



Friday 14th February 2025

Half Term News

Dear Families,

As we approach the half-term break, we would like to take a moment to update you with this half terms highlights.

Willington Friends - Chocolate Bingo Success!

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Willington Friends Chocolate Bingo event—it was a fantastic evening and a tremendous fundraising success! Your contributions help support our school in so many ways, and we truly appreciate your time and your generosity.

Children's Mental Health Week

Last week, we explored the theme of *Know Yourself, Grow Yourself* as part of Children's Mental Health Week. Pupils engaged in thoughtful discussions about individuality, self-awareness, and managing emotions. It was inspiring to see the children reflecting on their own personal growth and well-being.

Parking

A polite request to ask that parents do not park in the school car park during collection and drop-off times for The Den club. This area is reserved for staff and authorized vehicles, and unauthorized parking can create congestion, safety hazards, and accessibility issues. To ensure the safety of all children and staff, we kindly ask parents and guardians to use nearby street parking where permitted. Your cooperation helps maintain a smooth and safe environment for everyone. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Safer Internet Day - *'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'*

This week, we marked Safer Internet Day with an interactive and engaging whole-school assembly led by our fantastic i-vengers team. The pupils confidently shared key messages about online safety, ensuring that everyone understands how to stay safe and responsible in the digital world. Well done to all involved!

Governor News

Our Chair of Governors visited last week to review our History curriculum, observing lessons across the school to assess pupil engagement and interaction. We remain committed to using retrieval activities to reinforce learning, ensuring that children know and remember more as they progress. It was particularly exciting to see Year 4 pupils collaborating to quiz each other on The Romans and their prior learning on The Stone Age!

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Attendance Updates

Thank you for your continued efforts in ensuring your child attends school on time each day. We appreciate that winter illnesses have affected attendance, and we hope that with spring approaching, we will see fewer absences. Your support in promoting good attendance is invaluable.



Staffing Update

We are pleased to share that Mr. Grant will be staying with us for the remainder of the school year. Mrs. Brown will return to teach in Year 5; I know that she will still be liaising with Mr. Grant, having worked with the children this year. We will continue to prioritise the children making good progress in their learning.

Staff Training

Mr. Rodgers has been undertaking valuable training and is now a certified Mental Health First Aider (Youth). This is a great step towards further supporting our pupils' emotional well-being in school.

Parents in School

Our *Parents' Lunch* sessions continue to be a success—thank you for your positive feedback! We know how much you value these opportunities to be involved in school life.

Looking ahead, we are excited to invite you to our **Big Build Event** on **Friday 14th March**. Parents are welcome to join us for an afternoon of hands-on fun, working alongside their children to build structures that will enhance our OPAL playground development. We have plenty of pallets and materials to work with, and we'd love as many handy helpers (with tools!) as possible. More details to follow soon.

Volunteering

A heartfelt thank you to those who have offered their time to volunteer in our wonderful school. You should have received information regarding next steps, including DBS checks and safeguarding procedures. Your support makes a real difference!

INSET Day Reminder

A gentle reminder that **Monday 24th February** is an **INSET day**. We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on Tuesday 25th February.

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful half-term with your amazing children.

Best regards,

Mrs Spencer Lovesey

Headteacher

Spring/Summer Term Diary Dates

Date	Event
Monday 6 th January	Children return to school Learning Logs due in
Tuesday 21 st January	Year 3 Parents invited for lunch
Monday 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week <i>'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'</i>
Tuesday 4 th February	Year 4 Parents invited for lunch
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day <i>Theme: 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'</i>
Friday 14 th February	Last Day of half term
Monday 24 th February	INSET DAY
Tuesday 25 th February	Children return to school Learning Logs due in
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Monday 10 th March	Assessment week
Friday 14 th March	OPAL – Big Build Day with Parents -p.m Are you free to help us build more for our pupils?! More info to follow!
Friday 28 th March	Rock Steady Concert
Tuesday 1 st April	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 2 nd April	Parent Consultations
Friday 4 th April	Last day of term- Easter Break
Tuesday 22 nd April	Back to school Learning Logs due in
Wednesday 23 rd April	Year 5 Parents invited for lunch
Thursday 1 st May	Y4 Camping Experience
Friday 2 nd May	Y4 Camping Experience
Wednesday 7 th May	OPAL Play Date – lunchtime experience for all parents!
Monday 12 th May	KS2 Statutory Assessments
Thursday 22 nd	Last day of term
Friday 23 rd May	INSET Day
Monday 2 nd June	Back to school Learning Logs due in
Tuesday 3 rd June	Year 6 Parents invited for lunch
Monday 16 th June	Y6 Bikeability
Tuesday 15 th July	Reception Parents invited for lunch
Wednesday 23 rd July	Last day of term
Thursday 24 th July	INSET Day

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