



THE WILLOWS
PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Friday 26th June 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Well, that was a tad warm wasn't it?!

It just reiterates how each week is different! This week has been very hard, but I just want to thank every parent, every staff member and most of all, every pupil, for making a very difficult and challenging week go as smoothly as possible.

Times like this, when things out of our control, severely hamper our ability to function as a normal school, meaning that we have to behave and think differently and everyone pulling together has allowed to do the most that we can, while still ensuring everyone is safe and sound.

Every afternoon, after early pick, a few of us have had the pleasure of sitting in the demountables with around 45 children yet to be picked up. We had Nursery to Year 6, siblings, cousins and friends and it provided me with some of the best moments of the week or even year. To sit there and watch older brothers and sisters look after their younger brothers and sisters, to see them talk, laugh and play with genuine care and genuine love. To see Year 6 pupils, some of whom are one foot out of the door after their transition days, sitting with Year 1 and EYFS and playing Lego, drawing or just smiling and allowing the younger children to talk at them was lovely. Everything I believe in, being kind and considerate to everybody, enjoying every single moment of life, extracting the maximum pleasure possible was visible in that demountable. It was a moment to reinforce why I do this.

Thank you everyone,

Mr T Robinson



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – VACANCIES

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

FAIRHOUSE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 6th July

FELMORE – BREAKFAST CLUB ASSISTANT closing date 3rd 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](#)

WELL DONE!

1R Halei-Jane for using your maths skills confidently and always challenging yourself with the mastery challenge.

1P Amelia is a great teammate, she always shares, listens and helps others.

1C Ella has been working extremely hard on her Maths these past few weeks. She has persevered when it gets challenging and always tries her hardest.

2D Poppy is a fantastic team player and always considers her friends and everyone around her. Amazing Poppy!

2H Ava for showing a fantastic understanding of time since starting our new unit of learning and consistently working hard generally in your maths lessons recently. Well done!

2T Ngozi always tries her best in her Maths lessons. She consistently makes sure that she has one digit in each square in her Maths book and uses equipment sensibly and with care. Well done Ngozi!

3SB Maxim for demonstrating perseverance and aptitude when learning about time in mathematics this week.

3D Cameron for always putting 100% effort into all lessons and helping others, especially during maths.

3S Toby for trying hard to improve his maths, taking time to use the strategies, most of the time!

4I Victoria for always striving to do her very best in every lesson and for encouraging and supporting others to achieve their best as well.

4E Emily for making huge progress in maths. Emily is now able to tackle more difficult problems independently and uses her skills to figure out complex problems. Well done!

4RH Danny for never giving up in maths, always trying your best, and showing brilliant determination when solving tricky problems. Keep up the amazing work!

5F Meghna for being a maths genius and always offering to help others if they are stuck. Well done!

5J Alexandru for always trying your hardest in maths lessons and always being willing to lend a helping hand to anyone who needs it!

5W Jacob for your ability to answer any maths question faster than I can put it through a calculator! Your enthusiasm for maths is also absolutely fantastic!

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

6F Jaden for being an excellent and humble all round sportsman. Well done!



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Superstar Readers of the Week

Yr1— Adam, Eleeyah, Eleeza

Yr2 — Lainey, Mia, Maisie

Yr3 — Jayden, Frankie, Oscar

Yr4 — Lucas, Sobe, Amelia

Yr5 — Ilinca, Jayda, Emily

Yr 6— Katie, Sienna, Poppy



Superstar Writers of the Week

Yr1— Jayden, Jesse, Martha

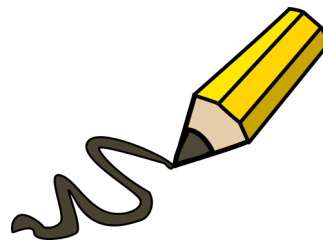
Yr2— Nancy, Nicolle, Lucas

Yr3 — Franklin, Roman, Bella

Yr4 — Louie, Teddy, Kofi

Yr5 — Charles, Daniel, Eymen

Yr 6— Jenson, Ianus, Andrea



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**

OPAL Certificate this week

We have reduced the amount of outdoor play as much as possible this week due to the heatwave & keeping the children safe...OPAL certificate to return next week!

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Attendance percentages

for this week.

Yearly - % Weekly - %

KS1 – % KS2 - %

Whole class attendance
winners this week are

Returning next week!

with %

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.



Thank you for your understanding.



Keeping Children's Records Up to Date

To help us provide the best possible care for your child, please ensure we are informed of any changes to their dietary requirements, allergies, medical conditions, medications, care plans, or other relevant health information. This also includes emergency contact details.

If there are any updates, please email us as soon as possible so that our records remain accurate and up to date.

admin@willows.essex.sch.uk

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Canewdon
Primary School

Year 1

This week the children have worked so hard during English to retell the story of The Tiger Who Came to Tea but changing the main characters. We were so amazed with their super adjectives.

In Maths, we have been looking at place value and have used 100 square and partitioned numbers into tens and ones. In the afternoon we have been looking at human and physical features in Geography.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic, hot week! We have been writing up adverts for Southend Beach where we have discussed Adventure Island, how there are lots of things to do that are free and also how it is suitable for people of all ages. Our adverts have definitely persuaded the adults to visit Southend Beach! We have started to explore time, looking at o'clock, half past and quarter past times within our maths lessons and also thought about apostrophes for possession and apostrophes for contraction this week. The children have loved contracting words such as turning will not into won't and she will into she'll in both their writing and speech!

