



THE WILLOWS
PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY

Friday 10th July 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

We are on the home straight! By the time you read this, Year 6 will be heading back from the Isle Of Wight, Sports Day will be completed and we will have a week (and one day!) full of the last bits of a school year. It has been a rollercoaster of a year, and by that I mean that some of the dips, some of the loop the loops (terrifying but enthralling), but are rewarding and I just want to re-join the queue and have another go!

Thank you to all those who asked about the new push on attendance for next year; good attendance fixes a lot of issues and it is only through working together as a community that we can raise all standards. As a school, we need to continue to grow and develop and we need everyone together for that!

I want to thank all the staff who attended the Isle Of Wight, they will be tired but I know that they have had a great time; your children will have lots to talk about! I want to also thank the EYFS, Year 1, Nursery and Butterfly staff for their hard work during sports day today. The children had a great time.

Finally, the past few weeks have been really hard. Britain is definitely a warmer place than when I was a child and the pattern of heatwaves in June and July is predicted to continue. We could be heading into a period where temperatures experienced by us all the past month become more common. As a result, I think schools have to look at their calendars and look to move events to more appropriate times. Look out for this starting next year. As always, I welcome any feedback; just email the office and I'll be in touch.

Have a great weekend everyone; fingers crossed for England on Saturday!

Mr T Robinson

Headteacher

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WELL DONE!

1R Luna for showing maturity and responsibility as you prepare for Year 2.

1P Arthur for doing an amazing job learning new things, helping others, and being a fantastic friend every single day.

1C Zara has matured wonderfully throughout the year, becoming increasingly independent and responsible. She takes pride in their work and show kindness and respect to those around her. Well done Zara!

2D Chloe has really shown great maturity this year and is more than ready for Year 3, well done!

2H Winnie for always showing a positive, mature and responsible attitude towards your learning at school. Well done!

2T Faria is a mature learner who takes responsibility for her own learning. She works hard to always produce the best work that she can and presents her work neatly. Well done Faria!

3SB Faye for always demonstrating a mature and sensible approach to all aspects of school life. Well done!

3D Noah for always having such a mature approach to tasks and being a valued member of the classroom.

3S Lucy for always showing maturity in her mannerisms, friendships and supporting her peers.

4I Louie for always displaying a mature attitude and a willingness to give his best in every task.

4E Daisy for showing a mature attitude to her own learning and progress. Daisy has listened to her targets and taken responsibility for her own improvement. I have been astounded by how far Daisy has come and I am immensely proud of her and how hard she has worked.

4RH Charlie for becoming such a mature and responsible member of our Year 4 class, showing kindness, independence, and a fantastic attitude every day. Keep it up!

5F Scarlett for showing a great improvement in your maturity throughout this year. You are so ready for year 6 and you will smash it!

5J Leonor for always showing a mature attitude in the way that you behave in class and in your interactions with others.

5W Gracie for always behaving in a mature and respectful manner, towards all adults and peers. You are an exceptional role model!

Year 6 are having the best time in IOW!

Certificates to return next week!



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Superstar Readers of the Week

Yr1— Emily, Annabelle, Darius

Yr2 — Dolcie, Arnie, Arya-Rose

Yr3 — Sonny, Darja, Cesar

Yr4 — Matthew, Victoria, Frankie

Yr5 — Jacob, Macie, Elsie

Yr 6— IOW Trip



Superstar Writers of the Week

Yr1— Harry, Lorelai, Finley

Yr2— Poppy, Ahmed, Sofia

Yr3 — Esme, Herkus, Oscar

Yr4 — Oscar, Emilie, Mia

Yr5 — Beau, Tania, Maykl

Yr 6— IOW Trip



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

Arya-Rose for working hard to tidy up equipment
and encouraging others to tidy.

