



Monday 20th July 2026

End of year

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

We have finally reached the end of the academic year. When you reach this point and look back the year seems to have blitzed by and all the events seem less important, as if smudged by time. It certainly does not feel like that when you are in the moment. Today events feel insignificant that at the time felt momentous and all consuming. That is the nature of time.

I have been doing this long enough to know that you appreciate the time as it happens; that you strap in for the ride and enjoy the ups and down as they occur. To always look to the end means that you don't enjoy and take in the present.

All those little moments this year, all those smiles, tears and laughter, all that worry and stress, all the moments of kindness. They all mean something. People often ask me why I do what I do. The answer is always the people. The wider community, the staff and the children. It isn't that difficult this job; look after everyone and try to allow others to be the best they can. If you can laugh along the way then even better.

It fills me with immense pride when I look back on the year. Our school is a wonderful place full of wonderful people. That is what I take from the year.

Finally, this time of the year is always a time for goodbyes; to year 6, you have been brilliant this year and you should all be proud of yourselves, to Mrs Horrobin embarking on her teacher training and Mrs Zahra who is embarking on a well earned retirement, and to our PTA lead Stacey Ogden as she and her family had off to a new home in a new county. Thank you all for your work and effort making our school the special place it is. Remember, once you are part of this family you never really leave.

Enjoy your summer breaks. Those that will be elsewhere next year I wish you all the luck that you need; those returning will go again next year a little older and a little wiser.

Stay safe everyone,

Mr T Robinson

Headteacher

The Willows Primary School

WELL DONE!



Congratulations to those children that received their 100% attendance for this term.

An extra special well done to those that achieved an amazing 100% attendance for the whole year!!! We hope you enjoy your certificates and medals!

Autumn, Excellent, Christine, Kofi, Ohemaa, Jacob, Vincent, Aleksei, Sonny, Frankie, Tim, Tina, David, Evelina, Chibugo, Amy, Thomas, Noah, Oscar, Kian, Lorelai, Jakub, Cameron, Finley, Ayan, Oliver, Robert, Vlad, Roxy, Isabelle, Kit, Sophie.



The class with the highest attendance for the year 20256-2026 was **3S** at **96.5%**.

Well done!

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Willows 'WOW' Wall

A lovely achievement from Jacob Sawyer, which we are extremely proud of. He recently earned his white sash in his Kung Fu class. The white sash represents the successful completion of his introductory level, demonstrating commitment, focus, respect, and the foundational skills required in Kung Fu.

Jacob has worked very hard to achieve this, and it has meant a great deal to him.



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Year 1

WOW! Where has this year gone? We want to say how incredibly proud we are of all the children. They have made amazing progress this year, growing in confidence, independence, and resilience while working hard across all areas of the curriculum. It has been amazing to watch them learn, make new friendships, and develop into enthusiastic and caring members of our school community. They should all be very proud of everything they have achieved.

Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. We wish everyone a happy, relaxing summer and all the very best as the children begin their exciting journey into Year 2. From all of the year 1 team! 😊

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic last few days in class, thinking about their transition to Year 3 and finishing off with a class party, games and film. We will miss you and hope that you all have a lovely Summer holidays!

Year 3

This year in Year 3, we have experienced a Rocks and Soils Science Workshop, Egyptian Day, Colchester Castle visit, Skreens Park activity day and a cinema trip to see The Wild Robot. We have had a busy year learning to use conjunctions, adverbs, paragraphs and prepositions in our English, working hard to include sentence structure and remember the word classes. In Maths, we have learnt new skills such as telling the time to a minute, two by one digit multiplication and division and worked hard to commit to memory our timetables ready for Year 4. We have completed many science investigations and worked hard to improve our prediction and data collecting skills. Our artistic skills have been developed and we have built confidence to make mistakes, keep trying and ultimately succeed by using the strategies given to us across the curriculum. We have had a fantastic year in year 3.

Year 4

As we come to the end of a fantastic Year 4, we would like to say what a pleasure it has been to teach your children this year. They have worked incredibly hard, grown in confidence, resilience and independence, and should all be very proud of everything they have achieved. Along the way, they have enjoyed some unforgettable learning experiences, including becoming Iron Age farmers at Celtic Harmony, developing survival skills in Thorndon Country Park and spending a day as Vikings, bringing their learning to life through exciting hands-on adventures. Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you all have a wonderful, restful summer break, and we wish the children every success and happiness as they begin their exciting journey into Year 5.

Year 5

All the children in year 5 have absolutely smashed it this year - so we have celebrated by enjoying classroom parties, an amazing dance party and some quizzes about the teachers. We hope that all of the children have an excellent summer holidays!

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Last Day of Primary School

Your primary school journey is ending
And what a journey it's been!
Full of laughter and learning
Even a few months of quarantine

Friends you will remember for a life time
Teachers who taught all that you know
There is nothing quite like your primary school days
And the school family who helped make you grow

As you say goodbye to your primary school
All the memories will stay in your heart
Although this part of your journey is ending
The next one is bursting to start

Year 6

What a fantastic way for Year 6 to end their time at The Willows! The children enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Adventure Island, making the most of all the rides and attractions while demonstrating outstanding behaviour throughout the day. On what was an extremely busy day, attended by many other schools, our pupils represented The Willows brilliantly and were a real credit to themselves, their families and the school. They also had a wonderful time at the park on Thursday, once again showing exemplary behaviour while enjoying time with their friends. The celebrations continued at Bye-Bye Bounce, where the children had great fun on the inflatables and enjoyed treats including pizzas, ice poles and popcorn. We were incredibly proud of all our Year 6 pupils during the Leavers' Assembly, which was a fitting celebration of their achievements and memories. Congratulations to all the deserving recipients of the Child of the Willows Award, Sports Personality, the Colin Moore Award and the Anne Monk Award. Finally, we would like to thank all of our parents and carers for their support at these events and throughout the year. We wish our Year 6 children every success and happiness as they move on to the next exciting chapter of their journey.

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COMPETITION!

**DESIGN A
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CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF BERLESDUNA TRUST!

- Children are invited to design a poster celebrating 10 Years of Berlesduna Trust.
- Entries should be returned to school during the **first week back in September**.
- One winning design will be chosen from each school. These designs will be professionally produced as posters and featured on the Trust website as part of our anniversary celebrations.

PRIZES

ONE WINNER FROM EACH SCHOOL WILL RECEIVE A £25 VOUCHER	10 YEARS OF BERLESDUNA	AN OVERALL TRUST WINNER WILL RECEIVE A £100 VOUCHER
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BE CREATIVE. CELEBRATE 10 YEARS. LEAVE YOUR MARK!

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Have a wonderful summer holidays, have fun making memories and remember to stay safe!

**We look forward to seeing you back at
The Willows on Wednesday 3rd September!**



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