

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy half term, filled with exciting learning opportunities, special events and wonderful moments that continue to showcase the enthusiasm and resilience of our school community.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent Parents' Evenings and to everyone who has taken the time to complete the parent survey so far. Your feedback is important to us and we value the partnership we share with our families. Hearing your views helps us celebrate what is going well and understand where we can continue to grow. We genuinely welcome your thoughts, and we are grateful for your ongoing support and engagement.



### A Message from the School Council



The School Council would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Egg and Spoon Decorating Competition; there were many truly egg-cellent entries! Thank you to all of the children who took part and a special thank you to the winners: Charlie R, Louie S, Evie, Matilda, Isabelle, Sofia and Isobel P. We hope you enjoy your Easter egg prize!

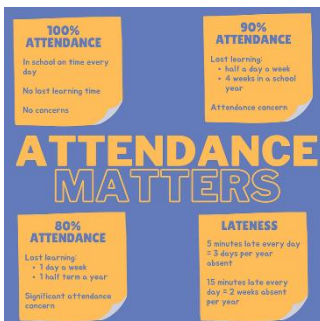
### Book Fair

A huge **thank you** to everyone who attended and supported our recent Book Fair in school. We are delighted to share that, thanks to your generosity and enthusiasm, we raised an amazing **£503** to spend on new books for our children.

Your support makes a real difference—these new books will help us continue to foster a love of reading across the school and ensure that every child has access to high-quality, engaging texts.



### Attendance Matters



We are delighted to share that our school attendance continues to remain above national figures at **96.8%**, and we are incredibly grateful for your continued support in helping children attend school regularly. Good attendance is vital—not only does it ensure children make the most of every learning opportunity, but it also plays a significant part in helping pupils achieve age-related expectations by the end of Year 6. When children are in school every day, they are able to build strong knowledge, develop their confidence and make steady progress across the curriculum. Thank you for your ongoing partnership in promoting excellent attendance and supporting your child's learning journey.

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## Year 6

We would like to take a moment to praise our Year 6 pupils who have been attending their booster sessions this term. For those who have been invited, your commitment, positive attitude and determination to do your very best has been truly impressive. These sessions are designed to give children an extra layer of support and confidence as they prepare for the challenges ahead, and we are incredibly proud of how responsibly and maturely the children have approached them. A huge well done to all involved—you are showing excellent focus and dedication!



## Personal Development

Although only short, this half term has been full of exciting learning opportunities that have helped deepen pupils' knowledge across a wide range of topics. Year 3 and Year 4 enjoyed immersive Anglo-Saxon and Viking workshops on Thursday, funded by the Friends of Willington, bringing their history learning to life through hands-on activities and storytelling. Year 1 had a wonderful time on their trip to Derby Museum on Tuesday, exploring artefacts and discovering more about the past. We were also delighted to welcome Angie and Robin from the Baptist church, who led a special assembly on Tuesday to share the Easter story with the children in a thoughtful way. And in a moment none of us will forget, pupils were thrilled to see Greg James pass by school as part of his Longest Ride Challenge—a highlight of the this term!



## Thank You to our volunteers

I'd just like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful volunteers who have given their time and energy to support the school this term. Whether helping in classrooms, supporting trips, listening to readers or assisting with events, your contribution makes a tremendous difference. We are incredibly grateful for your kindness and commitment; thank you for being such an important part of our school community.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break,

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Date	Event
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to School Learning Logs due in
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Olympic Athlete Visit to school
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Special Assembly – Houses of Parliament Reception trip – Sudbury Hall
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Class and Leavers Photos
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 4 Camping Experience
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 Statutory Assessments
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Arts Week
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 Trip to Peak Wildlife Park Year 1 Parent Lunch
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Friends of Willington -End of term treats
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	INSET Day – School closed to pupils Half term break
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Back to school Y 4 Statutory Multiplication Tables Check begins
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Statutory Phonics Screening Check begins
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Assessment Week
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Kenco with the SENDco
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition Days – move up to new classes, new EYFS in school
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Transition Days – move up to new classes, new EYFS in school
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Friends of Willington Summer Fayre
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day – a.m Parent Picnic at lunch
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	RS Coaching Assault Course Day
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Friends of Willington Discos
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Y6 Leavers Production to parents
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	6-7.30pm Y6 Party Night
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of term Y6 Clapping out at 3.25pm

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