



Headteacher's Message.

Dear parents and carers,

Another busy week has ended and it is the first week of children asking me about Christmas which means that it is already in everyone's heads! We still have a few weeks to go but it will quickly come round.

Please continue to send your children into school wearing appropriate clothing for the weather (we are definitely in the wet and cold period!) and please continue to follow our uniform expectations, particularly when sending your child in wearing a PE kit. I recently sent some communication out about this.

In what is always a tough time for attendance we are holding on with a respectable figure. Thank you to everyone that works with us to keep our attendance as high as possible. No one can avoid being ill but if you work with together we can keep absences as low as possible. If you need to talk about absence, or discuss your child's attendance, please contact the school office and arrange a meeting with Miss Pickford and Mrs Smith.

We had a team go to the Laindon Centre this week and compete in the Basildon School's Boccia competition in which the team did well and, more importantly, had a great time.

I hope you all have a great weekend,

Mr T Robinson

Headteacher

Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates today.

1R Evie for always showing kindness to others in class and at playtimes.

1PC Bella for being kind to her peers and always trying her hardest to make people smile.

1H Darja for always showing kindness towards your friends and being a good friend.

2C Nellie for being a kind and caring friend to all.

2SH Amelia for always being a kind friend to everyone at school.

2T Amelia treats others with respect and is kind to her friends. She plays fairly with others and has been fantastic at taking turns. Well done!

3S Jack for demonstrating kindness by supporting his peers.

3D Brendon for always showing kindness to everyone he meets.

3H Autumn for always being a kind and caring member of the class.

4I Lena for always being kind to everyone around her and actively making sure that her friends are happy.

4H Bradley for being an enthusiastic and extremely kind member of the classroom. Bradley shows love and kindness towards everyone in the school.

4J Smilte for always being kind to her classmates, her friends and adults.

5F Lucas for always helping around the classroom and being an incredibly kind person towards other pupils and staff. Well done!

5R Isla for being a kind and compassionate member of our class who always treats others as she would like to be treated. Well done Isla!

5C Jessica for always being kind and friendly to children and adults around her. Jessica treats everyone with respect and is always a good friend.

6TB Leon for always demonstrating kindness by being friendly, generous and considerate to all.

6MB Bella for always being a kind and respectful member of The Willows. She is friendly and caring and a pleasure to teach.

6F Phoenix for an improvement across all of his practice SATs scores. Well done Phoenix keep up the hard work!

Reporting Absence.



Please report child absences using the Willows PA Connect app.

The school must be informed **EVERY** school day that the child is absent.

Please ensure that you have reported your child's absence **by 8.30am.**

Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Matters.

If your child has a cough or a cold, we still expect your child to be attending school. When dropping off your child, please inform their teacher of your worries. Please be assured, staff will look after your child and will contact parents if they are concerned in anyway. If your child's attendance has fallen below 90% then you will be receiving a letter to make you aware of this. We will be expecting your child's attendance to improve when we monitor again next month. Through our monitoring, we have noticed that the number of children late for school is increasing. Please remind yourselves of the times the doors open (**8:40am-9:00am**) to ensure your child does not miss any more of their education.

Weekly Attendance.

Weekly — 94%

Yearly — 94.9%

KS1 — 3D — 97.9%

KS2 — 5C — 98.7%



Class superstar readers of the week:

Key Stage 1 — 2SH 91

Lower Key Stage 2 — 4H 83

Upper Key Stage 2 — 5F 74



Superstar writers of the week:

Yr1— Kyle, Lewis, Kairo

Yr2— Alania, Alfie, Sienna

Yr3 — Jenson, Charles, Denis

Yr4 — Anya, Vlad, David

Yr5— Albert, Riley, Harry

Yr6— Billy, Anastasia, Kayla



Star readers of the week:

Yr1— Lilly-Rose, Patrick, Ronnie

Yr2— Lauren, Abrianna, Riley-Ethan

Yr3— Dominic, Tyler, Daniel

Yr4— Excellent, Taylor, Archie

Yr5— Dominic, Hanna, Jack

Yr6— Alfie, Jack, Amelia-Rose



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

FAIRHOUSE – ATTENDANCE & ADMISSIONS OFFICER closing date 1st December

MERRYLANDS – LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 4th December

WHITMORE – DEPUTY SEND CO-ORDINATOR closing date 24th November

WHITMORE – KS2 LEARNING SUPPORT/MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 28th November

WILLOWS – HLTA closing date 25th November

WILLOWS – CLASS TEACHER (PART-TIME) closing date 25th November

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Our Core Values: Respect, Responsibility, Courage, Hope, Justice, Compassion, Integrity, Wisdom

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