



Willington Primary School

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21st May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Before the summer holidays, we would like to invite you and your child to a few sessions at school to make the transition into school life as smooth as possible.

The first session will be an open classroom afternoon on Wednesday 18th June 4-4.30pm. For this session, you can bring your child to have a look around the EYFS classroom – you will need to accompany your child to this event as it will be a drop-in session.

We will then split the group into two for the following sessions:

Group A will attend Tuesday 24th June 9:30am-12pm.

Group B will attend Tuesday 1st July 9:30am-12pm.

For the first hour, you will be with your child in the EYFS classroom. You will then be invited to attend a welcome meeting with Mrs Spencer Lovesey in the school hall – this will give the opportunity to leave your child to continue playing in the classroom. You will then be able to rejoin your child as they are welcomed to stay for lunch at 11.30.

Arrangements are as follows:

Please note that you will receive a separate email detailing which group your child will be in.

Date	Time	Session
w/c 9 th June		Mrs Miller to visit Willington Pre-School and Old Forge Day Nursery, Findern and La Petite Academy, Littleover
Wednesday 18 th June	From 4.00-4.30pm	Open classroom session drop-in <i>You must accompany your child to this event</i>
Tuesday 24 th June	9.30am – 12.00pm	Group A – with 1 parent/carer Stay and play session with lunch, including Parent Welcome Meeting with Mrs Spencer Lovesey <i>You must accompany your child to this event</i>
Tuesday 1 st July	9.30am – 12.00pm	Group B – with 1 parent/carer Stay and play session with lunch, including Parent Welcome Meeting with Mrs Spencer Lovesey <i>You must accompany your child to this event</i>
Wednesday 16 th July	5pm to 6pm	New Parent Meeting with Mrs Miller. Information regarding our curriculum, assessment and to support you in preparing your child to make the best start in school. <i>If possible, please attend without children.</i>

For the first two days of school, we run a staggered entry to allow us to support the children fully in settling into school.

Arrangements are:

	Monday 8th September	Tuesday 9th September	From Wednesday 10th September
Entrance	Through the Main Reception	Through the Main Reception	Entrance through the school gates on Vere Close
Morning	9:30-12:30 Group A (stay for lunch)	9:30-12:30 Group B (stay for lunch)	All children to attend full time from 8.45 – 3.30pm
Afternoon	1:15-3:15 Group B	1:15-3:15 Group A	

Currently, there is one EYFS class who are known as ‘Happy Hedgehogs’ with a class teacher and a supporting teaching assistant. Sometimes we have other support staff or students who work alongside us at different times of the year.

My name is Mrs Miller, and I will be your child’s class teacher next year. I have been teaching for over 25 years and though I have taught all primary classes, I have many years of experience teaching children in their first year at school. My experience has previously led me to advise other schools and reception classes across Derbyshire. I am very much looking forward to meeting you all and helping your child make the very best start at school.

Please follow the online link <https://forms.office.com/e/mUcaHeKQNK> enable us to set up our data files, contact information and other details we require. Once we have enrolled you onto our files, we will be able to share all the important documents and further information you will need before September.

Our office staff (Mrs Sanderson or Mrs Cartwright) will need to take a copy of your child’s birth certificate which you may bring along with you during the above sessions.

Uniform

Our uniform can be purchased directly from our suppliers, however you may want to phone to check they have stock ready to purchase before visiting.

Uniform Direct

54 Babington Ln, Derby DE1 1SX (01332 342569)

<https://www.uniform-direct.com>

Pupils School Wear

35 West St, Swadlincote DE11 9DN (01283 224512)

<https://pupilschoolwear.co.uk>

Term Dates for 2025/2026 for the Academic Year



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- 4 September 2025 to 24 October 2025
 - 3 November 2025 to 19 December 2025
 - 5 January 2026 to 13 February 2026
 - 23 February 2026 to 27 March 2026
 - 13 April 2026 to 22 May 2026
- (4th May 2024 is a bank holiday)
- 1 June 2026 to 23 July 2026

INSET DAYS (School closed to all children)

Thursday 4th September 2025

Friday 5th September 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

if you do need to contact us with further immediate questions or concerns, please contact us at school on parentmail@willington.derbyshire.sch.uk and you can also find information and support on the school website.

With kind regards,

Mrs E. Miller