



THE WILLOWS
PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY



Friday 11th September 2026

Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a fantastic summer and are ready for the next year!

I want to start by wishing Mrs Zahra all the best after she retired over the summer. She had done a full shift in schools and deserves her rest!

We need to say hello and welcome a few people to the family, so welcome to Miss Conway (welcome back!) and Mrs Baker in Year 1 and Miss Foley and Miss Baker who join our MDA team. Also, we welcome back Mrs Willmore, Mrs Skinner and Miss Sullivan from their maternity leaves. Finally, welcome to all our new EYFS cohort and all our new children and parents.

It is also with great sadness that I have to inform you that Michael Ellis, an ex pupil here who passed away over the summer. Michael was a real character and one of the first children that I met when I started here in 2014. He was unique, endearing and never gave you a dull day! He will be sorely missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing him and will forever be remembered.

It already feels as though the year is up to speed and we are barrelling along. This term is always a settling and establishing phase of the year so make sure you are signed up to Parent Connect and Class Charts. Any issues just ask!

I want to thank everyone for a great start to the year; the staff, the pupils and the parents and carers. Together, we will make this a fantastic year.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr T Robinson

Headteacher

The Willows Primary School

WELL DONE!



Star Pupil of the Week

Yr1— Presley, Violet, Toby

Yr2— Ioana, Rafferty, Kody

Yr3 — Alayna, Ava, Tilly

Yr4 — Harrison, Elsie, Julia

Yr5 — Dylan, Nellie, Leighton

Yr 6— Theo, Scarlett,



Superstar Writers of the Week

Yr1— Erin, Lily, Florrie

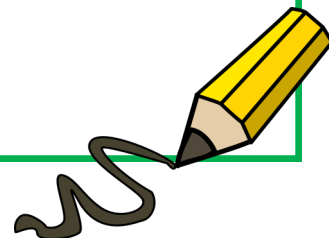
Yr2— Archie, Mollie, Elvianna

Yr3 — Presley, Wilson, Olivia

Yr4 — Frankie, Max, Sunshine

Yr5 — Nellie, Eileen, Louie

Yr 6— Maya, Jack,



All the year groups have spent the week settling in, so

“What's on this week” will return next week!

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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.

Phenomenal Phonics



Yr1—Albert, Maisie, Jayden

Yr 2—Elsie, Theo, Ruby

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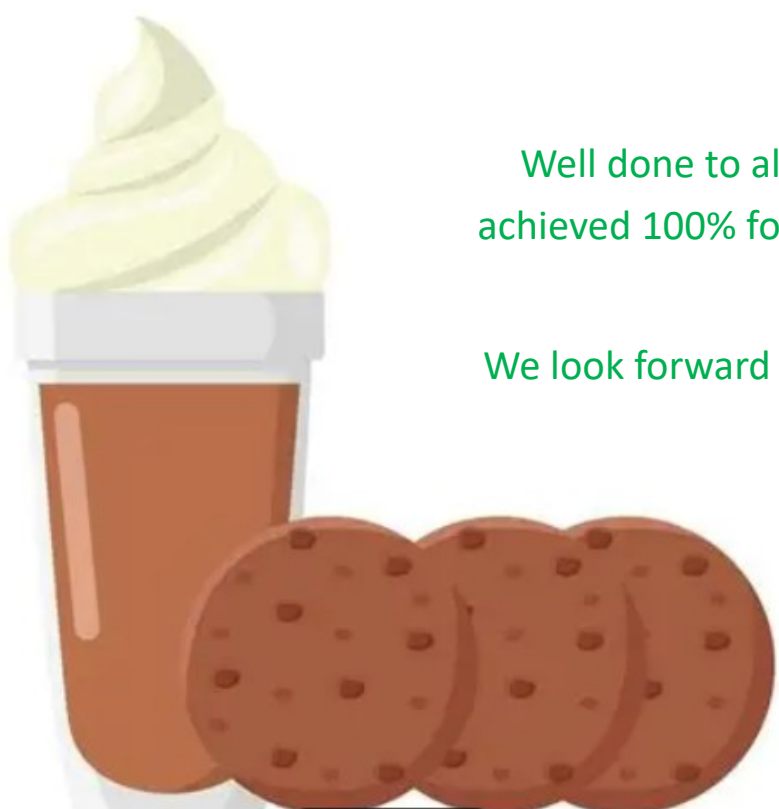
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Whole class attendance
trophy winners this
week are

4RP

with 99.7%



Well done to all those children who have
achieved 100% for their first full week back to
school!

We look forward to milkshake & cookies next
week!

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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 **9.00am**.



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.



The Willows Primary PTA

Keep an eye out for any 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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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.

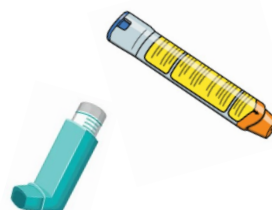
If there are any updates, please email us as soon as possible so that our records remain accurate and up to date.

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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