



Willenhall Community Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

9th October 2026

Headteacher's Message

A few reminders from the Headteacher

As we head further into the autumn term, thank you for continuing to support us in keeping our school a happy, safe and caring place where children can learn and play together. A few reminders will really help us.

Harvest Donations

We are collecting donations for our Harvest appeal to support our local food bank and families in need.

We are only asking for one item per child. If every child brings just one item, together we could donate over 400 items to our local community. Every single tin, packet or item will make a difference. Thank you for your generosity.

Safe Driving and Parking

Please help us to keep everyone safe at the beginning and end of the school day.

- Please do not stop near the School Crossing Patrol to let children or adults out of your car.
- Please do not pull up or park by the 'little people' safety figures.
- Please drive slowly and carefully around the school site and surrounding roads.
- Please park considerately and think about the safety of all our children and families.

If you have concerns about unsafe or inconsiderate parking around school, these can be reported to Coventry City Council.

Let's Keep Our School Tidy

We have noticed an increase in litter being dropped on the school grounds. Please use the bins provided. If there isn't a bin nearby, please take your litter home with you.

We want our children to take pride in their school environment, and we appreciate families helping us to model this too.

Healthy Playtime Snacks

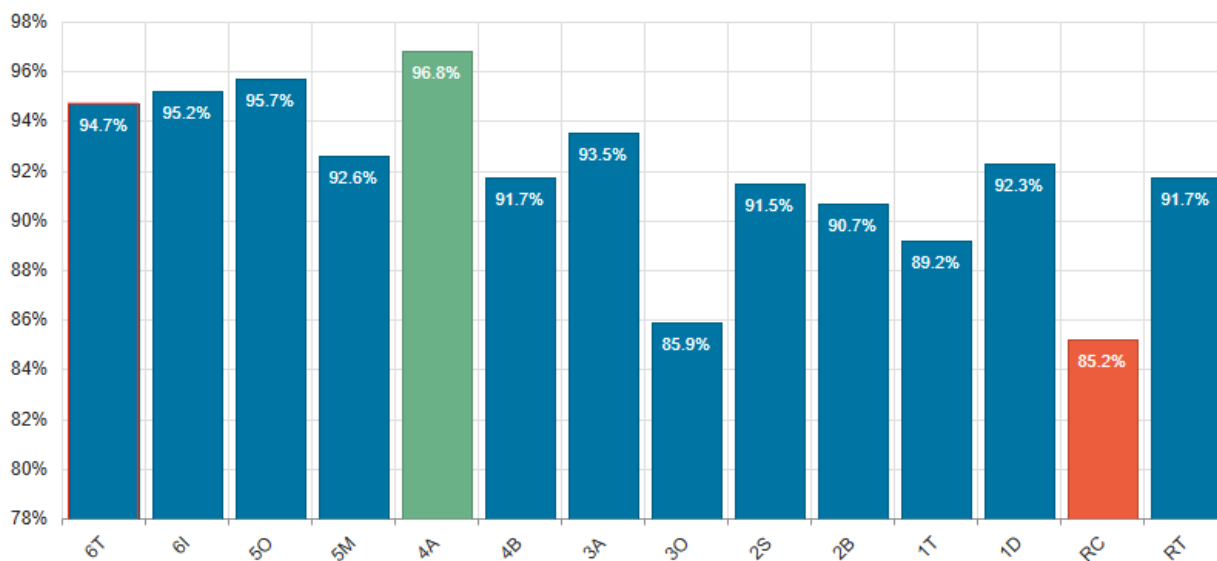
A reminder that children should bring a healthy snack for playtime. Suitable choices include fruit or other healthy options. Please do not send crisps, chocolate or sweets as playtime snacks.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. By working together and following our expectations of being Ready, Respectful and Safe, we can make sure our school remains a wonderful place for our children to learn, grow and enjoy being together.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Jenny McLean
Headteacher

Attendance – Week ending 2nd October 2026



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



After School Activity Clubs



Monday – Football (Yrs 4, 5 & 6)

Tuesday – Invited boy's Football & Dodgeball (Yrs 1, 2 & 3)

Wednesday – Football (Yrs 1, 2 & 3)

Thursday – Multi-sports (Yrs 1, 2 & 3) & Boxing (Yrs 4, 5 & 6)

Friday – Street Dance (Yrs 3, 4 & 5) Craft Club (Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Netball (Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6) & Invited girl's football

A message from Mr Timms

Parents and Carers

Check Out What We Have to Offer!

