

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an extremely busy term at Willows with lots of events taking place both on and off site. Thank you for your continued support as we have progressed through the term, from attending our curriculum open afternoon to supporting your child decorating a Christmas bauble, it is all very much appreciated and adds so much value to your child's time in school.

I hope you all manage to have a restful time over the Christmas break and look forward to seeing what 2025 has in store for Willows!

Kind regards,

Rachel Ross



Value Award Winners

Congratulations to our group of 'Value Award' winners at the end of this term.

We are all really proud of you!

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Unsung Heroes

Congratulations to our 'Unsung Heroes' of this half term. You truly are always amazing! Well done!

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Self-Belief KS1 were so excited to finally perform their nativity, 'Secret Angels' to the school and parents. They thoroughly enjoyed learning all the songs and dressing up in their costumes. We are sure you agree they performed beautifully! We know you all enjoyed it too!



Challenge Year 5 welcomed Past Productions Education to school on Tuesday 12th November for a fantastic Crime and Punishment workshop. This interactive workshop allowed Year 5 to get a taste of crime and punishment throughout history. They took part in a drama workshop, acting out different scenarios and their punishments, from theft to gossiping to witchcraft! They were also given the opportunity to examine different artefacts to really bring the past alive! It was an excellent day full of fun and learning!



Responsibility Our cross-country team took to the track around the local John Leigh Park in a series of events this half term. Super running from all Willows participants, with a special mention to Sophie J, Ruby J and Evie B who won their races and Mr Boothroyd for being a representative for Willows at the events! Our Hockey team played a series of league games this half term, showing some excellent play. They truly showed all of the school games values, and represented our school brilliantly. Our School Sports Crew began their lunchtime clubs this half term, putting their skills in leadership to great use offering a range of activities including football, dodgeball and athletics.

Challenge The children from Sycamore, Pine and Spruce visited Chester to experience what life would be like for a Roman soldier to support the work they were covering in History. They had a great time marching around the city in role and performing the Roman tortoise formation, also known as the testudo, a military tactic where Roman soldiers would form a tight square and raise their shields to create a protective barrier. They also learned about the food and pastimes that Roman soldiers enjoyed. The children were not too keen on the Roman diet and no one wanted to try flamingo tongue! A great day was had by all and the children were the perfect ambassadors for Willows.



Self-Belief We love celebrating achievements from outside of school during our celebration assemblies! These take place around week 3 and the final week of term. Here are some of the amazing children we celebrated today!



Care Our 'Wellbeing Ambassadors' have been doing a wonderful job of looking out for anyone at lunchtime who may be sad, lonely or need help solving a problem within a friendship group. They took part in extensive training with Mrs Hirst who was supported by two of our amazing Wellbeing Ambassadors from last year.

Care We have enjoyed two visits from Father Steve over the term for Harvest and Advent. We have also been considering how our words can be impactful for others both positively and negatively and how it is our **responsibility** collectively and as individuals to think before we speak to ensure we care for others feelings.



End of term attendance:
Our aim is to achieve over 96%

Whole School: 96.2%

Oak: 88.2%
Elm: 92.5%
Ash: 96.9%
Beech: 96.2%
Chestnut: 97%
Pine: 97.3%
Sycamore: 90.1%
Spruce: 97.3%
Cedar: 97.5%
Maple: 97.2%
Larch: 97.1%
Hawthorn: 96.1%



Care Thank you for supporting our school fundraising efforts over the last term. We are pleased to let you know Willows primary raised an incredible £443.57 for the Royal British Legion.

Self-Belief On Tuesday, KS2 had a fabulous time at Wellington for their Christmas singing. They raised the roof with their wonderful singing and performance on the stage. We are hoping to make this event an annual part of our Christmas festivities and are looking for ways to open this up for parents to attend as well.

