



Willington Primary School – Spring Term Newsletter

 April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the Spring term, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your continued support. Your partnership with the school plays a vital role in your child’s journey, and we are truly grateful. We’re delighted to share that we now have a range of parent volunteers coming into school to support us in various ways—from helping in classrooms to assisting with events and enrichment activities. Your time and commitment are truly valued and make a real difference in the day-to-day life of our school.

We are also pleased to announce the appointment of two new parent governors to our Governing Board. They bring with them a wealth of experience, insight, and enthusiasm that will undoubtedly strengthen our strategic direction and ongoing school development.

Thank you to all of our parent community for your continued engagement and support—it really does help us grow stronger together.

I am able to share the outcomes of the Parent Questionnaire below and would like to thank you for taking the time to complete these. Your views are incredibly important to us. At Willington, we are constantly reflecting on our practice and looking for ways to improve the experience we offer to all our children and families.

	Agree+	Not sure	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child is happy at this school	96%	1%	3%	
My child feels safe at this school	94%	2%	4%	
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	90%	7%	3%	
Any concerns my child has with regards to friendship or bullying is dealt with quickly and effectively	86%	10%	4%	
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly	91%	3%	4%	2%
The school has high expectations for my child	92%	7%	1%	
My child does well at this school	96%	2%	2%	
The school lets me know how my child is doing	91%	5%	4%	
There is a broad, rich curriculum at the school	94%	5%	1%	
My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school	95%	2%	1%	2%
The school supports my child’s wider personal development	92%	6%	1%	1%
I would recommend this school to another parent.	Yes	96%	No	4%

Many of you included additional comments with messages like “Thank you,” “We 100% recommend the school,” and “Keep it up everyone!” which have meant so much and will be shared with the whole staff team. I know we have a wonderful school, and I’m incredibly proud of our dedicated staff, who place the children at the heart of everything they do.

We are proud to operate an open-door policy and are always happy to talk. For the very small number of parents who, at this time, wouldn’t feel confident recommending our lovely school to others, we would genuinely appreciate hearing from you. Working together is key, and your feedback helps us to continue shaping a better environment for your child.

In light of the feedback received, I will be in touch early next term with some updates and proposed dates for events in school. One of the key actions will be a Parent Workshop in the summer term, where we will:

- Share our Behaviour Policy and Protocol
- Explain how we support children with friendships and social interactions
- Offer practical ideas and resources for supporting children’s behaviour at home

Looking ahead, we remain committed to enriching every child’s experience. We will continue developing our personal development offer, ensuring a wide variety of clubs, activities, and experiences that allow all children to grow, learn, and thrive beyond the classroom.

Recently, we asked for your feedback on the lunchtime offer, and we’re pleased to share that we’ve listened. In response, we’ve made some slight changes to the menu—starting after Easter, sandwiches will be available for those children who would prefer them. Thank you for your input and helping us shape a more inclusive and appealing lunchtime experience.


We’re also taking a closer look at playtimes, ensuring they are safe, inclusive, and enjoyable for all pupils. As part of this, we’ve made a slight change to our school timetable: from next term, we will be moving to separate playtimes for KS1 and KS2. We feel this will further support a positive experience for all children, allowing age-appropriate play, better use of space, and a calmer environment during breaks. We have trialled this today and it worked extremely well.

We’ll also continue gathering feedback from children and working with the School Council to enhance play opportunities and improve breaktime routines.

Lockdown Procedures – Parent Communication

As you know, we practised a lockdown drill at Willington last week and the children were incredible. In light of recent local events, I felt it would be helpful to share with you the message we would send to parents in the unlikely event that we ever needed to implement a lockdown at Willington. The following message will be shared with parents via Parent Hub and Text.

"We need to inform you that our school has gone into lockdown as a precautionary measure. All students and staff are safe, and we are following our safety procedures to ensure everyone’s well-being. We are currently operating under our Critical Incident/Lockdown Procedures. Please do not contact the school, as it is essential we keep our phone lines clear. We understand that this may cause significant worry, but we respectfully ask that you do not come to the school. We will send regular updates and further information as soon as it is appropriate to do so."

 Safe Parking – A Polite Reminder

We are lucky to be part of such a wonderful community here in Willington village, and maintaining positive relationships with our neighbours is something we value highly.

We kindly ask that parents consider local residents when parking near the school. Please ensure that driveways are not blocked and that public footpaths remain clear at all times.

In addition, please note that the school car park is for staff and visitors only. If you are dropping off or collecting your child from The Den, we politely ask that you do not use the staff car park. This is to help ensure the safety of both pupils and staff, especially during busy times of the day. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Thank you once again for being such a valued part of the Willington community. We hope you have a restful and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting Summer term.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Spencer Lovesey

Headteacher