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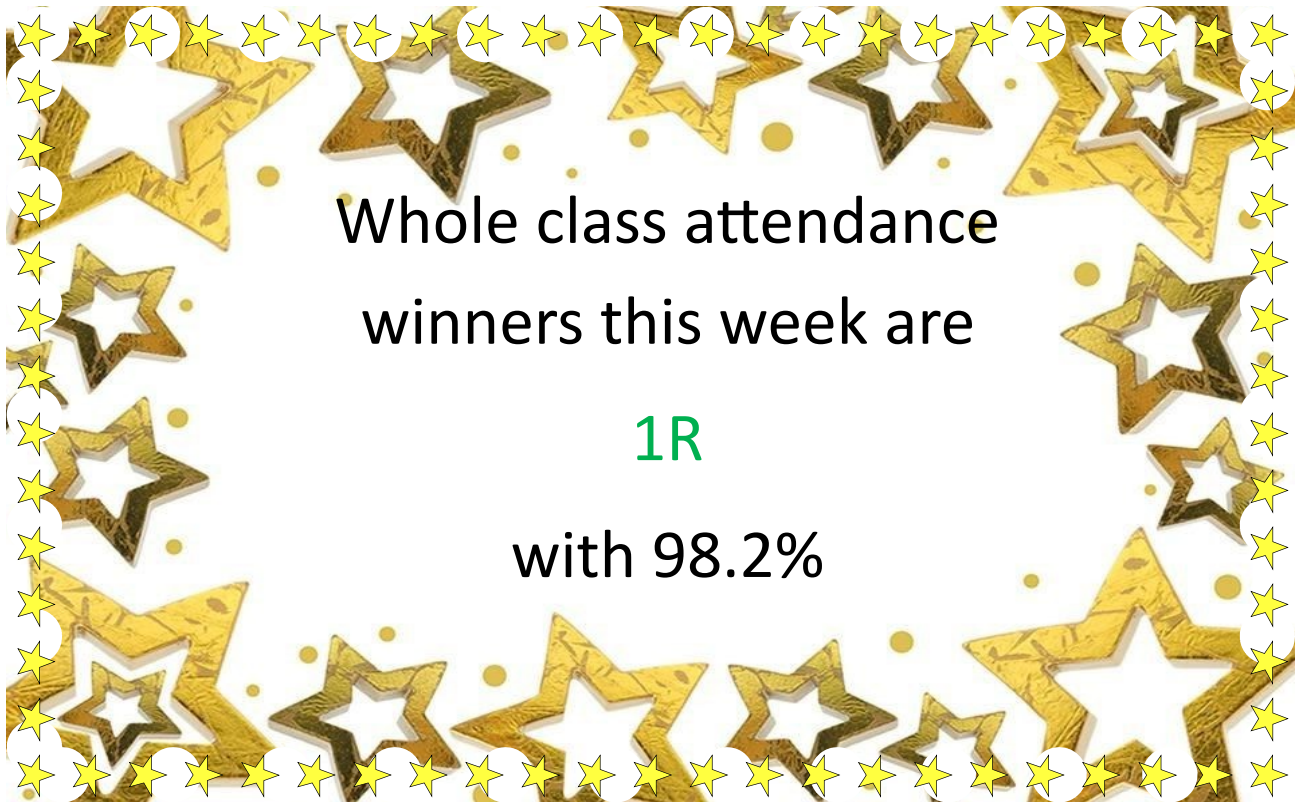


Attendance percentages

for this week.

Yearly - 93.3% Weekly - 93.9%

KS1 – 92.7% KS2 - 94.6%



Whole class attendance
winners this week are

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with 98.2%

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.



Attendance Agreements

As we prepare for the new academic year, we will be sending home a new Attendance Agreement for both parents/carers and children to read and sign.

With the increased national focus on school attendance, these agreements will form part of our new attendance procedures and will be used during attendance meetings where necessary. They also support our attendance policy and any legal processes that schools are required to follow to improve attendance.

Please look out for the agreement coming home with your child this week. We would be grateful if you could read it together, sign it, and return it to school by Monday 13th July 2026.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us ensure every child has the best possible attendance and opportunity to succeed.

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THIS WEEK...

Year 1

This week in Year 1, we have been busy with lots of exciting learning!

In Maths, the children have been learning about money. They practised recognising different coins and notes and developed their skills in counting money.

In English, we have been writing recounts of our exciting Call of the Wild zoo trip. The children worked hard to sequence events and include descriptive details about their memorable day.