Year 3

This week in Year 3, we completed our learning on time and have moved on to begin angles, help us to remember our time and turns (quarter, half three quarters, full). In English, we have started to write a playscript about Paddington at the dentist which we will perform in coming weeks. In Science, we explored the dangers of the sun for our eyes, we made posters and experimented with UV beads to see the sun's impact. In art, we have started to paint our very own Paddington Bear picture.

Year 4

This week, Year 4 took part in an exciting Science workshop where they discovered all about sound and how it is made. The children enjoyed investigating how vibrations create sound and exploring different ways sound travels. In Maths, they used pictograms and bar charts to collect, organise and present data accurately. In English, we have begun writing our recounts inspired by characters from *Skyhawk*, focusing on using engaging language and clear sequencing of events.

With the recent hot weather, the children have also done a fantastic job of keeping cool and staying hydrated.

Year 5

We are incredibly proud of the way the children have conducted themselves this week under the circumstances. They flew through our negative numbers topic in Maths and we can really see that they are starting to prepare themselves for Year 6!

Year 6

This week, our Year 6 pupils have taken an exciting step towards their next chapter as they attended their transition weeks at Appleton, Billericay, Bromfords, Deanes, De La Salle, King Edward VI Grammar School, Lower Academy and Woodlands.

Despite the particularly hot weather, the children coped extremely well and demonstrated great resilience, maturity and enthusiasm throughout. They fully embraced the experience, enjoying a wide range of activities during their taster days and making a positive impression in their new school environments.

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The Willows Primary– Trust Football Tournament

The Willow's girls enjoyed a fantastic day at the Berlesduna Tournament last week, competing against four other teams and ultimately emerging as tournament winners after a series of outstanding performances.

The team's success was built on a strong defensive foundation. Emily, Dea and Sienna were excellent throughout the tournament, showing determination, teamwork and composure under pressure. Their defensive work limited opportunities for the opposition and provided the platform for the team to play with confidence.

In midfield, Aya, Danaya, Barker and Scarlett worked tirelessly across every match. Their energy, passing and willingness to support both attack and defence helped The Willows control games and create numerous chances. The midfield unit displayed excellent teamwork and never stopped working for one another.

Leading the attack was Galena, who caused problems for opposition defences throughout the tournament with her pace, movement and determination. Galena was rewarded with a spectacular goal that was one of the highlights of the day, demonstrating both skill and confidence in front of goal.

Aya also produced a moment of brilliance, scoring an amazing goal that drew admiration from players and spectators alike. Her strike capped off an excellent tournament performance and showcased the quality that The Willows Girls possess throughout the squad.

Scarlet in goal played a crucial role in the team's success, making important saves when needed and providing confidence and organisation from the back.

Most importantly, every player contributed to the team's achievement. The girls showed fantastic teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the tournament, supporting one another in every match and representing The Willows with pride.

Winning the Berlesduna Tournament was a well-deserved reward for the team's hard work and commitment. The performances of all the players, combined with memorable goals from Galena and Aya, made it a day to remember and a fantastic achievement for The Willows Girls.



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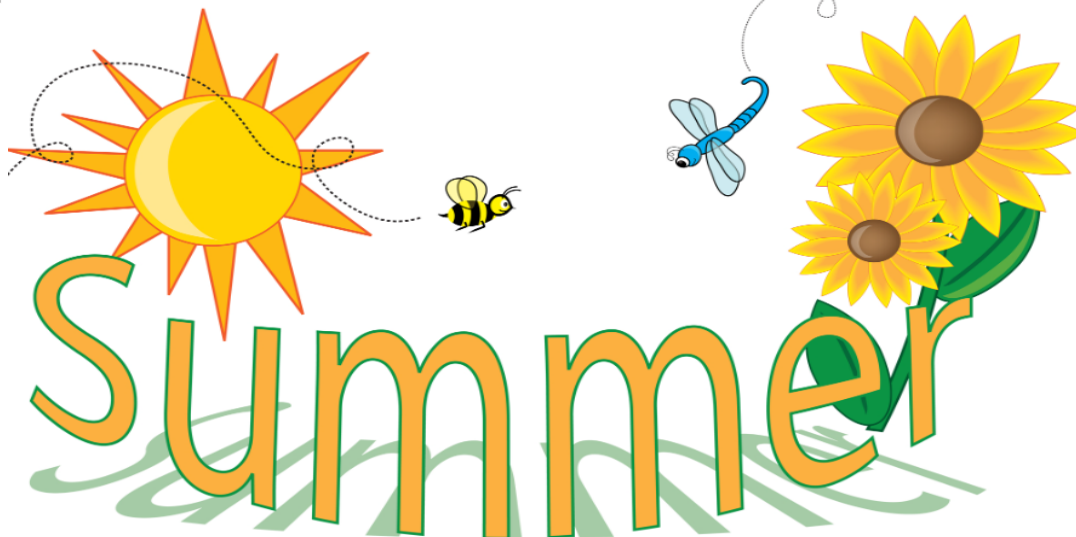
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Summer Safety Tips



Stay Hydrated

Drink 8 or more glasses of water per day to stay healthy & hydrated



Know the Side Effects of Medications

Some medications have side effects such as drowsiness or sun sensitivity



Stay Cool

Stay in the A/C, indoors, go swimming, etc.



Wear Light, Loose Fitting Clothing

Wear breathable clothing and light colors that reflect the sun



Have Emergency Contacts

Have a list of people to call in case of emergency



Know the Weather Forecast

Plan your days accordingly depending on the weather

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