Willenhall Community Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

13th November 2026

Headteacher's Message

As we come to the end of another busy week, I would like to thank all of our families for their continued support. Here are a few important reminders and celebrations to share.

Please Name All Children's Belongings

We currently have a large amount of lost property in school, and many items do not have names in them. While we always do our best to return clothing and belongings to their owners, it is simply impossible for us to do so when items are unnamed.

This can understandably cause upset for both children and parents when belongings cannot be easily identified. Please take a few moments to check that all coats, jumpers, cardigans, PE kits, lunch boxes and water bottles are clearly labelled with your child's name.

A Reminder About Coats

As the weather becomes colder, please ensure that your child comes to school with a suitable coat every day. Children spend time outdoors at playtimes, lunchtimes and during some independent learning activities, so it is important that they are dressed appropriately for the season.

We understand that purchasing winter clothing can sometimes be difficult for families. We will be holding a **coat sale at Parents' Evening**, where all coats will be available for **£1 each**. If you need support before then, please speak confidentially to our Pastoral Team, as we may have suitable coats available on our vintage rail.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to **Children in Need** today. It was wonderful to see so many children and staff getting involved and dressing up for such an important cause. We raised a fantastic £274.54

Anti-Bullying Week

A reminder that next week is **Anti-Bullying Week**. To launch the week, children are invited to wear **odd socks on Monday**.

At Willenhall, we continue to teach children the importance of kindness, respect and inclusion. We also remind pupils of our school definition of bullying:

We encourage all children to speak to a trusted adult if they are worried about themselves or a friend.



Attendance Matters

Good attendance remains one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their best.

As you know, school can now administer Calpol with parental consent where appropriate. If your child has a minor cold or mild symptoms but is otherwise well enough to learn, please do send them into school.

We have included NHS guidance around attendance and illness, outlining when children should attend school and when they should remain at home. Thank you for supporting us in ensuring children do not miss valuable learning unnecessarily.

Sporting Successes

A huge well done to our netball team, who played their first match of the year this week. It was a challenging fixture, but the team demonstrated fantastic resilience, determination and teamwork throughout. They were excellent ambassadors for our school and embodied every one of our school values.

Our football team and HADO teams have also represented the school brilliantly this week, showcasing impressive skills, sportsmanship and commitment. We are incredibly proud of all of our pupils who take part in sporting opportunities and represent Willenhall so positively.

Celebrating Our 'Always' Children

On Monday afternoon, I had the pleasure of spending time with some of our **'Always' Children**.

These children were nominated because they consistently follow our school rules and demonstrate our school values every single day. We enjoyed some snacks, played games and got creative together. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their positive attitudes and the example they set for others.

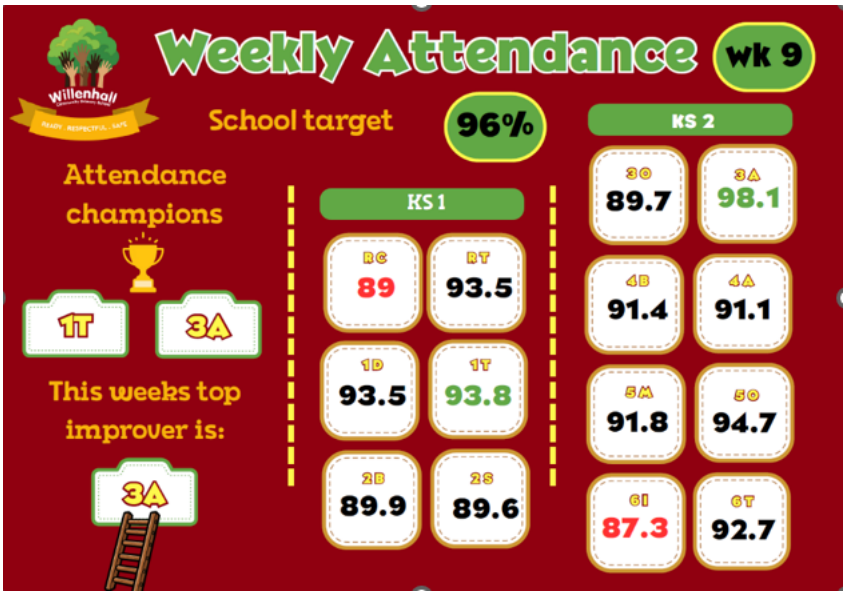
Well done to all of the children who received this special recognition. I am already looking forward to spending time with many more of our fantastic pupils over the coming weeks and months.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs McLean
Headteacher

Attendance – Week ending 6th November 2026



Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

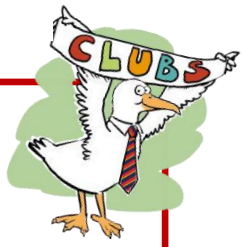
Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'



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

Amari - Nursery	David – Year 4
Samuel – Year 1	Daniel – Year 5
Frankie – Year 2	Arabella – Year 5
Alyssia – Year 2	Erin – Year 4
Tyler Year 3	Bilal – Year 6
Kiera – Year 3	

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



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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