In Geography, we compared Basildon and Shanghai, identifying and discussing their physical and human features. The children enjoyed exploring the similarities and differences between the two places.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic and sunny week! We started to learn how to write a recount in English, to prepare us to recount our beach trip next week. We have started one of our final topics in mathematics about statistics where the children have enjoyed learning how to use tally charts, graphs and asking their friends questions to collect data. We have also been preparing for Year 3 by meeting our brand-new teachers and seeing our new classrooms. And of course, the highlight of the week... Year 2 had so much fun and were so incredibly well behaved on the beach trip. They enjoyed a whippy ice cream, fun and play with buckets and spades and a sunny lunch on Chalkwell Beach. Well done Year 2!

Year 3

This week Year 3 have been learning about 3D shapes in maths and writing an informal letter to a Disney character in English. For science we continued our learning about light and investigated whether objects' shadows change size relative to their distance from a light source. In art we painted our pictures of Paddington and included a rainforest background by mixing colours. In history we learnt how trains impacted our local area and compared different time periods.

Year 4

As we come to the end of a wonderful Year 4, we've had another busy and enjoyable week! The children had their final swimming session, celebrating with lots of fun relay races in the pool. In Maths, they have been plotting coordinates to create a range of 2D shapes, demonstrating their growing confidence with coordinates. In English, we have begun preparing for an exciting class debate, exploring the question: *Is keeping animals in captivity a good thing?* The children have started gathering ideas and evidence to support their viewpoints. In Geography, we have been learning about natural disasters and investigating the impact they can have on people, places and the environment. It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm, curiosity and maturity the children have shown across all of their learning this week.

Year 5

This week year 5 have coped really well in the heat again. We have thoroughly enjoyed reading their film narratives about Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and we have been blown away by some of their vocabulary. They also had a really fun week at swimming this week and have worked really hard to pass their assessments.

Year 6

Enjoying ourselves in the IOW this week!

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Did you know there is an increase in asthma attacks in the week following back to school?

Want to know how to prevent this?

Follow the Children's Community Asthma Nurses top tips:

- Take your **Preventer** inhaler every day.
- Always use a **spacer** unless you have a dry powder inhaler.
- Know what **triggers** your asthma.
- Book an **asthma review** with your GP practice during the summer holiday.



What does a "preventer" inhaler do?

1. It reduces the swelling and inflammation within the airway in the lungs.
2. This makes the airways less sensitive to asthma triggers.
3. Using it every day as prescribed, will mean you need to take your rescue (blue) inhaler less.

What are asthma triggers?

Triggers are things that make asthma worse when exposed to them. For example, colds, pollen or air pollution.

What is good asthma control?

1. No symptoms during the day.
2. No symptoms waking them at night.
3. Able to complete all normal activities including PE.
4. Little/ no need for the rescue (blue) inhaler.

If you are worried that your child's asthma is not controlled despite preventer treatment, why not visit your GP to discuss referral to the Children's Community Asthma Service.



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.

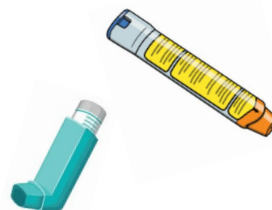
If there are any updates, please email us as soon as possible so that our records remain accurate and up to date.

admin@willows.essex.sch.uk

Thank you for your support and cooperation.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION



From September, every child that is diagnosed asthmatic or has an EpiPen for allergies, will need to provide the school with an up to date care plan, should we not already have one. You will also need to provide the school with emergency medications to keep on the school site, if we do not already have this.

Care plans can be acquired from your GP, hospital or specialist nurse if you have one.

The document should include your child's name, DOB, address and emergency contact details.

All medications will need to be signed for also, please come to the office should you need a form.

Many thanks

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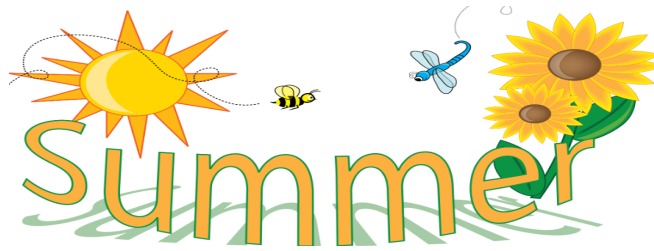
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Have a great weekend and remember to stay safe
in the sun!

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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