



Willenhall Community Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

16th October 2026

Headteacher's Message

What another fantastic and busy week it has been at Willenhall!

I have been particularly proud of the way our children have represented the school through sport this week. Our HADO teams performed brilliantly, with every team finishing in second place, which is a fantastic achievement. The children showed determination, enthusiasm and wonderful team spirit throughout.

Our boys' and girls' football teams have also been in action against some strong opposition. Both teams demonstrated excellent teamwork, resilience and determination, encouraging one another and continuing to give their very best, with our girls securing a strong win. Well done to everyone who represented our school with such pride.

Developing our future leaders

It has also been wonderful to see so many of our older children putting themselves forward for pupil leadership roles. These positions come with real responsibility, so the children have been taking part in a rigorous selection process. I have been impressed by the confidence, maturity and enthusiasm they have shown in putting themselves forward.

Across the school, School Council voting is also taking place, giving children the opportunity to have their say in who will represent their classes. This is an important part of helping our pupils understand democracy, representation and the importance of making their voices heard. Good luck to everyone who has put themselves forward!

A couple of reminders

As we head into our final week before half term, please continue to support us by ensuring that children come to school each day wearing the correct school uniform and PE kit. We want our children to look smart and feel proud to belong to our school community.

We are also asking everyone to help us keep our school and the surrounding area clean and litter-free. Please encourage children to use the bins provided and to take responsibility for looking after our environment. This is a simple but important way of demonstrating our values of Respect and Responsibility.

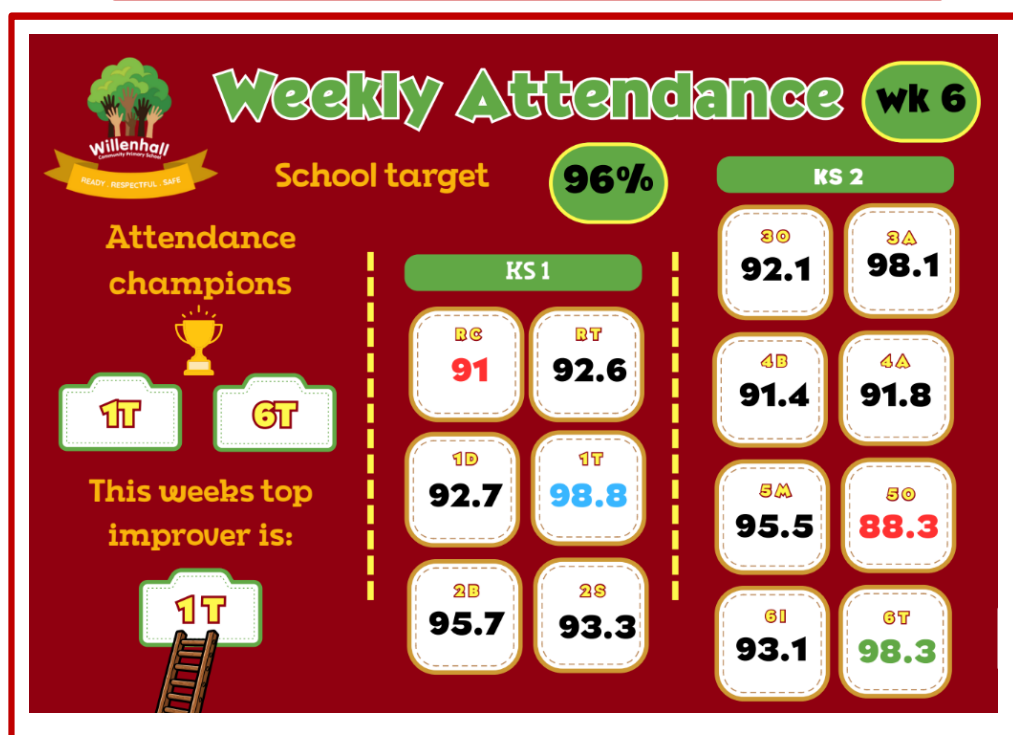
Looking ahead

There is now just one week to go until half term, and I am sure everyone is looking forward to a well-earned break!

