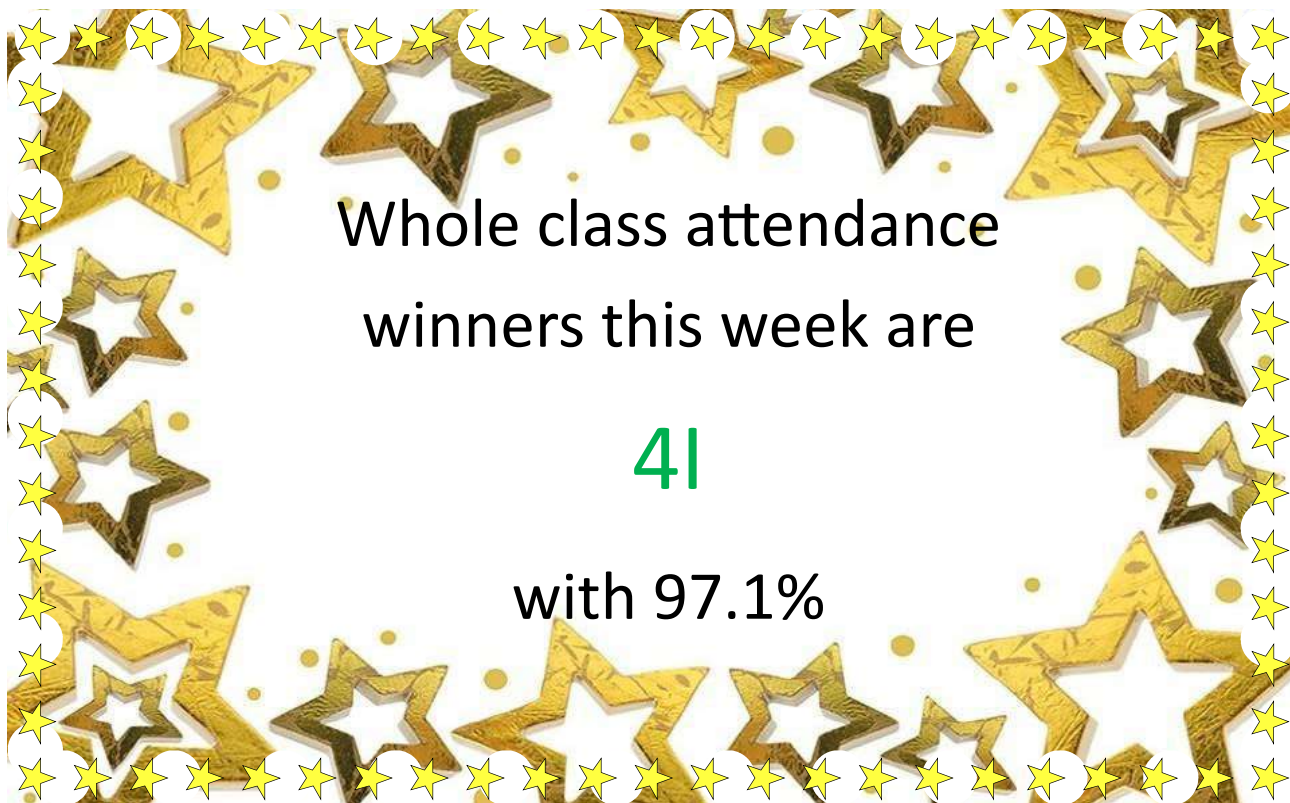


Attendance percentages

for this week.

Yearly - 93.5% Weekly - 93.0%

KS1 – 93.0% KS2 - 93.0%



Whole class attendance
winners this week are

41

with 97.1%

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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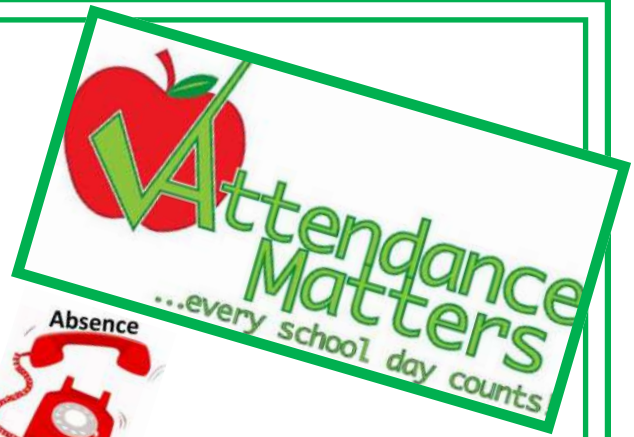
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Reporting Absence

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.



