



Friday 19th December, 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy, successful term at WPS, we want to take a moment to celebrate the experiences and achievements that have enriched our school community.

Attendance – Autumn Term 96.6% (National Average 94.6%)

Well done to everyone for maintaining such fantastic whole-school attendance this term! It's a real achievement, especially at this time of year when winter bugs are circulating. Your commitment to learning and being part of our school community makes a huge difference. As we head into the festive season, I hope you all keep safe, healthy, and enjoy a well-deserved break with family and friends.

Highlights of the Term

- **Whole School Trip to the Pantomime**
Our children loved the magic and laughter of the pantomime – a wonderful way to bring festive cheer to everyone!
- **Cycle Derby Sessions**
We were pleased to partner with Cycle Derby to teach our children essential cycling skills. Many pupils learned to ride on the roads safely for the first time – what an achievement.
- **Year 5 Orienteering at Carsington Water**
Year 5 enjoyed an adventurous day exploring the outdoors, building resilience and problem-solving skills through orienteering challenges.
- **School Choir Performances**
Our talented choir performed beautifully at the Christmas Fair- despite the side rain and cold weather conditions- spreading festive spirit and showcasing their hard work.
- **Local Church in our school**
We were warmly welcomed by our local church leaders Angie and Robin, for a special worship service, reinforcing our sense of community and shared values at Christmas time.
- **Year 5 & 6 Archaeology Experience**
Our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in an exciting archaeology workshop, building on their learning about the Ancient Greeks. They explored historical artefacts and deepened their understanding of life in ancient times. Thanks to the 'Friends of Willington' for funding this.

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- **Governors Leading STEM in Year 4**

We were delighted to have our school governor, Mr Swain, join us in the Year 4 classroom to lead an engaging STEM session. His expertise and enthusiasm inspired our pupils and brought real-world learning into the classroom through potatoes!

- **Celebrating Pupil Leadership**

We are incredibly proud of our pupil leadership groups, including our Head Boy and Head Girl. They welcomed families to our Carol Concert this week, showing confidence and responsibility. The i-vengers have started their project work on online safety, the OPAL Hall Heores have been sharing helping hands in the hall over the lunchtimes and many of the Year 6 children continue to be brilliant 'buddy's' for the younger children in school.

- **Carol Concert Success**

The term concluded with our Carol Concert, which was a huge success! We are incredibly proud of our children for their confidence, enthusiasm, and beautiful singing voices. Thank you to all families who joined us and supported this event.

A Special Thank You to 'Friends of Willington'

A huge thanks to the Friends of Willington group for their incredible support this term. They organised a fantastic Christmas Fair, raising over £1,500 for our pupils, and have arranged end-of-term treat events for the children. They also supported us by providing refreshments at the Carol Concert, helping make the evening even more enjoyable. A special thank you goes to Mrs Roper Robinson, who kindly wrapped all of the Christmas gifts for the children from the Friends group.

Looking Ahead

We are excited for the opportunities the new term will bring. Diary dates for the next term are on the next page. Thank you for your continued support in making our school a wonderful place for every child.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Warm regards,
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This list is correct as of Friday 19th December 2025. We will keep adding to this list as trips and events are planned.

Date	Event
Monday 5 th January	Children return to school Learning Logs due in
Friday 9 th January	Autumn Reports to parents
Tuesday 27 th January	Year 4 Parent lunch
Tuesday 3 rd February	National Storytelling Week Reception and KS1 PJ Day
Monday 9 th – 15 th February	Children’s Mental Health Week
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 13 th February	INSET day – School closed to pupils Last Day of half term
Monday 23 rd February	Spring Term – back to school Learning Logs due in
Friday 27 th February	Year 3 Trip – Derby Museum
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Monday 9 th March	Assessment Week
Tuesday 24 th March	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 25 th March	Year 5 Parent Lunch Parent Consultations
Friday 27 th March	Last Day of term – Easter Break
Monday 13 th April	Back to School Learning Logs due in
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May	KS2 Statutory Assessments
Friday 22 nd May	INSET Day – School closed to pupils Half term break
Friday 23 rd May	INSET Day

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