

# Willenhall Community Primary School Weekly Newsletter



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## Community Champions

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Marvelous & Reya	Shelby-Lee	Effie-Rae	Mamadou	Aybel	Peyton	Archie	Lily
	Ani	Violet	Abrar	Ava-Rose	Poppy	Leland	Imran

The community champion is awarded to one child per class. This is chosen by the class teacher and is given to children who have demonstrated our school values brilliantly throughout the week!

## Attendance

NAM	NPM	NALL	RB	RG	1A	1AL	2A	2AL	3A	3AL	4A	4AL	5A	5AL	6A	6AL
81.3%	97%	82.1%	90%	92.5%	81.6%	92.2%	83.9%	92.8%	94%	90.8%	98.9%	96%	94.7%	91.1%	97%	90.8%

= Above 96% attendance

## Message from Mrs Mclean - Welcome back!

Happy New Year to you all and a very warm welcome back to school.

We are so very proud of how well the children have settled back into school following the Christmas break. They are already working hard and demonstrating our school values and it has been an absolute joy for me to get to know some of the children already. I am looking forward to getting to know more of our lovely families over the coming weeks.



These are the main meal choices for the week beginning **09/01/23**

**Make sure to order your child's meal choices in advance via Pay360—even if your child is entitled to free school meals!**

	SM:1	SM:2
<b>Monday</b>	All Day Breakfast	Vegetarian All Day Breakfast
<b>Tuesday</b>	Beef Burger in a Bun	Quorn Burger in a Bun
<b>Wednesday</b>	Roast Pork in Gravy	Quorn Roast
<b>Thursday</b>	Chicken Curry	Vegetarian Sausage Roll
<b>Friday</b>	Oven Baked Fish Fingers	Cheese & Tomato Pizza

## Dates for your diary...

Sun 15th Jan—Last day for 'Starting Reception in September 2023' online applications

Fri 17th Feb—Last day of term

**20th Feb—24th Feb — Half Term**

Mon 27th Feb— Pupils return to school

Mon 27th Feb— Fri 3rd March—Dol Y Moch Trip

Fri 31st March—Last day of term

**Mon 3rd Apr—Fri 14th April— Easter Holiday**

Mon 17th Apr—Children return to school



Remember to follow our Twitter account @WillenhallSch



*As individuals we are unique. Together we make a community.*

### Nursery

This week Nursery have been learning all about winter. We have been using new key words like 'cold', 'freezing' and 'windy'. In the creative area we have been making snowmen out of coloured paper.



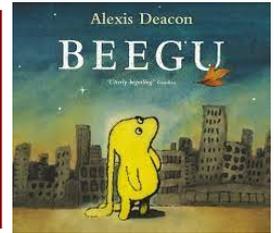
### Reception

Reception have settled back into their routines. We have made some new friends and enjoyed talking about what we have done over our Christmas break. We have been writing about our favourite activity. Little reminder from the teachers...please do not send toys into school with your child as we don't want them to get lost or broken. Thank you for your support!



### Year 1

Year 1 have started reading a new book called Beegu! We investigated a spaceship crash and then read the story.



### Year 2

Year 2 have started work on an amazing book called Planet Omar! We are learning to write about the funny characters as we read the story.

### Year 3

This week Year 3 began looking at Claude Monet in Art. We have been learning about his life, work and influence in the world of art.



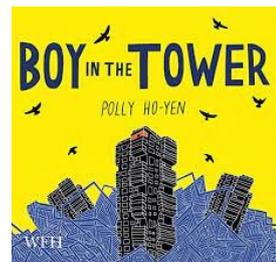
### Year 4

Year 4 have started their new geography topic all about South America and the rainforest. They used the Chromebooks to research some amazing facts!



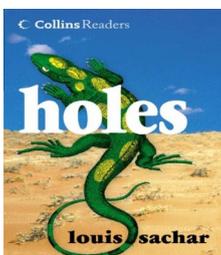
### Year 5

Year 5 have started a new book called Boy in the Tower. We have been thinking about how we might survive an apocalypse.



### Year 6

Year 6 have started reading a new book in English called Holes! We have written our own setting descriptions and made some predictions about what we think will happen!



## Uniform

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you about our school uniform policy. Wearing a school uniform creates a sense of pride and belonging to our school and we expect all of the children to wear school uniform. Please see our school website for more information about our school uniform. If you are struggling to purchase the right school uniform for your child, please come and see me or a member of our pastoral team who will be able to help you.

### **Our uniform consists of:**

- School logo sweatshirt or cardigan
- White polo shirt (plain)
- Grey or black smart trousers or skirt (not jeans, leggings or jogging bottoms)
- Summer dresses – red gingham
- Plain socks or tights
- Sensible black school shoes (low heels, no trainers)



### **Our PE Kit consists of:**

- School logo black t-shirt
- Black shorts/joggers or leggings
- Black pumps
- Trainers and tracksuits for outdoor PE.



On PE days, children come to school dressed in their PE kit— jogging bottoms/leggings, PE t-shirt and trainers.

### **Jewellery:**

With the exception of small stud earrings, jewellery is not to be worn at school. If your child is taking part in swimming, no earrings are allowed to be worn in the pool.

### **Hair:**

Long hair must be tied back in school and hair accessories (bows, clips, bands) should be black or match the uniform colour.

**Always remember to label clearly your child's clothing! This prevents clothing going missing and if they do then they can be returned to you..**

Uniform orders and payment must be made via [Pay360](#) but please ensure you are certain of the size required for your child.

We encourage all parents to get their child to “try-on” uniform before placing an order as **WE CANNOT REFUND OR EXCHANGE UNIFORM IF YOU ORDER THE INCORRECT SIZE.**

School uniform is also available to purchase from [Andy Blair Sport & Schoolwear](#) on Barker's Butts Lane, Coundon.



## Reading at Home

Reading at home is hugely important and supports your child in making good progress in all areas of their learning.

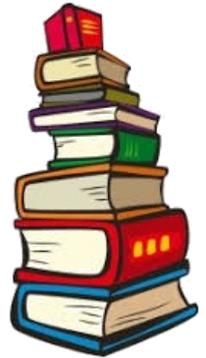
To support with this incredibly important skill, we are asking you to read with your child at least 3 times a week. After reading with your child, you must sign and date their reading diary so we can ensure children are reading at home.

Your child will bring home a levelled reading book and reading diary every day and we ask for these to be kept in their school bags to enable us to read with your child, change their books and monitor diaries in school.

To celebrate children reading at home, they will be receiving 'value tickets' which will support them in filling their value chart and working towards their certificate.

As a whole class incentive, each class has a book shelf display where the children will be working as a class to gain books for their shelves. The class will get a book if most pupils in their class have read 3 or more times at home that week. Once the class have 8 books, they can select a reward from our reading rewards menu: This is our school reading menu:

- A trip to the local library with a sweet treat!
- Drama morning based on our favourite class novel
- Seeing our favourite book in a different media eg film
- Art morning based on creating a model/artifact relating to our favourite novel/story
- Time in another year group sharing books with peers
- Fancy dress based on characters from your class novel



We thank you for your continued support with this!

## Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you for ensuring your children get to school on time in the morning - it is a pleasure to see their smiley faces as they come in through the school gates. Our gates will open at 8:45am and close at 8:55am and the registers are taken at this time. If you are running late, please enter school through the school office where you can sign your child in. We will be starting learning as soon as the children come in to school in the morning so we really do appreciate your punctuality. Alongside this, as a school we are aiming for 96% attendance or above. We know that every session of absence effects the children's learning so we are expecting good attendance from all our children to ensure that they get the broad and balanced education that they deserve.