When we return, we have another busy half term ahead, including our Parents' Evenings, where there will be a coat sale and a book fair. Further information about these will be shared with families soon. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope everyone has a lovely weekend, and I look forward to a positive final week of the half term.

Jenny McLean
Headteacher

Attendance – Week ending 9th 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

Thursday 3rd December – Year 5 trip



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

Mia - Nursery

Malak – Year 1

Ali – Year 1

Chester – Year 3

Freddie – Year 4

Maddison – Year 4

Rachael – Year 6

Abrar – Year 6



School Attendance Fines for Parents

Helping every child be present, learn and succeed.



Regular school attendance is really important!

When children miss school without a valid reason, it can affect their learning, wellbeing and future.



How much is the fine?

The fine is **£80** per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days. If it is not paid within 21 days, the amount increases to **£160** per parent, per child.



When does it apply?

Fines can be issued if your child has 10 or more sessions (usually 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a 10-week period.



What counts as unauthorised absence?

Unauthorised absence includes holidays in term time, unexplained absence, and absences without a valid reason (such as illness, but without medical evidence).



What happens next?

If a fine is not paid, the local authority may take further action, which could include a higher fine, a referral to court, or other legal proceedings.



If your child will be off for 3 days or more...

The school will carry out a welfare check in line with our safeguarding policy. This is to make sure your child is safe, well and supported, and to offer help if they need it.



We're here to help!



Thank you for working with us to keep our children happy, safe and learning!



October Half Term Timetable



26th - 30th October 2026

Find out about the **FREE** activities, workshops and sessions for children, young people and their families in Coventry during the October half term holidays.

We are looking forward to meeting you.

For more information

Scan the QR code or visit
www.coventryfamilies.co.uk



*Activities are correct at the time of print. Please see social media for updates. Follow your local hub on facebook.





Monday 26th October- Friday 30th October

Day	Time	Activity	Venue	Suitable for	Notes
Monday	10.30am - 12.00pm	Creative play and games with an Autumn flair.	Park Edge Family Hub, CV2 1NE	All Ages	Come and spend time with the whole family making autumn crafts, decorating biscuits in autumn themes. Under 5s space for the younger children to enjoy.
	1.00pm - 4.00pm	Go Walks to The People's Patch	Wood Side Family Hub, CV3 2BL	All Ages	Meet us at Wood Side at 1pm for a gentle walk in The People's Patch Get ready for an afternoon packed with scavenger trails, arts and crafts, pumpkin fun and much more! Bring the family, get outdoors and enjoy a fun filled autumn adventure together.
	1.15pm - 2.45pm	Bump, Baby and Beyond	Pathways Family Hub, CV2 1HD	Parents and Babies	Bump, Baby and Beyond brings together Midwifery, Health Visiting and Family Hub Staff to provide joined up care every step of the way. Come and meet other parents in the baby group whilst visiting your midwife and your health visitor.
	1.30pm - 3.00pm	Creepy Crawlies and Sensory Surprises	Mosaic Family Hub, CV2 9PD	All Ages	Join us for a Halloween sensory session full of spooky fun for young children and their families. Explore sensory trays, pumpkin play, Hocus Pocus potions, crafts, sensory play, and making spooky expressions.
Tuesday	9.30am - 11.00am	Bump, Baby and Beyond	Harmony Family Hub, CV1 5GR	Parents and Babies	Bump, Baby and Beyond brings together Midwifery, Health Visiting and Family Hub Staff to provide joined up care every step of the way. Come and meet other parents in the baby group whilst visiting your midwife and your health visitor.
	10.00am - 11.30am	Baby & Me	Aspire Family Hub, CV2 1AU	Parents and Babies	This session offers new experiences for you and your child while giving you both the chance to meet other families and make new friends.
	2.00pm - 3.30pm	Bump, Baby and Beyond	Families for All Family Hub, CV2 5LB	Parents and Babies	Bump, Baby and Beyond brings together Midwifery, Health Visiting and Family Hub Staff to provide joined up care every step of the way. Come and meet other parents in the baby group whilst visiting your midwife and your health visitor.



