Willenhall Community Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

6th November 2026

Headteacher's Message

It has been a wonderful first week back after half term and I would like to thank everyone for helping to ensure such a positive and productive start. The children have returned with enthusiasm, excellent attitudes to learning and a real determination to do their best. It has been lovely to see classrooms full of focused learners and pupils demonstrating our school values each day.

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming Portals to the Past back into school to work with our Year 3 pupils. These experiences always bring learning to life and help children develop a deeper understanding of history through hands-on activities and engaging experiences.

A huge well done must go to our Year 5 pupils and their families who took part in the recent pottery event. The finished pieces were truly impressive, and it was wonderful to see so many parents and carers taking part alongside their children. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the event such a success. The creativity, effort and quality of the work produced were outstanding.

We have also continued to be delighted by the excellent homework being brought into school. The effort, creativity and pride that children are showing in their home learning is fantastic to see. Thank you to all families for the support you provide in helping children complete and present their work to such a high standard.

This half term is always a particularly busy one as we begin the exciting journey towards Christmas. While there are many special events and celebrations to look forward to, it is important that we remain focused on our learning and continue to work hard every day. There is still lots to achieve, and I know our children will continue to demonstrate the determination, resilience and high standards that make us all so proud.

As we head into the weekend, I would like to remind everyone to stay safe if attending any bonfire or fireworks events. Please ensure children are supervised at all times, follow local safety guidance and take extra care around fireworks and open fires. We hope everyone enjoys a fun and safe weekend with family and friends.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and I wish you all a safe and enjoyable weekend.

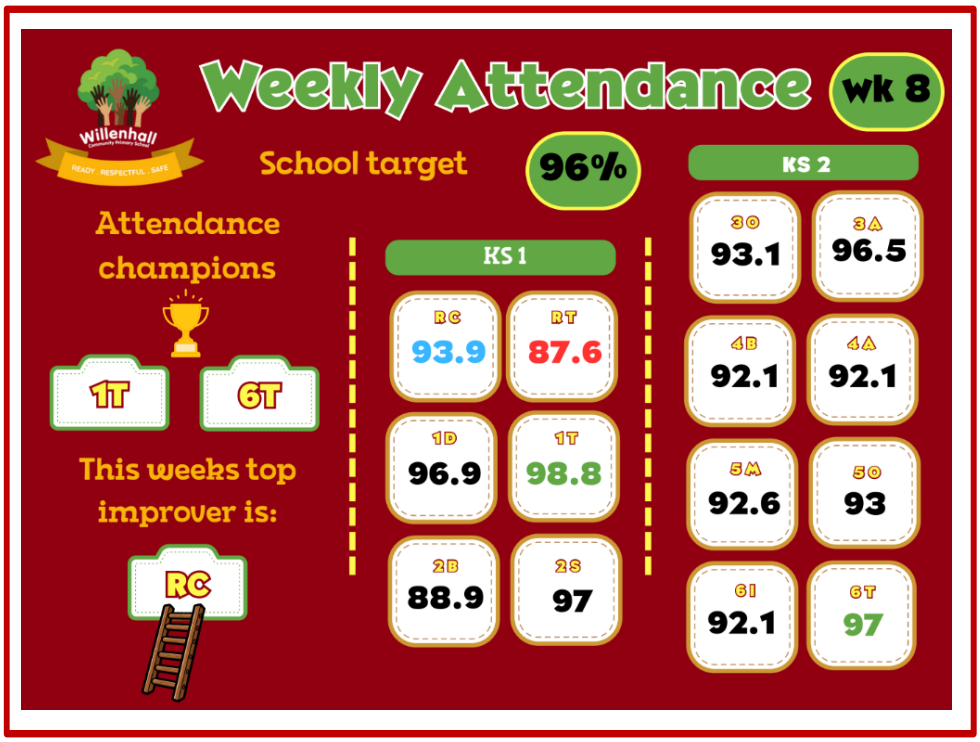
Jenny Mclean
Headteacher

We have visitors!!

We have a small number of children with headlice in school. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat accordingly.

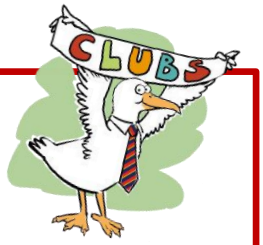


Attendance – Week ending 23rd October 2026





After School Activity Clubs



Monday – Football (Yrs 4, 5 & 6)

Tuesday – Invited boy's Football & Dodgeball (Yrs 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday – Football (Yrs 1, 2 & 3)

Thursday – Multi-sports (Yrs 1, 2 & 3) & Boxing (Yrs 4, 5 & 6)

Friday – Street Dance (Yrs 3, 4 & 5) Craft Club (Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Netball (Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6) & Invited girl's football

A message from Mr Timms

Parents and Carers

Check Out What We Have to Offer!

