



Summer Term Newsletter – A Year to Be Proud Of!

Dear families,

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on everything we have achieved together – and what a year it has been!

We are incredibly proud to share that our school has received **four prestigious awards** this year:

- The **BERT Award**
- The **Sports Gold Games Award**
- The **Platinum OPAL Award**
- The **National Online Safety Award**

These accolades are a true testament to the dedication, passion, and hard work of our entire school community. On top of these awards, we have also achieved our **best ever KS2 outcomes**, demonstrating that the curriculum developments we've worked so hard on over the past few years are truly making a difference.

Key Results - 2024-2025

Assessment	Statistic	Cohort	School Result	National Comparison	National Result	School Percentile Rank
KS2 Reading, Writing & Maths combined	% of pupils achieving the expected standard	26	81%	➕ Above (significant)	62%	91st
KS2 Reading, Writing & Maths combined	% of pupils achieving the higher standard	26	15%	● At or above	~ 8%	87th
Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)	% of pupils scoring full marks (25/25)	29	41%	● At or above	~ 38%	61st
Phonics Screening Check	% of pupils passing in Year 1	29	90%	● At or above	~ 80%	80th
Early Years Foundation Stage	% of pupils achieving a Good Level of Development	30	80%	● At or above	~ 69%	86th

Willington Friends

Our **fundraising efforts** have also been a huge success – thank you to everyone who has supported us at the Willington Friends events. Your generosity has helped us fund vital resources such as iPads, books, PE kits, OPAL play equipment, and subsidies for enriching trips and visits. A huge thank you also to the Willington Friends team who work so hard behind the scenes to put on these fantastic events for our school community.

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School Council

Our pupils continue to grow as **independent learners and young leaders**. With multiple leadership roles on offer, including our thriving school council, children have been campaigning this week for next year's positions. Now in its third year, the school council continues to build confidence, voice, and teamwork among our pupils – it's wonderful to see this in school.

School Uniform Reminder for September

As we look ahead to the new academic year, a reminder that we are now two years into our updated school uniform. From September, we kindly ask all parents to ensure children return in the correct uniform:

- **White polo shirt** (please no yellow or blue)
- **Navy sweatshirt or cardigan with the new school logo**
- **Dark grey trousers, skirts, or pinafore dresses**

Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

Keeping Children Safe – Safeguarding

On Friday 18th July, we received a telephone call from a member of the local community, raising concerns about a man she observed near the school playground around 12:30pm during the lunch break. According to her, he appeared to be watching the children while lingering on the path that runs next to school. She noted that he was on his phone the entire time while observing the children. On this occasion, after investigating further, we believe that this was a parent of a child in school.

To safeguard all of our pupils and to ensure that all children are free to enjoy play and lunchtimes with their friends, please may we politely request that parents do not encourage children to come to them during social times via the gates/public pathways and to refrain from standing and observing play/lunchtimes. We appreciate that it is lovely to see the children enjoying their social time, however from a school perspective, this can cause concern and unease for some of our children.

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I would also like to remind parents to contact the school directly if there are any questions or concerns with regards to social times in school. This will prevent such a concerning call coming through to school in the first instance.

If you have any concerns about the welfare of a child over the summer break, please contact Derbyshire Starting Point and Referral Service on: 01629 533190.

The safeguarding@willington.derbyshire.sch.uk email address will also be monitored periodically over the break.

As always, I am immensely proud of our wonderful school. Our dedicated staff work tirelessly to provide the very best for every child, and their commitment to the success and wellbeing of our pupils is truly inspiring.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to **you**, our parents and carers. Your support, encouragement, and partnership make all the difference. Together, we are nurturing respectful, confident, and enthusiastic learners.

Wishing you all a relaxing, happy, and safe summer break.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in September, refreshed and ready for another fantastic year.

Best wishes,

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Date	Event
Thursday 4th and Friday 5 th September	INSET Days
Monday 8 th September	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 17 th September	Meet the Teacher—EYFS and KS1 3.45pm and KS2 4.15pm
Friday 12 th September	Roald Dahl Day—Pupils dress as a character!
Monday 15 th September	International Day of Democracy—School Council Nominations
Thursday 25 th September	Cross Country Competition 4.00-5.30pm (Running Club only)
Friday 26 th September	Whole School – Sponsored Fun Run (more details to follow!)
	October—Black History Month
Friday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day – wear yellow
Tuesday 14 th October and Wednesday 15 th	Parent Consultations
Monday 20 th October	Willington Friends – Pumpkin Fest Event
Wednesday 22 nd October	Year 2 parents invited for lunch
Wednesday 22 nd October – Friday 24 th	Y6 Residential
Friday 24 th October	Last day of term – End of term 'Treat' sale – Willington Friends
Half Term Break	
Monday 3 rd November	INSET Day
Tuesday 4 th November	Return to school
Thursday 6 th November	Autumn School Discos - Willington Friends
Monday 10 th -14 th November	Anti Bullying Week
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need - Fundraising
Wednesday 26 th November	Year 3 parents invited for lunch
Friday 5 th December	Willington Friends- Christmas Fair
Wednesday 10 th December	Pantomime – Derby Arena – Years 1-6
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term
End of Term- Christmas Break	

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