We're here to help, support, and make you feel welcome and a valued part of our school community.

Community Shop - A fortnightly delivery of surplus supermarket products, bundled together into a great-value package for you and your family. Packages range from £3 to £5, depending on what has been delivered, and special offers may also be available from time to time.

Vintage Rail - Our pre-loved school clothing shop offers everything from branded school uniforms to P.E. kits and coats. The Vintage Rail has everything you need. It works on a "Take what you need" basis. Donations are always welcome, and we gratefully accept school uniform and coats. We also work closely with **Clothing Coventry**, so any additional donations will be passed on to help support the fantastic work they do for families across the city.

Assemblies - The new entrance for our Celebration Assemblies is through the door next to the Year 1 classrooms on the lower playground. Avoid standing in the long queue outside the office and come in to enjoy a hot drink before we celebrate together just how wonderful your child has been!



Autumn Term

Tuesday 1st September 2026 to
Friday 23rd October 2026

(Tuesday 1st September is teacher
training day)

Half Term Holiday

Monday 26th October 2026 to
Friday 30th October 2026

(Monday 12th October is teacher
training day)

Autumn term (continued)

Tuesday 2nd November 2026 to
Friday 18th December 2026

Spring term

Tuesday 4th January 2027 to
Friday 12th February 2027

(Monday 4th January is a teacher
training day)

Half Term Holiday

Monday 15th February 2027 to
Friday 19th February 2027

Spring Term (continued)

Monday 22nd February 2027 to
Friday 26th March 2027

Easter Holiday

Monday 29th March 2027 to
Friday 9th April 2027

Summer Term

Monday 12th April 2027 to
Friday 28th May 2027

Monday 12th April is teacher
training day

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May
2027

(Friday 28th May is teacher
training day)

Half Term Holiday

Monday 31st May 2027 to Friday
4th June 2027

Summer Term (continued)

Monday 7th June 2027 to
Wednesday 21st July 2027

Dates for your diary

26th October – 30th October – Half term holiday

Tuesday 17th November – Individual Photographs

Tuesday 24th November – Parents Evening

Wednesday 25th November – Parents Evening



Jewellery and hair accessories.

Just a reminder that jewellery should not be worn apart from small stud earrings. Please ensure that any hair accessories worn are removable for PE due to safety reasons.



Birthdays this week

Wiktor - Nursery
Oakley-Mai – Year 1
Skylah-Mae – Year 2
Eshaal – Year 3
Bella – Year 3

Bexley-Boe – Year 4
Indiana-Rose – Year 4
Amira – Year 5
Reuben – Year 5





WILLENHALL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn **HARVEST** *Festival*

**WEEK BEGINNING
5TH OCTOBER**

**COLLECTIONS FOR THE
WILLENHALL FOOD BANK**

PLEASE DONATE WHAT YOU CAN...

- Jam
- Cooking Sauces
- Tinned Food
- Dry Noodles
- Rice
- Tinned Meat
- UHT Long Life Milk
- Toiletries
- Washing / Cleaning Products



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR AMAZING 191 STUDENTS!



You all completed the first **21 days**
of school **without missing a single day!**

YOU DID IT!



You showed up
every day for
the first 21 days
of school!



Your
commitment
and consistency
make a big
difference!



You set a
great example
for your friends
and our school
community!



Your attendance
helps you learn,
grow and reach
your goals!



