



6th June 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy week since our return from half term and the children have settled back into learning quickly.

I want to start by praising our Y6 children for their hard work and effort leading up to and during their KS2 tests. All the children worked hard and did their best and I hope they all achieve the results that their hard work deserves. Miss Caldwell has begun her maternity leave and Miss Atkin, who the children know already is covering Cheetah Class for the remainder of the academic year.

I have been really impressed also with the brilliant work from our children in Y4 to prepare for their national multiplication/tables check which many have completed this week. Also, our Y1 children will be completing their phonics screening checks from next week and they too have been working exceptionally hard to prepare for that. I am sure they have and will do their very best and that is all we can ask for.

We have our Children's University graduation next Friday and this is a fantastic event for our school every year. The recognition that the children gain from their commitment to their own personal development through participating in wider opportunities is brilliant for them and builds their self confidence lots. I am sure it will be another fantastic occasion and lets hope the sun shines for us.

I want to say a big congratulations to our girls' football team who represented the school well in the Knowsley finals just before half term. They wore our brand-new school kit for the first time and were very proud of this. A special thanks goes to Laura Dobie one of our parents from **BALLER TPC** who kindly donated a full kit to the school. If you are involved in local sport please do look out for **BALLERTPC** on Instagram if you are looking to update your kits.

Staff update: We recently appointed a second Vice Principal to work in in our school from September 2025. Miss Weaver went through a rigorous selection process and we are really pleased with her appointment. She has visited the school already this week and will be visiting again in the next few weeks to ensure she can hit the ground running when she starts.

Miss Simms will be returning from her maternity leave on 30th June and will be working across KS1 for the last three weeks of the academic year.

We are in the process of finalising our staff team for September and we are hoping to successfully appoint high quality staff to a number of roles. Due to this, we won't be finalising our class teachers until the start of July and will only then be in a position to confirm classes and staff with pupils and parents. We will then use the last three weeks of terms to support the children with transition into their new classes both as a class and mor individually if required.

Our building renovation work in KS2 is continuing and the results are starting to look fantastic. There has been some disruption caused to some classes in terms of having to be relocated into other classrooms/ Kingfisher but the children are managing well for the short period of time that the change occurs for. We are really looking forward to seeing the full results of the work in Autumn term.

School Uniform:

Reminder- please ensure that your children wear correct school uniform. Many children have lost school ties, are wearing incorrect footwear and on PE days are not wearing the correct PE kit.

Please note that sandals and Jelly shoes do not protect the children's feet sufficiently in school and we do ask that you ensure that the normal/ correct school shoes are worn even in summer months.

Please refer to the school uniform page on the website and ensure the correct uniform is worn.



Attendance: Attendance at school currently is not good enough for many pupils. We have significant numbers of pupils who have attendance below 90% which is classed as persistently absent. These pupils are monitored closely both internally and by our Attendance Officer from the council.

We do want to bring to your attention, that unauthorised absence can also be subject to fines not just holidays (which are unauthorised). We have no choice but to follow advice from the attendance team and we will issue fines to highlight the importance of high attendance.

We will be having an 'Attend every day Challenge for four weeks' with rewards and prizes on offer for individual pupils beginning on Monday 16th June.

Attendance League Table (Year to date)

Position	Class	Percentage		<p>Please arrange appointments out of school time or if that isn't possible bring your child in first thing to get their mark and return them after any appointment.</p> <p>Please do call the school office if your child is going to be absent or if you need any further advice.</p> <p>Our school attendance is below both national and Local Authority figures and must improve. Please support us by arranging appointments outside of school time and getting the children into school regularly.</p>
1 st =	Penguin	95.5%	Y3 WINNERS	
1 st =	Jaguar	94.9%	Y1 WINNERS	
3 rd	Zebra	94.5%		
4 th =	Hedgehog	94%	EY WINNERS	
4 th =	Hummingbird	94%	Y2 WINNERS	
4 th =	Cheetah	94%	UKS2 WINNERS	
7 th	Tiger	93.8%		
8 th	Wolf	93.8%		
9 th	Owl	93.6%		
10 th	Pangolin	93.4%		
11 th	Shark	92.8%		
12 th	Squirrel	92.2%		
13 th	Lion	92%		
14 th	Koala	91.6%		

Special mentions for positively standing out this week.....

CLASS	PUPIL	<p>Well done to all our pupils who have been recognised by staff this week for their hard work and in following our school values and The Whiston Willis Way.</p> <p>I really have noticed some pupils in Pangolin Class following the Whiston Willis Way so a special mention to them. Many pupils in this class are really becoming well prepared for their move to Y3 soon.</p>
Squirrel	Thivyan T and Michael P	
Owl	Nelly-Lou and Kobe D	
Hedgehog	Koby G and Joseph J	
Tiger	Nilen T and Ollie N	
Jaguar	Tristen J and Caleb S	
Pangolin	Neveah C and Jacob J	
Hummingbird	Mya G and Elsie T	
Zebra	Evelyn Y and Maazuzah A	
Penguin	Salihu and Thomas B	
Lion	John D and Marcie S	
Shark	Ryan J and Joseph P	
Koala	Frankie W and Lilly- Rose	
Wolf	Lottie M and Taylor B	
Cheetah	Isaac L and Daisy S	



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Parking: Please can we ensure that we are parking with care to avoid any accidents and with consideration for local residents. Please do not block driveways or pavements due to unthoughtful and dangerous parking. We still even have parents who park between our safety figures! (They are not out to reserve private parking for anyone!) Parking without thought for pedestrians also puts our children in danger- please do think carefully about this

Please can I ask you all to read the other letter that was issued via email today as it is imperative that the conduct of any adult who visits our site or who is a member of our school community upholds our school values.

BE RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE AND SAFE!

Kind regards

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