

# Willaston Primary School

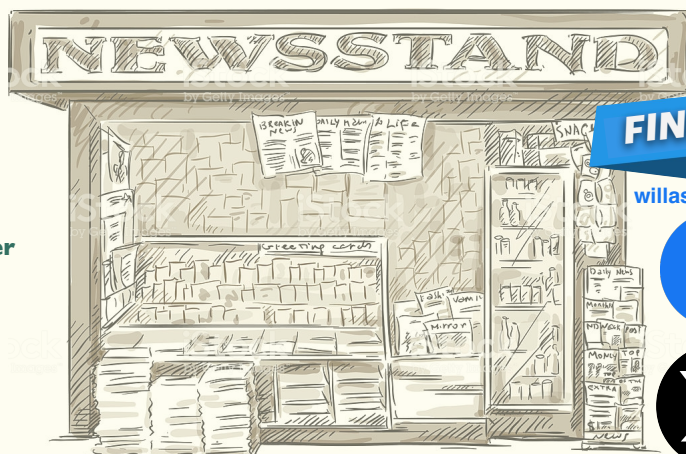
'Behaviour values: fair, respect, safe. This is how we do it here'



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## Dates for Your Diary

- 22.09.23 Dress Bright For Sight Day (Dress in bright colours, bring a small donation to school - all proceeds will go to Sight Matters!)
- 25.09.23 Y6 Cycling Proficiency Week
- 29.09.23 Macmillian Coffee & Cake from 2pm
- 09.10.23 Y5 Cycling Proficiency Week
- 10.10.23 STEMfest for Y6 (details to follow)
- 16.10.23 Parents Evening 1 (4pm - 7pm)
- 17.10.23 Parents Evening 2 (4pm - 6pm)
- 20.10.23 School closes for half-term at 3.30pm

**This is not an exhaustive list! The homepage of our school website has a live calendar of events - check it out!**

## Message from Mr Kelly

I trust that each one of our staff, pupils, and parents enjoyed a delightful summer break, coming back rejuvenated and eager for the learning journey ahead. Today, we are thrilled to share with you the first newsletter of this academic year. From October onwards, we'll be back to our regular schedule, publishing on the first Friday of each month. Alongside this, we will also reinstate our regular updates on social media – our 'shop window' into the vibrant life of Willaston School. If you haven't already, don't forget to 'like' us on Facebook and 'follow' us on Twitter(X). The 2023-24 school year undeniably holds the promise of growth, learning, and togetherness. The hallways have been echoing with the laughter and chatter of our new pupils. We're thrilled to have our new Reception children blending seamlessly into our school, and it's heartening to see our new pupils across various year groups making commendable starts. To all our new families – a hearty welcome to the Willaston School community. Open communication remains a cornerstone of our approach. If you have any concerns, queries, or simply wish to discuss school-related matters, please don't hesitate to set up a meeting with either Mrs. Lace or myself. We're always here to listen and assist.

## DON'T FORGET

**Y3 to Y6 will be going swimming on Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure they bring a kit & towel.**

**Message from Mr Michael. Please can we walk scooters and bikes over the crossing for safety reasons**

**Children are encouraged to bring their own refillable water bottles into school to use throughout the day.**

**Don't forget! Children need to bring a pair of wellies into school. Keep sending them in!**



## Breakfast Club - Update



Firstly, I'd like to extend my sincere gratitude to those of you who provided invaluable feedback and especially to those parents who took the time to meet with me to discuss the proposed changes to our Breakfast Club. Your insights have been instrumental in shaping the changes we're implementing.

I'm pleased to announce that after careful consideration of the feedback received, the times for the Breakfast Club will remain 7.40am - 8.55am. This decision has been taken keeping in mind the pivotal role the club plays in supporting our local community.

From **Monday**, Breakfast Club will be hosted in the mobile building that was previously the home to our Reception Class. This location is self-contained, equipped with its own kitchen area, toilets, and activity spaces, making it an ideal environment for morning activities.

As part of our efforts to strengthen safeguarding and manage numbers efficiently:

- Children attending the Breakfast Club will need to be dropped off by an adult. This measure, although it might be a slight shift for some parents, is primarily to ensure the safety of your children.
- We encourage parents to register their children in advance and ensure payments are made either upon arrival each day or at the start of the week. While we're gradually moving towards tightening up further on advance registration, we'll continue to admit children who arrive spontaneously for now.

The goal behind these changes is not only to enhance the experience for our pupils but also to address the challenges we've faced, such as the inconsistencies in arrivals and payments. While we're striving to maintain the informal nature of Breakfast Club, these adjustments aim to provide a safer, more organised, and effective environment for everyone involved.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support. We believe these changes will greatly improve the overall provision of the Breakfast Club while maintaining its essence.

## Summer Improvements

This summer, we've made significant strides in enhancing Willaston School:

- The outdated mobile unit is gone, thanks to the efforts of our local MHKs, Mr. Wannenburg and Mr. Ashford.
- All classes have been integrated into the main building, with our new Reception classroom standing out as a highlight.
- Our staff now benefit from a centralised work office, streamlining their preparation and admin tasks.
- Fresh paint graces our entrance and porch, adding a vibrant touch to our school's facade.
- The dining room boasts new tables, elevating our mealtime experience.
- Stay tuned for a special unveiling on our clocktower - it promises to be eye-catching!

In essence, Willaston School is looking sharper and feeling fresher. We hope you love the updates as much as we do!



## Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

**Mark your calendars for 29th September!**

**Join us at 2pm in the school hall for a delightful afternoon filled with coffee, cake, and camaraderie in support of Macmillan. Stay on for our cake sale after school to grab a delicious treat for the road. Generous donations of cakes will be highly appreciated.**

**Stay tuned for more details on this event. Let's come together for a cause and a cuppa!**

## New Teachers

A huge welcome to our new staff - Miss Adams in Year 1 and Miss Nissa in Year 2! Unfortunately Mrs Gerrard requires some time away from school, hence some last minute reorganisation, but she intends to be back as soon as she can!