<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

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. Any sickness or diarrhea present, your child will need to be kept home for **48 hours** from the last episode.

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.



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THIS WEEK...

Year 1



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This week, Year 1 enjoyed reading *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and used it as inspiration to write their own stories with imaginative animal characters. In Maths, we practised position and direction using words such as above, below, forwards and backwards. In Geography, we explored atlases, finding different countries and identifying continents.

Year 2

Year 2 have had an exciting week. We have made the flags of our countries across the year group for Sports Day and have enjoyed learning about the World Cup as well as the country of our class. We have been exploring fractions within our maths lessons and focused specifically on three quarters and how two quarters is equal to one half. We had our class photos and thoroughly enjoyed coming up with ideas for an advert for both a Hoover and Southend Beach within our English lessons. We focused on our use of persuasive devices to encourage the teachers to buy the Hoover and encourage families to visit the beach.

Year 3

This week we carried on our learning about play scripts in English. We learned how actors use gestures and voice expression and tried this ourselves. In maths we have been learning to read analogue and digital times (this is a tricky skill so please practise at home! For art we learned how to draw Paddington Bear using accurate proportions and in RE we learned about mosques and symbolism within Islam. Finally in science we conducted an experiment to find out which colour surface reflects light the best.

Year 4

Year 4 have had a fantastic week of learning and achievement. The highlight was Sports Day, where the children showed great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship, and it was wonderful to welcome parents to cheer them on. In Maths, the children have been learning all about shapes, exploring their properties and developing their understanding of angles and lines. In Science, they investigated how sound travels through different materials and considered why some materials transmit sound better than others. In Geography, the children learnt how the Earth's tilt causes the seasons and explored how this affects weather patterns in different parts of the world. Well done, Year 4, for another successful week!

Year 5

Year 5 this week have greatly enjoyed learning about Roald Dahl as we have started to write our information text about him. We have also been incredibly excited in the run-up to Sports Day as we have been creating flags for the countries we are representing using our collage skills!

Year 6

We enjoyed a brilliant **Sports Day**, where the three Year 6 classes competed as **Mexico, Canada and USA**. All pupils showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and determination throughout. A special congratulations goes to **USA (Class 6F)**, who came out on top – let's hope that's *not* an omen for the football World Cup and that England will in fact be "bringing it home"!

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Trust Football & Netball Tournament at The Willows Primary

Yesterday, our boys' football team took part in the Berlesduna Football Tournament, competing against eight other schools. They were outstanding from start to finish, showing determination, teamwork and real passion for the game.

We started strongly in the group stage, winning three matches and losing just one. Goals came from Reggie, Feyisola — who scored a brilliant hat-trick — Brodie, Aiden, and a superb long range strike from Ronnie. This excellent run saw us progress to the semi-finals, where the boys delivered a resilient 1–0 victory.

Nichita controlled the midfield with confidence, while David and Jayden were rock solid at the back. In goal, Chime produced several outstanding saves to secure our place in the final.

The final was a closely contested match that could have gone either way, with the boys narrowly losing 2–1. Despite the result, they can hold their heads high. They left everything on the pitch and should be incredibly proud of a fantastic season of football.

For some of our Year 6 players, this was their final match for The Willows. They have represented the school brilliantly and leave with memories that will stay with them for years to come. Who knows — we may even see some of them playing for a big club in the future.



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Year 6 Netball Tournament Report – The Willows

What an outstanding achievement for our Year 6 netball team at the recent tournament! The team showed incredible determination, teamwork, and resilience throughout the day, making us all extremely proud.

The Willows started the competition strongly, playing with confidence and energy. They fought hard in every match, winning an impressive **3 out of their 4 group games**, which secured them a well-deserved place in the **quarter-finals**. Their teamwork and communication on the court were outstanding, with every player contributing brilliantly to both attack and defence.

In a closely contested quarter-final match, the team gave their absolute all, demonstrating fantastic skill and sportsmanship. Despite their best efforts, they were narrowly defeated by just **2 goals** in a thrilling game that could have gone either way. Their performance showed real grit and determination right until the final whistle.

Overall, the team achieved an incredible **3rd place finish**, bringing home a well-earned **bronze medal for The Willows**. This is a fantastic accomplishment and a true reflection of their hard work and commitment.

A special mention must go to **Vlad**, who played an exceptional role in the team's success by **scoring all of the goals** across the matches — a remarkable achievement!

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The Willows Primary—Sports Day

The children had great fun this Sports Day, despite the extreme heat,
they all done so well!

Photos to follow in next weeks newsletter.



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