We're here to help, support, and make you feel welcome and a valued part of our school community.

Community Shop - A fortnightly delivery of surplus supermarket products, bundled together into a great-value package for you and your family. Packages range from £3 to £5, depending on what has been delivered, and special offers may also be available from time to time.

Vintage Rail - Our pre-loved school clothing shop offers everything from branded school uniforms to P.E. kits and coats. The Vintage Rail has everything you need. It works on a "Take what you need" basis. Donations are always welcome, and we gratefully accept school uniform and coats. We also work closely with **Clothing Coventry**, so any additional donations will be passed on to help support the fantastic work they do for families across the city.

Assemblies - The new entrance for our Celebration Assemblies is through the door next to the Year 1 classrooms on the lower playground. Avoid standing in the long queue outside the office and come in to enjoy a hot drink before we celebrate together just how wonderful your child has been!









Autumn Term

Tuesday 1st September 2026 to Friday 23rd October 2026

(Tuesday 1st September is teacher training day)

Half Term Holiday

Monday 26th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026

(Monday 12th October is teacher training day)

Autumn term (continued)

Monday 2nd November 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026

Spring term

Tuesday 4th January 2027 to Friday 12th February 2027

(Monday 4th January is a teacher training day)

Half Term Holiday

Monday 15th February 2027 to Friday 19th February 2027

Spring Term (continued)

Monday 22nd February 2027 to Friday 26th March 2027

Easter Holiday

Monday 29th March 2027 to Friday 9th April 2027

Summer Term

Monday 12th April 2027 to Friday 28th May 2027

Monday 12th April is teacher training day

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 2027

(Friday 28th May is teacher training day)

Half Term Holiday

Monday 31st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027

Summer Term (continued)

Monday 7th June 2027 to Wednesday 21st July 2027

Dates for your diary

Monday 16th November – Odd Socks Day

Tuesday 17th November – Individual Photographs

Tuesday 24th November – Parents Evening (3.30 – 5pm)

Wednesday 25th November – Parents Evening (3.30 – 6pm)

Thursday 3rd December – Year 5 trip

Friday 18th December – Christmas Day in a day

Friday 18th December – Christmas Dinner



Jewellery and hair accessories.

Just a reminder that jewellery should not be worn apart from small stud earrings. Please ensure that any hair accessories worn are removable for PE due to safety reasons.



Birthdays this week

Hunter - Nursery
Loullabella - Reception
Riley – Year 2
Anastasia – Year 2
Elise-Simmons – Year 3
Elikya – Year 5

Happy Birthday!



Odd Socks Day

MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

We are celebrating Anti-Bullying week on the 16th - 20th November.

To help kick off the week, on Monday 16th November, all you have to do is to wear odd socks to school. It couldn't be simpler!

We will also be doing activities throughout to spread the message 'Break the Silence'



School Attendance Fines for Parents

Helping every child be present, learn and succeed.



Regular school attendance is really important!

When children miss school without a valid reason, it can affect their learning, wellbeing and future.



How much is the fine?

The fine is **£80** per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days. If it is not paid within 21 days, the amount increases to **£160** per parent, per child.



When does it apply?

Fines can be issued if your child has 10 or more sessions (usually 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a 10-week period.



What counts as unauthorised absence?

Unauthorised absence includes holidays in term time, unexplained absence, and absences without a valid reason (such as illness, but without medical evidence).



What happens next?

If a fine is not paid, the local authority may take further action, which could include a higher fine, a referral to court, or other legal proceedings.



If your child will be off for 3 days or more...

The school will carry out a welfare check in line with our safeguarding policy. This is to make sure your child is safe, well and supported, and to offer help if they need it.





Thank you for working with us to keep our children happy, safe and learning!



Willenhall Primary Christmas Fayre

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

ARE YOU A LOCAL BUSINESS THAT IS ABLE TO DONATE A RAFFLE PRIZE TO OUR SCHOOL FAYRE?

IF SO, PLEASE GET IN CONTACT WITH OUR SCHOOL OFFICE ON ADMIN@WILLENHALLPRIMARY.ORG

WE ARE EXPECTING MANY PARENTS, PUPILS, CHILDREN AND OTHER MEMBERS FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL EVENT AND WE WISH TO GIVE PRIZES AWAY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL.

IF YOU DO DECIDE TO KINDLY DONATE YOUR SERVICES, WE WILL ENSURE YOU ARE CREDITED ON THE DAY AND WHENEVER POSSIBLE IN ANY PUBLICITY THAT WE PUT OUT FOR THE EVENT.

AUTUMN & WINTER ATTENDANCE GUIDANCE

Autumn and winter bring more coughs, colds and sniffles.

Helping families know when children should be in school

It's normal for children to pick up more bugs at this time of year!

