



Fun at the Farm

Children in nursery had hands on experience when they visited Hall Hill Farm. They petted animals, bottle fed lambs, went on tractor rides and even had a go at milking a cow! The children had a marvellous time on their summer trip!



Attendance Matters!

Congratulations to the following children who have achieved 100% attendance throughout the school year. They are: Teagon Marriott, Kyle Bowman, Rebecca Christie, Michael Jones, Jake Lambe, Laura Smith, Ebony Abbott, Eden Fitzgerald, Rhylee Gibson, Connor Glover, Alena Olton, Chloe Jones, Robbie Lambe, Aleia McConville, Evelyn McGrath, Caitlin McPhee, Kaitlin Fleming, Aaron Smith, Rebecca Britton, Natasha Fieldson, Lana Fitzgerald, Tamsin Ford, Ellis Gibson, Calum Glover, Gracey Hall, Liam Lincoln, Abbie Waller, Matthew Evans and Rhys Hayes. - Well done and keep up the good work! Congratulations too to reception class who won the attendance league this term with a total of 41 points and celebrated with a movie afternoon and popcorn!

All Aboard the Bus!

Children had the opportunity to practice their French when the French Bus came to visit. They had a wonderful time exploring French language activities and a range of French reading books.



Is your child interested in craft activities, songs and stories? If so pop along to the Sunday School at Willington Methodist Chapel held each Sunday 10:30 - 11:30am. Everyone is welcome!

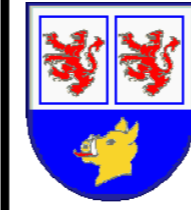
Don't Forget To Order Uniform

Embroidered uniforms are available to order from 'Tesco'. You can order on-line and get them delivered to an address of your choice.

Ordering is simple:-

1. Go to www.tesco.com/ues
2. Search for Willington Primary School - You will see the customised items you can buy.

A link is also available on our website. If you are unable to order on-line please contact the school office. We have a small selection of items for sale.



Goodbye and Good Luck Year 6



And so we come to that point in the year when we have to say goodbye to another class of year 6 children. Whether they've only been with us for the last year or two or whether they've been with us since nursery (a full 8 years), they have all played their part in Year 6 becoming a wonderful group of young people. Anyone lucky enough to spend time with our year 6 pupils has been impressed by their amazing attitudes, entertained by their sense of humour and astounded at their maturity. Throughout the year we have received wonderful comments regarding their excellent behaviour, open and welcoming manner and

enthusiasm to learn. I can honestly say that the young people we are sending to Parkside and King James will be more than a match for pupils from any schools in the area!

I would like to thank all the staff who have played a part in shaping these children throughout their time at Willington Primary but in particular I would like to sing the praises of Miss Jones and Mrs Jacob. The



children know them affectionately as the 'dream team' and they have worked tirelessly this academic year to ensure that every child in their class is the very best they can be. This has resulted in the children making remarkable progress and achieving test outcomes that have far exceeded my expectations! This year our results are 6% above national average for reading, writing and maths combined and the progress of our pupils in maths is in the top 5 -10% nationally! This is a wonderful achievement of which we are all very proud – well done year 6!



On behalf of all the staff and children at Willington Primary I would like to wish our wonderful Year 6 children every success for the future.

Mr Cornforth



Reception Class Graduation

Parents and carers joined us for our reception class Graduation Ceremony this week to celebrate their hard work and achievements throughout their first year in primary school. The children sang a wonderful rendition of 'You've got a friend in me' looking very smart in their mortarboards.

Parents and carers watched an emotional slideshow of the class throughout the year followed by party food in the classroom.



Miss McCartney, Mrs Wallace, Miss Dinsdale and Mrs Patterson were extremely proud of the children. Mrs Wallace said "It was a successful end to a wonderful year, good luck in year 1!"



Drumming in Year 1

As a finale to year 1's topic on Africa the children took part in an African drumming workshop. Children had the unique opportunity to explore and learn the joy that can be experienced and expressed through drums and music. The multicultural encounter which included drumming, dancing and story telling was a hit with the children and as you can see they gave it their all!



Sports Days

Despite the false starts due to the inclement weather our sports days finally took place!

Nursery to year 6 took part in fun filled sessions. The events involved a variety of sports skills and fitness challenges. A massive thank you to parents and carers for their cheering and support. What a great atmosphere!



Staffing News!

In July we welcomed back Miss McCartney following her period of maternity leave. Mrs Wallace will return to Year 1 in September after spending two terms covering for Miss McCartney in Reception class. Mrs Elliott will leave our school this week having covered our Year 1 class since Christmas. We wish Mrs Elliott well for the future and thank her for the super job she has done with our Year 1 pupils – particularly the strong phonic test results! The only other staff change is that Mrs Lamb is moving to Year 3 and Miss Thompson to Year 4. They are both ready for a change and look forward to getting their teeth into some new topics! I would like to say a big thank you to all of our school staff for the wonderful job they do supporting and getting the best from our children.

A Huge Thank You from the NSPCC

We would like to thank you all for helping the children raise the fantastic amount of £1,123.48 to help children up and down the country. Kelly Oliver from the NSPCC who came to thank the children for their efforts said "I go to a lot of schools and I must say, your school has such a great atmosphere. The staff have all been really lovely with me and the children are so well behaved and happy. I have seen staff interact in such fun and positive ways with the children". I am sure you will agree it is great to hear such wonderful comments about our school!



Sikh Langar

Children in year 3 have been learning how people help others in their RE lessons. As part of this they looked at Sikhism and decided to hold a Langar. Langar is the term used in Sikhism for the community kitchen in a Gurdwara where a free meal is served to all the visitors, without distinction of religion, caste, gender, economic status or ethnicity. People sit on the floor, eat together, and the kitchen is maintained and serviced by Sikh community volunteers. The Rose of India provided us with delicious food. Children had a role of being the community where they organised the jobs that needed doing for

example, welcoming people, serving food and the covering of heads etc. The children had great fun whilst discussing the importance of equality and how this is shown.