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Tuesday	1.30pm - 2.30pm	Coventry Families Portal Relaunch	Upper Well Street, Coventry CV1 4AG	All Ages	Join us for a fun-packed family session with activities for all ages! Come along, make memories, meet other families and discover what's available in your local community. Families will also have the chance to explore the Coventry Family Portal, meet local partners and find out about the support and services available in Coventry.
	9.30am - 11.30am	Bump, Baby and Beyond	Park Edge Family Hub, CV2 1NE	Parents and Babies	This session offers new experiences for you and your child while giving you both the chance to meet other families and make new friends.
Wednesday	10.00am - 11.30am	Hocus pocus potions	Aspire Family Hub, CV2 1AU	All Ages	Explore a variety of magical potion making stations, where children of all ages can mix, fry, bubble, stir and create their very own recharging concoctions! From experiential building brews to spellbinding sensory potions, there's something for every little person eager to discover.
	10.30am - 12.30pm	Go walks followed by warm refreshments	The Moat Family Hub, CV2 1JQ	All ages	Come along for a gentle, warm walk around our local community, with plenty to see and explore along the way. Afterwards, head back to The Moat Family Hub for a warm refreshment, a chance to relax, and an opportunity to meet other families.
	1.00pm - 2.30pm	Hocus Pocus Family Fun	Pathways Family Hub, CV2 1HD	All ages	Step into a world of Halloween magic and imagination! Families can enjoy hands on crafts, spooky activities, and seasonal fun designed to bring everyone together for a fantastic time.
	1.30pm - 3.00pm	Bump, Baby and Beyond	Wood Side Family Hub, CV3 2BL	Parents and Babies	Bump, Baby and Beyond brings together Midwifery, Health Visiting and Family Hub Staff to provide joined up care every step of the way. Come and meet other parents in the baby group whilst visiting your midwife and your health visitor.



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Wednesday	2.00pm - 3.30pm	Little Chefs Pizza Party	Families for All Family Hub, CV2 5LB	All Ages	Join us for a fun-filled family session celebrating Halloween and Black History Month! Get creative by designing your own spooky Halloween pizza, then take part in arts and crafts activities inspired by Black History Month. Booking is required, please visit www.coventryfamilies.co.uk
	10.00am - 2.30pm	The Big Book Bash	Coventry Transport Museum	All ages	Tied into the National Year of Reading 2026, the Big Book Bash is a free event during the half-term holiday. It celebrates children and young families. In recent years, there has been a significant decline in reading and literacy for some segments of the population. To combat this, we have organised this fully packed day.
Thursday	9.30am - 11.00am	Bump Baby and Beyond	Mosaic Family Hub, CV2 9PD	Parents and Babies	Bump, Baby and Beyond brings together Midwifery, Health Visiting and Family Hub Staff to provide joined up care every step of the way. Come and meet other parents in the baby group whilst visiting your midwife and your health visitor.
	9.30am - 11.30am	Science Explorers	Harmony Family Hub, CV1 5GR	All Ages	Join us for a session celebrating Black History Month through colourful creative projects to splash like science experiments. Children and adults can explore, learn, and create together by using themed crafts and discovering Black culture. Please bring a change of spare clothes.
	10.00am - 3.30pm	Winter Warmer Community Event	Wood Side Family Hub, CV3 2BL	All ages	Join us at Wood Side Family Hub at 10am for a community litter pick, everyone is welcome! Afterwards, warm up with a hot refreshment, enjoy activities, discover local support and services, and connect with others in your community. Winter Warmer Packs will be available while stocks last. Come along, get involved and stay warm this winter!
	2.00pm - 3.30pm	Autumn Spooks!	Wood Side Family Hub, CV3 2BL	All Ages	Enjoy a fun, spook family event exploring spooky experiences and autumn-themed arts and crafts.