You are
**Attendance
Superstars!**

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM MS ENGLISH



I am so proud of
you all! Your amazing
attendance in the first
21 days shows how
hardworking, kind and
committed you are.
Well done!

Ms English has already
made more exciting plans to
celebrate great attendance
throughout the year ahead!

**STAY TUNED...
THERE'S MORE TO COME!**



**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS!**



LET'S KEEP IT GOING!

Remember, every day counts! Together we can
keep our attendance high, achieve more and
make the rest of the year fantastic!

BE PROUD • BE POSITIVE • BE YOU



**ONWARD TO
AN EVEN BRIGHTER
YEAR AHEAD!**



WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU
If you need any help or support,
please let us know. We are here to help.



**LET US KNOW
IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABSENT.**
Together we can keep the momentum going!

TOGETHER WE CARE • WE BELIEVE • WE ACHIEVE



Thank you for your
amazing support!

AUTUMN & WINTER ATTENDANCE GUIDANCE

Helping families know when children should be in school

Autumn and winter bring more coughs, colds and sniffles.

It's normal for children to pick up more bugs at this time of year!

Most children can still come to school, even with mild symptoms. Regular attendance helps them learn, grow and stay connected with their friends.



COME TO SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD HAS:



A runny nose



A mild cough



A sore throat
(without a high temperature)



A headache but is otherwise well



Mild cold symptoms

Being in school helps children:

- ✓ Learn something new every day
- ✓ Feel they belong
- ✓ Build strong friendships
- ✓ Be part of their class community
- ✓ Take part in exciting activities and events

If they're eating, drinking, playing and feeling generally okay, they should be in school. ♥



PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD AT HOME IF THEY HAVE:



A high temperature (fever)



Vomiting or diarrhoea

Return only after **48 hours** with no sickness or diarrhoea.



Chickenpox

Stay at home until all the spots have crusted over (usually about 5 days after they first appeared).



An ear infection with a high temperature or severe earache



WORRIED OR ANXIOUS?

Sometimes children may complain of tummy aches, headaches or feeling unwell because they are worried or **anxious**. Coming into school often helps these feelings improve. Please speak to us if your child is worried about anything. We are here to help. ♥



EVERY DAY MATTERS!

When children miss school, they can miss:

- ♥ Time with friends
- ♥ Feelings of belonging
- ♥ Important learning
- ♥ Special activities and experiences
- ♥ Being part of their class community

Together we Thrive when we are learning, growing and belonging together. ♥

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Small steps make a big difference!



Together we Thrive ♥

Belonging together

Growing together

Learning together ♥



If your child is absent, please contact the school office on the first day and let us know the reason.



Great attendance
Great learning
Stronger futures

WELCOME TO OUR WILLENHALL HOUSES!

Every positive choice helps your House shine!



HOW TO EARN HOUSE POINTS



RESPECT



KINDNESS



GROWTH



HONESTY



RESPONSIBILITY



Show these values every day and help your House collect points! ★

OUR SCHOOL RULES



READY

Come prepared to learn.



RESPECTFUL

Be kind and respectful to everyone.



SAFE

Keep yourself and others safe.

Every House Point Counts!

Which House will be our

CHAMPIONS?

Don't get spooked this Halloween



A parent's guide to keeping children and teenagers safe

Trick-or-Treating Safety Tips:

-  **Supervision:** Accompany young children while trick-or-treating and set a return-home-time for older kids.
-  **Stranger Danger:** Talk to your child about staying with their friends and never going into a property they do not know.
-  **Safe Routes:** Plan a safe route in familiar neighbourhoods, use pelican and zebra crossings, and stick to well-lit streets
-  **Use Reflective Accessories:** Add reflective tape to costumes and carry flashlights or glow sticks.
-  **Visible and Well-Fitting Costumes:** Ensure your child's costume is easy to see in the dark and fits properly to prevent tripping.
-  **Mobile phones:** Make sure phones are charged, have location apps turned on, and keep it out of sight when they are not using it
-  **Pets:** Keep dogs on a lead and purchase a reflective collar if taking your dog with you
-  **Lights On:** Keep a light on in your home to help welcome your children home and prevent burglars

It is always best to check any sweets, gifts, or toys children have been given while trick-or-treating.