Most children can still come to school, even with mild symptoms.
Regular attendance helps them learn, grow and stay connected with their friends.

COME TO SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD HAS:



A runny nose



A mild cough



A sore throat
(without a high temperature)



A headache but is otherwise well



Mild cold symptoms

Being in school helps children:

- Learn something new every day
- Feel they belong
- Build strong friendships
- Be part of their class community
- Take part in exciting activities and events

If they're eating, drinking, playing and feeling generally okay, they should be in school.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME IF THEY HAVE:



A high temperature
(fever)



Vomiting or diarrhoea
Return only after **48 hours** with no sickness or diarrhoea.



Chicken pox
Stay at home until all the spots have crusted over (usually about 5 days after they first appeared).



An ear infection with
a high temperature or severe earache

WORRIED OR ANXIOUS?

Sometimes children may complain of tummy aches, headaches or feeling unwell because they are worried or **anxious**. Coming into school often helps these feelings improve. Please speak to us if your child is worried about anything. We are here to help.

EVERY DAY MATTERS!

When children miss school, they can miss:

- Time with friends
- Feelings of belonging
- Important learning
- Special activities and experiences
- Being part of their class community

Together we Thrive when we are learning, growing and belonging together.



Together we Thrive

If your child is absent, please contact the school office on the first day and let us know the reason.

Great attendance
Great learning
Stronger futures

WELCOME TO OUR WILLENHALL HOUSES!

Every positive choice helps your House shine!









HOW TO EARN HOUSE POINTS

RESPECT | KINDNESS | GROWTH | HONESTY | RESPONSIBILITY

Show these values every day and help your House collect points!

OUR SCHOOL RULES

READY Come prepared to learn.

RESPECTFUL Be kind and respectful to everyone.

SAFE Keep yourself and others safe.

Every House Point Counts!

Which House will be our CHAMPIONS?

Residential Trips

Year 5 are invited to go to Plas Dol Y Moch in Wales every year and Year 6 have the opportunity to go to Barcelona

Residential trips give school children valuable opportunities to learn beyond the classroom by building independence, confidence, and social skills.

Being away from home encourages them to take responsibility for themselves, while shared activities help strengthen friendships and teamwork. These experiences also expose children to new environments and challenges, making learning more engaging and memorable, and often boosting their overall personal development.

If you need any information about either of these trips, please do not hesitate to ask the office.

Community Shop

At Willenhall Community Primary School, we have a community shop where you can buy a food package at bargain prices.

We are sent a selection of foods from supermarkets that are excess stock or close to sell by dates. The shop is open fortnightly on a Thursday and a Friday (a text will be sent to remind you) During this time, we also have the vintaged rail which has pre-loved uniform, coats etc which are available for free.



PE Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 5 Year 6	Year 3 Year 4	Year 3 Year 5 Year 6	Year 1 Year 2	Year 1 Year 2 Year 4 swimming



Celebrating with fireworks safely

Keeping you and your family safe around firework displays and bonfire night

Fireworks and Bonfire Safety Tips:

It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess a firework, flare or smoke bomb.

- **Professional Displays:** Attend a public firework display rather than handling fireworks at home. Never allow children to handle fireworks or sparklers without supervision.
- **Anti-social Behaviour:** Talk to your children about the danger of pointing fireworks at people or buildings. Police can prosecute for dangerous use of fireworks.
- **Stay Visible:** Wear high-vis jackets, glow sticks, or give a torch to your children.
- **Safe Place:** Before visiting a bonfire or firework display talk to your child about a safe meeting place or a time to regroup after the event
- **Bonfires:** It's never a good idea to make your bonfire. Attend a professional display or event where the fire can be properly contained and monitored.
- **Dispose Properly:** After fireworks have cooled, dispose of them in a metal container filled with water.
- **Ask Them:** What are your child's plans? How are they going to enjoy fireworks and bonfire night safely?

If you see anti-social use of fireworks, flares, or smoke bombs in your local area, please call **101** or **999** in an emergency.

If you would like to report a trader for selling to underage persons, contact Citizens Advice consumer helpline on **0808 223 1133**

Learn more about when and where you are allowed to let off fireworks by searching **WMP online.**

West Midlands POLICE

Wraparound Care

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club starts at 8.00am and costs **£6.99** per day which includes a healthy breakfast. If you book for the whole week, the price is **£5.00** per day (**£25** per week) The children will be taken directly to their classrooms at 8.55am

After School Club

These are the options for after-school club:

Activity Club 3.25pm until 4.25pm (**no snack**) - **£6.75**

After School Care 3.25pm until 6.00pm (no snack) **£12.00**

After School Care 3.25pm until 6.00pm (with snack) - **£13.50**

To book, please visit https://myclub.clubscomplete.co.uk/settings/willenhall-primary-school and pay Clubs Complete directly.





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