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Friday	9.30am - 11.00am	Bump, Baby and Beyond	The Moat Family Hub, CV2 1JQ	Parents and Babies	Bump, Baby and Beyond brings together Midwifery, Health Visiting and Family Hub Staff to provide joined up care every step of the way. Come and meet other parents in the baby group whilst visiting your midwife and your health visitor.
	10.00am - 11.30am	Feel, Explore and Discover	Park Edge Family Hub, CV2 1NE	All Ages	A fun sensory session for all ages, with sensory play, water play, creative crafts, coloured lights and lots of opportunities to explore, discover and have fun!
	10.00am - 11.30am	Spooktacular Creations	Aspire Family Hub, CV2 1AU	All Ages	Pick your pumpkin, grab your carving tools and let your imagination run wild! Create, transform ordinary pumpkins in a spooky, silly and spectacular creation! Booking is required, please visit www.coventryfamilies.co.uk
	10.00am - 11.30am	Halloween Crafts and Treasure Hunt	Mosaic Family Hub, CV2 9PD	All Ages	Get creative with family fun Halloween-themed crafts at the Family Hub, then head out on a fun treasure hunt around the local area to follow the clues and see if you can find the hidden pumpkins, spiders and spooky ghosts!
	11.00am - 2.00pm	Level Up! Year of Reading for Boys	Families for All Family Hub, CV2 5LB	Year 5 and Year 6	A fun packed session for Year 5 and 6 boys, centred around football and designed to inspire a love of reading. Through football-themed activities, games and challenges, boys will have the chance to get active, build confidence and explore reading in a fun and engaging way. This is a drop-off session. Parents/carers will be required to complete a consent form before their child can take part. To find out more please visit: www.coventryfamilies.co.uk

Scan the QR code or visit
www.coventryfamilies.co.uk
to view the full timetable and to make a booking.



WEEKLY at the Family Hub

Here to help Monday to Friday

There is someone you can phone, email or visit at the Hub who will help you.

0800 887 0545

Earlyhelp@coventry.gov.uk

Services to Help you and your Family

The Family Hubs can connect you to various local community services. Book online by scanning QR code or visit: www.coventryfamilies.co.uk



Help with the cost of living

Family Hubs assist in accessing emergency food, fuel, and toiletries. Each Hub has "warm spaces" for a free hot drink during your visit.

If you require further support contact Citizens Advice who specialise in topics such as benefits, work, debt, housing and more. Visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk or call 0800 144 8848

Emergency Food Access

Family Hubs provide Trussell Trust Food Bank vouchers for use at a Food Bank. They guide you to local Food Hubs/Social Supermarkets, where you can access quality food at affordable prices.

Clothing Rail

Free clothing from Clothing Coventry. Visit www.clothingcoventry.org for more details.

Safe Spaces

In Coventry there are several places and spaces that offer young people security, support, and a sense of belonging. The Family Hub is one of those vital spaces offering young people in the community not only a physical location to visit, but also offering a range of resources such as access to power banks, chargers, first aid kits, informational leaflets, hygiene packs and access to a hot drink and food.

ADVICE at the Family Hub

P3 Coventry Family Housing Support

Help with housing related issues. Come and talk to us about concerns with paying your rent, talking to your landlord, paying bills, budgeting, managing your tenancy or your health and wellbeing in your home.

cov.p3charity.org 0808 196 2660

WELLBEING at the Family Hub

Health Visiting

To speak to a Health Visitor, text Chat Health on 07507 329114 (9am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday) 024 7518 9190 (8.30am - 4.30pm Monday to Friday).

If your child is unwell please see your GP, ring 111 or if it is a medical emergency please ring 999.

Midwifery

Please call your midwife using the number in your red book or call Coventry Community Midwives: 024 7696 7424.

Breast Pump for Hire.

If you would like to hire a breast pump for free please call or drop into your local hub.

50 Things To Do Before You're 5

Scan the QR code below to download the app and discover activities for you and your 0-5 year old.



Coventry Haven Women's Aid.

Domestic abuse. Are you worried about someone or yourself? The #SafeToTalk helpline is available 0800 111 4998 or email info@coventryhaven.co.uk or drop into your local Family Hub.

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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