

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of the academic year I'd like to take this moment to thank you all for your support this year. I have absolutely loved my first year at Willows. The children are wonderful and the staff team are like no other I have ever known, they constantly go above and beyond to ensure the Willows experience is memorable and the children feel cared for.

I hope everyone has the opportunity for making great family memories over the Summer break and look forward to seeing you all at the start of the new academic year!

Kind regards,  
Rachel Ross



**Unsung Heroes** Congratulations to our 'Unsung Heroes' of this half term. You truly are always amazing! Well done to Nursery: Olivia and Hugo; Oak: Derrik; Elm: Logan and Ellis; Ash: Louis and Thea; Chestnut: Albert and Lennie; Beech: Eva and Fay; Pine: Harry and Evie; Sycamore: Ava and Miles; Spruce: Siyana and Aadya; Cedar: Adam and Annabelle; Maple: James and Lowri; Hawthorn: Flo, Neve, Lorelai and Kira; Larch: Sarah and Alfie

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**Value Award Winners** Congratulations to our groups of 'Value Award' winners for this half term: Amber L, Charvi P, Isla F, Milo H, Radin P, Bertie R, Freya R, Hillary C, Harry S, Nancy S, Ollie D, Owen B, Lucas W, Ben T and all of Oak and Elm!

We are all really proud of you!

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**Challenge:** The highly anticipated Timperley Track athletics event was held in June, and our talented squad of athletes took to the track and field to put their skills against the 'fastest, and furthest' athletes from other local schools. We had an impressive medal haul, with many more finalists too, and finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall in the school standings. A fantastic effort from all of the children who attended. Special thanks should go to our Athletics coach, Alice, mum to Max in Year 5, for all of the hard work preparing our athletes for the day.



**Responsibility:** A massive well done goes to our Year 5 Leadership Academy, Ema, Sophia, Abdul and James. Who graduated the sports leadership programme recently. They have worked so hard to learn leadership skills and deliver fun sessions and festivals to younger children. We hope they can apply these skills to helping children achieve through sport in the future.



**Self-Belief:** This half term has seen some wonderful sporting performances from Willows athletes! As we are sure you will all know by now, we began with the incredible performance, and achievement of our girls' football team winning the National Premier League Primary Stars football event at Molineux, home to Wolverhampton Wanderers. 'Not conceding a goal,' has been the catchphrase for the team this season, and this was the case again at this event, as we won a nail-biting final on penalties to become National Champions. It is an achievement that will live long in the memories of all involved and will hopefully serve as an inspiration to all of our future footballers at school.



**Challenge:** Year 4 have persevered this year learning a brass instrument. It was wonderful to hear their achievements when they delivered a superb concert last week full of style and skill!



**Responsibility:** Year 3 and 4 had a wonderful day exploring animal habitats at Tatton Park. They thoroughly enjoyed activities such as pond dipping, foraging, birdwatching and deer spotting. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn outside the classroom, and they approached it all with great enthusiasm. The children were excellent ambassadors for our school, and we were very proud of them all.



**Care:** Wishing our amazing Year 6 pupils a fantastic start to their High school adventures! You have all been amazing pupils, leading by example and being champions for our School Values. We will miss you!



**Responsibility:** We are very pleased to announce that The Willows Primary School has been successful in achieving an **Eco-Schools Green Flag Award with Distinction**. Look for our prestigious plaque from September to go with the flag we received two years ago.

Congratulations to the Eco Council and The Willows Community!