



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### **Celebrating a Brilliant First Week Back!**

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful start to the new school year! We've had a full week packed with lots of energy, big smiles and lots of new learning. We couldn't be prouder of how our children have settled back into school life.

#### **Reception Stars**

Our 'Happy Hedgehogs' have made a truly impressive start. Their behaviour at lunchtime and in the dining hall has been calm and sensible; they are learning the new routines quickly and have settled into the 'Willington Way' very well.

*"They've settled really well — the children are already learning how to move sensibly around school, which is great!"* – Mrs Miller, Reception Teacher

#### **Year 6 Role Models**

Year 6 have stepped up beautifully as buddies to our youngest pupils. Every day, they've shown kindness, responsibility, and leadership—setting a brilliant example for the rest of the school.

#### **Roald Dahl Day Magic**

Today's Roald Dahl Day was a joyful celebration of one of the world's most beloved children's authors. The costumes were incredible; thank you for your support in helping us to make this day a success and for helping bring the magic to life!

*"We had Matildas, BFGs, and even a few Trunchbulls—it was a day full of imagination."* – Mrs Brown, English Lead.

#### **Uniform Reminder**

A huge thank you to all families for sending children in smart, school-appropriate uniform. It really helps set the tone for learning and pride in our school.

Just a polite reminder:

- Shoulder-length hair or longer should be tied up.
- Nail varnish and accessories (e.g. jewellery) should not be worn during school hours.

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### Democracy in Action

On Monday, we'll be marking International Day of Democracy by giving children the chance to prepare and deliver speeches to become their class council representative. We're excited to see who will be elected to our new School Council and the positive changes they'll help bring about!

### New Playground Equipment

Thanks to the incredible fundraising efforts of our Willington Friends group, we've had new monkey bars and roll bars installed this week. The children are already excited to try them out next week!

*"The new equipment looks fantastic—thank you to everyone who helped make this happen – it's going to enhance the OPAL play offer even further!"* – Miss Broadhurst, OPAL lead.

### Finally, a big thank you to our teachers...

I'd also like to take a moment to thank our amazing teaching team. Their dedication, flexibility, and care have made this week such a success. Whether welcoming new pupils, supporting transitions, or bringing Roald Dahl's stories to life, they've gone above and beyond. Next week we have our annual 'Meet the teacher' sessions. These are taking place on Wednesday at 3.45pm (KS1 and EYFS) and 4.15pm for KS2. Teachers will be sharing key information about the year ahead at the session; we look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you for your continued support. It's been another fantastic week at Willington Primary, and we're looking forward to everything the term ahead has in store.

Please see the page overleaf for our 'Spotlight on Safeguarding' page and 'Diary Dates' for the term.

Have a great weekend!

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## 'Spotlight on Safeguarding'

At Willington Primary School, we are committed to supporting all of our pupils to achieve success both in school and out. Last week on the INSET day, all staff took part in the statutory safeguarding training, reviewing the updates to the Keeping Children Safe 2025 document and completing a comprehensive training module, refreshing safeguarding knowledge across all areas. Here at WPS, we will do everything that we can to ensure that our pupils are safe and protected from harm. Safeguarding is at the core of all that we do and all staff understand that safeguarding is 'everybody's business.

### Worried about a child?

If you have concerns that a child is being harmed or are living in circumstances that might be harmful in the future, these concerns will always be taken seriously. If you have a concern but are worried about the implications for reporting a concern, you can ask for your details to remain confidential, or provide information anonymously.

### Getting help

You may email school at any time to the safeguarding account. This is monitored over the holiday period and during term time and the safeguarding leader will always monitor and respond to parents and professionals regarding safeguarding issues.

The email contact is:

[safeguarding@willington.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@willington.derbyshire.sch.uk)

### Children's Social Care in Derbyshire

Children's social care have a duty team to help you talk about concerns you have and take action to make children safe. During normal working days between 9am and 5pm they can be contacted on the telephone number 01629 533190.

### What do we cover across the curriculum to promote health & safety/safeguarding?

- Internet safety/E safety week
- Road safety– external LA visitor
- National Online Safety modules available and #wakeupdnesday fact files shared
- E safety– passwords, safe use of internet, healthy screen time, safe reporting
- First Aid training for pupils

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- RSE—Relationships education
- Drug education—age appropriate
- Network rail—external visitors
- Waterways awareness—age appropriate - external visitor
- 'Ask it' baskets —children are encouraged to share worries/ask questions. These are around classrooms and in communal areas
- i-vengers—pupil school leaders who work together to support the children to learn about how to be safe online and make safer choices. The team will meet termly to complete set tasks to help educate and promote safe use of online platforms such as messaging, social media and gaming.
- PCSO visits to share information on knife crime (Y6)

### **Contact Details**

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Date	Event
Thursday 4th and Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	INSET Days
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	Pupils return to school
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the Teacher—EYFS and KS1 3.45pm KS2 4.15pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Roald Dahl Day—Pupils dress as a character!
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	International Day of Democracy—School Council Nominations— in Class
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Cross Country Competition 4.00-5.30pm (Running Club only)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Whole School – Sponsored Fun Run
<b><u>October—Black History Month</u></b>	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day – wear yellow
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Willington Friends – Pumpkin Fest Event
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 Residential
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term – End of term ‘Treat’ sale – Willington Friends
<b>Half Term Break</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	INSET Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Return to school
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Autumn School Discos - Willington Friends
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> -14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti Bullying Week
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Willington Friends- Christmas Fair
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 and KS2 Pantomime Trip

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