# Willaston Primary School

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



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#### Dates for Your Diary

●08.09.25 Cycle training for Y5 starts 17.09.25 Flu Immunisation (for those with consent) School Photograph Day Stay and Play Session for Reception **26.09.25** LitFest Author Visit to school

28.09.25 **Douglas City Civic Sunday** 13.10.25 RockKidz Visit to school 17.10.25 Y1/Y2 Pedestrian Skills Workshop

24.10.25 Last day of the first half-term ●03.11.25 First day of the second half-term

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

A very warm welcome back to all our pupils, families, and staff at Willaston School. I hope you enjoyed a refreshing summer break and are ready for all that the new school year has in store. The start of term has already brought a real buzz back to the classrooms, corridors and playgrounds, and it has been wonderful to see the school full of life once again. A special welcome goes to our brand-new Reception children, who have joined us for the very first time this week. Starting school is such a big step, and we are so proud of how well they have settled in. The children have quickly made friends, grown in confidence, and begun their Willaston journey with lots of smiles. We also extend a very warm welcome to the children and families who have joined us across other year groups - it is always exciting to see our school community grow, and we are delighted to have you with us.

This month we are celebrating two very special milestones among our staff. Mrs Slater has now completed 20 years of service at Willaston School, while September marks an incredible 25 years at Willaston for Mrs Brain, who works with our Reception children. Together, they have made a lasting difference to so many pupils and families over the years. On behalf of the whole school community, we thank them both for their dedication, kindness and commitment to Willaston.

Over the summer, Miss Irving got married and is now known as Mrs Bonser - so that's the name we'll all be getting used to this year! And Miss Marshall has come back to school with the news that she is engaged. Congratulations all round!

Looking ahead, there is so much to be excited about this year. As always, our priority will be to provide the very best education and opportunities for our children, ensuring that every child feels valued, supported and inspired to succeed. We will continue to share news, updates and celebrations through our newsletters, which will go out on the first Friday of each month, as well as through our social media channels.

It is a privilege to begin another school year as Headteacher of Willaston School, and I look forward to working together with pupils, families, staff and governors to make this year a very special one. With very wishes,

SWIMMING: Swimming starts in February - no need to send costumes, hats or towels until then!

With the weather turning cooler, a quick reminder about our wet morning procedures. On rainy days, children can enter the school at 8:45 am through the main entrance and will be supervised in the hall until the school day begins. Please remember that for everyone's safety, adults should drop off promptly and not wait inside.

We are excited to invite our Reception parents into school for a special Stay and Play session on Friday 19th September. This will be a wonderful chance to spend some time in the classroom with your child, see them in action as they settle into school life, and get a flavour of the learning activities they enjoy each day. It promises to be a lovely event and we're looking forward to welcoming you.

A separate letter with full details will be sent home with all the details!

#### **The Willaston Way**

Don't forget The Willaston Way - the habits for learning that sit at the heart of everything we do. These include being Worthy (Respect, Believe, Achieve), showing Wellness (Ready, Well-being, Balanced), thinking Wise (Think, Choose, Learn), being Willing (Try, Persist, Explore), showing a Wondrous spirit (Curious, Ask, Imagine), learning to Work Together (Teamwork, Share, Support), and being Warm **Hearted** (Empathy, Relationships, Kindness).

Please do talk about these words at home and encourage your children to show them in action – they really are part of daily life here at Willaston, alongside our Fair, Safe, Respect mantra.

### School Car Park - Reminder

A reminder that the car park is for staff use only, unless prior agreement has been made with the school. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our site safe & accessible.

## **Wellies for the School Field**

We love to make as much use of the school field as possible, especially at playtimes and lunchtimes. To help with this, please ensure your child has a pair of wellies in school so they can enjoy the field as much as possible.

Please help us keep school nut free. Children should also bring a water bottle & a healthy morning snack (fruit, veg, breadsticks)





