

Newsletter 1

September 8th 2023



Willow Park
C of E Primary School



Welcome back to school, which has been a very warm week! The children have settled back in wonderfully and the teachers have ensured that they are learning in safe and calm learning environments.

We have seen changes in school where lots of children have left us but also many of children have joined us – more new children are due to join the school next week where I'm sure they will be made to welcomed into the Willow Park family.

New Reception children

The new Reception children have started this week and they have been an absolute delight. Mr Gavriel thinks they are ready for learning full time already! All children have already shown that they can 'be the light!'

Uniforms

Please ensure that when your children return to school they are in full school uniform. It does not have to be branded but school colours are required along with appropriate footwear. Please speak to a member of the leadership team if you need support with this. Full list of uniform requirements are on the website: www.willowpark.org.uk

School Clubs

Our after school provision has started immediately and you are able to book on parent pay. It is £4 per child per session.

Attendance this week.....

Very disappointing attendance this week – lets work together to make it higher.

Our School Target is 96%

Class	Attendance
Robin	88.2%
Kingfisher	88.1%
Goldfinch	83.7%
Owl	82.6%
Starling	80.9%
Sparrow	66.2%

Attendance

In the drive to improve attendance this year, if your child had attendance below 90% last academic year you will be asked to come to a meeting so we can work together to improve attendance – please ensure you attend.

If you are absent due to a holiday, this will be unauthorised and may be fined. This will be £60 per parent, per child. Please speak to Mr Philips if you have any concerns around this matter.

INSET day

Willow Park will be closed for all children on FRIDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 2023 - this is due to a staff CPD day.

Children will return as normal on Monday 18th September at 8:45am

Please ensure that children are collected promptly at the end of the day at 3:15pm – many childrens parents are having to be called after 3:30. Also please ensure collection from afterschool club is prompt – it ends at 5pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Phillips

Who has been the light this week?

Congratulations to the following children who have shown excellence in their learning and behaviour this week!

Abdur-Rahman, Tala, Sheng, Abdul-Rahman, Lujain, Basil, Ernie, Angel, Setera and Samira

PE Kits

All children will be taking part in PE twice a week and your class teacher will inform you on when that is.

It is essential that your child wears PE to school on these days. Please speak to a member of SLT if this is going to be a problem.

Kingfisher and Owl Class will be swimming until Christmas – it is a curriculum requirement that children learn to swim and must attend

Dates for the diary

Here are some dates for your diary... we will continue to add to these dates as the year goes on.

Here are the term dates for the next academic year:

2023 to 2024

- **Term 1:** Friday 1 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023
 - **Term 2:** Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 15 December 2023
 - **Term 3:** Tuesday 2 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024
 - **Term 4:** Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024
 - **Term 5:** Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024
 - **Term 6:** Monday 3 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024
- Year 6 Camp will be week beginning **Monday 18th September**. Please speak to the office if you have any questions about this trip.
 - **21st September** – Reading workshop for families in years 2 – 6. This is led by Mrs Vicky Leaker – more information to follow
 - **5th October 2023** – Phonicsa workshop for families in Reception and Year 1 – led by Mrs Leaker and Miss Miller – more information to follow
 - **13th October 2023** - First Reception 2024 open day