

Thursday 21st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another very busy half term at WPS – we can't believe that we are approaching the last term of the academic year!

Olympic Athlete at WPS!



We started the term with a fantastic day, welcoming Olympic athlete Joel Fearon to our school. The children were incredibly inspired by his visit, learning about the importance of determination, resilience and hard work in achieving their goals. They thoroughly enjoyed taking part in activities and hearing about his experiences as a professional athlete—it was a memorable and motivating start to the half term.



We were also delighted to welcome a visitor from the Houses of Parliament, who spoke to the children about how Parliament works. The session was incredibly engaging and gave pupils a valuable insight into the democratic process. The children listened thoughtfully and asked some excellent questions, making it a truly enriching experience for all involved.

Well done Y6!

Well done to our Year 6 pupils, who have been absolutely brilliant throughout SATs week. They approached each day with maturity, resilience and a positive attitude, demonstrating all of the learning behaviours we are so proud of. Their focus, determination and effort have been outstanding, and they should feel incredibly proud of themselves. We would also like to thank our staff team for their support in preparing the children so well, and to families for their encouragement throughout the week.



Our Year 2 pupils thoroughly enjoyed their recent trip to Peak Wildlife Park despite it being a little wet and wild! The children represented the school wonderfully, showing curiosity, excitement and excellent behaviour throughout the day.

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Our Year 4 camping experience was once again a huge success! While there may not have been much sleep, there was certainly no shortage of learning, laughter and adventure. The children embraced the opportunity to develop their independence, work together and explore the great outdoors. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and resilience throughout, and the experience has created many lasting memories.



Art Week 2026

We finished the half term with our annual Art Week, which was a wonderful celebration of creativity across the school. It has been fantastic to welcome so many parents into school to view the children's artwork and see first-hand the time, effort and pride that has gone into each piece. This year's focus on climate and sustainable living inspired some truly thoughtful and imaginative work, and we are incredibly proud of what the children have achieved.

Uniform Reminder

A gentle reminder to families that school uniform should be worn at all times in line with our school expectations. Please refer back to our previous communications and the uniform information available on our school website for full guidance.

In addition, we ask that long hair is tied up every day, not just on PE days, to support a smart appearance and ensure a safe learning environment for all children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards across the school.

Important Update – School Bags (From September)

From September, children will no longer be permitted to bring their own rucksacks into school. Instead, only school book bags will be allowed.

This change has been made for health and safety reasons, as our corridors and hallways are becoming overcrowded due to large rucksacks being brought in from home, often containing items that are not needed in school.



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Children only need to bring the following items each day:

- Water bottle
- Hat (where appropriate)
- School book bag
- Reading record

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us to keep our school environment safe and well organised.

Transition Days

The boys and girls will be looking forward to meeting their new teachers on 30th June and 1st July – our transition days. They will be spending time with their new teachers and having time to showcase their wonderful learning behaviours. Please see the diary dates below for further information about the summer events at WPS.

New Site Manager

This term we have welcomed Mr Wilkes to the team. You may have seen him opening the gates at the end of the school day and taking time to tidy, clean and maintain our lovely school grounds. We waved a fond farewell to Mr St John at the end of last term and wished him a very happy and relaxing retirement.

I hope that you are able to enjoy some well-deserved rest and quality time together in the sunshine! We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the very busy, summer term!

Kind regards,

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Diary Dates

Monday 1 st June	Back to school Y4 Statutory Multiplication Tables Check begins
Monday 8 th June	Year 1 Statutory Phonics Screening Check begins Junior Medics/First Aid training Y2 and Y6
Friday 12 th June	Non uniform day – colour donation for hamper
Monday 15 th June	Assessment Week
Thursday 25 th June	Kenco with the SENDco
Tuesday 30 th June	Transition Days – move up to new classes, new EYFS in school
Wednesday 1 st July	Transition Days – move up to new classes, new EYFS in school
Friday 3 rd July	Friends of Willington Summer Fayre
Thursday 9 th July	Friends of Willington Discos
Monday 13 th July	Sports Day a.m Parent Picnic Lunch
Tuesday 14 th July	RS Coaching Assault Course Day
Tuesday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers Production to parents
Wednesday 22 nd July	6-7.30pm Y6 Party Night
Thursday 23 rd July	Last day of term Y6 Clapping out at 3.25pm

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