

JUNE NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful half term enjoying the glorious weather. How did we get to term 6 so quickly! I can't believe this is our last term together before our Year 6's move on.

Just a few reminders to help the term run smoothly.

WATER BOTTLES AND SUNCREAM

Hello! As the sunshine gets brighter and temperatures rise, let's keep our young learners happy and hydrated!

A friendly reminder to pack a water bottle in your child's bag - it's their ticket to staying refreshed throughout our busy days! Whether we're exploring in the classroom or having adventures on the field, having their own bottle means they won't miss a single sip of fun. Please ensure your child wears suncream and a sunhat to school.

Remember, we can't provide cups on the field, so that water bottle becomes extra special during our outdoor activities!



Stay cool and keep those water bottles flowing!

HAY FEVER

Please make sure your child has his/her medication before school. This will help your child settle before starting work.



P.E. KITS AND JEWELLERY

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit on their PE days. We do not have any spare kits in school. We will soon start practising for sports day, so please ensure they are wearing appropriate trainers/plimsols. Please also ensure that your child only wears small stud earrings and no other jewellery is allowed.



OFFICE

Please be mindful that when the gate closes at 8.50am and staff come back into school, the day of teaching, passing messages on and being involved in meetings start straight away. This means that if you arrive late and you have not made the school aware in the morning then there will not always be someone in the office. Unfortunately, we all have very busy roles and there are only a few of us. So if you arrive after the gate has been closed or later through out the day, please be patient with us.



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Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

Our Year 4 pupils will be taking part in the Multiplication Tables Check during June. This is a national assessment designed to check children's fluency in recalling times tables up to 12×12 —an essential skill that underpins much of their future learning in mathematics.

In school, children are working hard to build both speed and accuracy, and we are really pleased with the progress they are making. Parents and carers should also be actively practising times tables with their children at home to reinforce what is being taught in school.

We ask that all Year 4 pupils spend some time on Times Tables Rock Stars. This short, consistent practice makes a significant difference in helping children recall their tables quickly and confidently.

Please make the most of every opportunity to practise at home. This could include:

- Quick-fire questions on the way to school
- Practising while walking, driving or waiting for activities
- Chanting times tables together
- Using apps or games regularly
- Asking questions during everyday routines, such as at mealtimes

As with all assessments, attendance is vital. Please ensure your child is in school every day during the check week so they can approach it with confidence and do their very best.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child develop these essential mathematical skills.

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Our Year 1 pupils will take part in the Phonics Screening Check during the week beginning Monday 8th June. This is a short, national assessment that checks children's ability to decode words using their phonics knowledge—an essential skill that underpins early reading.

We are very proud of the progress our children are making in phonics and early reading. Their confidence is growing, and they are developing the skills needed to become fluent, independent readers.

There are many simple ways you can support your child at home:

- Listen to your child read daily and encourage them to sound out unfamiliar words
- Re-read familiar books to build fluency and confidence
- Turn reading into a positive, relaxed part of the daily routine

During the check, children will read a mix of real and 'alien' (nonsense) words to assess their decoding skills. We encourage children to approach this with confidence and to use the strategies they have been taught in school.

As always, attendance is important. Please ensure your child is in school every day during the check week so they feel settled and ready to do their best.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child become a confident and enthusiastic reader.

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SAYING GOODBYE

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs O'Neill and Mrs Lakin at the end of this term. Mrs O'Neill has been an asset to our school and has worked here for over ten years. Mrs O'Neill has made such a difference to not only the children's education and supporting them individually with a warm and caring nature, but also supporting staff in their own personal journeys. Mrs O'Neill has made such an impact on all of us and her warmth, kindness and passion for Willoughton school will be greatly missed. I will miss the stories that we have shared over the years.

We will all really miss her, but we wish her well in her new little adventure.

Mrs Lakin has also made our little school go from strength to strength. A Good from OFSTED and has taken our school to the next level. Mrs Lakin will be missed for her drive and commitment to us all.

We will also miss her, we also wish her well in her next adventure in America.

We still have them for a little longer so let's enjoy the time we have with them both.

DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY

June

Monday 1st June—Term 6 starts

Monday 8th June - Phonics screening check

Monday 8th June - Multiplication table check for Yr4's

Tuesday 16th June - New Reception children 'Stay and Play afternoon' 1.45pm - 2.45 pm

Tuesday 16th June - New Reception parents meeting 'Joining school in September'

Wednesday 24th June - New Reception children joining us 1pm—3pm

Monday 29th June - Assessment week

Tuesday 30th June - New Reception children joining us - Move up year group afternoon 1pm—3pm

July

Thursday 2nd July - 1.30pm—Year 5 & 6 CPR training

Friday 3rd July - Sports Day at the Village field—10am

Monday 6th July - New Reception children joining us (Including lunch) - Move up year group morning 9am—1pm

Friday 10th July - Mini Wimbledon in the afternoon

Friday 10th July - Leaver's disco at the village hall - 6pm—8 pm

Monday 20th July - Beach trip to Cleethorpes (details top follow)

Wednesday 22nd July - Leaver's assembly 2pm

Wednesday 22nd July - Term 6 finishes