We ask that children and teenagers do not visit homes that display a 'no trick-or-treating' sign as this time of year can be unsettling for many. You can download a copy on our trick-or-treat posters on our website.

If you want to report something suspicious call **101** or **999** in an emergency.

For more information about West Midlands Police are helping keep you safe this Halloween, search **WMP Online**.

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Celebrating with fireworks safely

Keeping you and your family safe around firework displays and bonfire night

Fireworks and Bonfire Safety Tips:

It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to possess a firework, flare or smoke bomb.

 **Professional Displays:** Attend a public firework display rather than handling fireworks at home. Never allow children to handle fireworks or sparklers without supervision.

 **Anti-social Behaviour:** Talk to your children about the danger of pointing fireworks at people or buildings. Police can prosecute for dangerous use of fireworks.

 **Stay Visible:** Wear high-vis jackets, glow sticks, or give a torch to your children.

 **Safe Place:** Before visiting a bonfire or firework display talk to your child about a safe meeting place or a time to regroup after the event

 **Bonfires:** It's never a good idea to make your bonfire. Attend a professional display or event where the fire can be properly contained and monitored.

 **Dispose Properly:** After fireworks have cooled, dispose of them in a metal container filled with water.

 **Ask Them:** What are your child's plans? How are they going to enjoy fireworks and bonfire night safely?

If you see anti-social use of fireworks, flares, or smoke bombs in your local area, please call **101** or **999** in an emergency.

If you would like to report a trader for selling to underage persons, contact Citizens Advice consumer helpline on **0808 223 1133**

Learn more about when and where you are allowed to let off fireworks by searching **WMP online**.

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Residential Trips

Year 5 are invited to go to Plas Dol Y Moch in Wales every year and Year 6 have the opportunity to go to Barcelona

Residential trips give school children valuable opportunities to learn beyond the classroom by building independence, confidence, and social skills.

Being away from home encourages them to take responsibility for themselves, while shared activities help strengthen friendships and teamwork. These experiences also expose children to new environments and challenges, making learning more engaging and memorable, and often boosting their overall personal development.

If you need any information about either of these trips, please do not hesitate to ask the office.

Community Shop

At Willenhall Community Primary School, we have a community shop where you can buy a food package at bargain prices.

We are sent a selection of foods from supermarkets that are excess stock or close to sell by dates. The shop is open fortnightly on a Thursday and a Friday (a text will be sent to remind you) During this time, we also have the vintaged rail which has pre-loved uniform, coats etc which are available for free.



PE Days

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
Year 5 Year 6	Year 3 Year 4	Year 3 Year 5 Year 6	Year 1 Year 2	Year 1 Year 2 Year 4 swimming



HALLOWEEN DISCO

FANCY DRESS
COMPETITIONS

RAFFLE

CAKES

FOOD AVAILABLE
AT THE BAR



31ST OCTOBER 2026

7.30 PM £4.00 PER PERSON

AT: THE OLD CLARANCE PUB, EARLSDON, COVENTRY

Wraparound Care

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club starts at 8.00am and costs **£6.99** per day which includes a healthy breakfast. If you book for the whole week, the price is **£5.00** per day (**£25** per week) The children will be taken directly to their classrooms at 8.55am

After School Club

These are the options for after-school club:

Activity Club 3.25pm until 4.25pm (**no snack**) - **£6.75**

After School Care 3.25pm until 6.00pm (no snack) **£12.00**

After School Care 3.25pm until 6.00pm (with snack) - **£13.50**

To book, please visit <https://myclub.clubscomplete.co.uk/settings/willenhall-primary-school> and pay Clubs Complete directly.



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