



8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a **very positive first week and a great start to the term**; all children have settled back into our routines and expectations so quickly after the summer break. Our staff team have been very excited to see the children and I'm confident you were excited for them to come back to school too!

We have **welcomed the new children into Reception** and they have taken to school so quickly. They already know how to make a 'Legendary Line' and do 'Wonderful Walking', they've met our Learning Superheroes too!

Please remember that our lessons start at 8.45am and you can drop your children off from 8.40am. Children arriving after 8.45am will be recorded as late as this impacts their learning. Breakfast club is available from 8am, please contact the admin team to book a place.

It's been **brilliant to see so many children wearing our smart uniform**, thank you to all parents and carers for making sure you stick to our new policy – it makes such a difference when everyone looks so smart and ready for learning. If you have any questions about which items are acceptable, please check the policy on our website.

<https://www.willowprimaryschool.co.uk/uniform-information/>

Please remember that the uniform for both PE and Forest School is the same.

Over the summer break, the school had a lot of **building work to bring our fire standards up to date**. We've had all new doors, new walls in some areas and a new fire detection system. Our Site Manager, Mr Free, has worked incredibly hard with the builders to make sure the school was ready for the children to return.

This week, we have **launched our new online reading records with a system called 'We Read'**. This replaces the paper reading records. You'll have received an email with instructions to login and thank you to the parents and families who have already logged on – we are very impressed! If you have any questions about this, Mr Martin and I will be available on 18th September at 9am to offer support.

We have a very busy and productive term planned for the children including lots more work on careers and aspirations, creative arts, we're also developing our **Active Schools** plan to encourage our children to have an active and healthy lifestyle both in and out of school.

Our next Teacher Training Day is on Friday 13th October.

I hope you all have a great weekend and enjoy the late summer sun before it changes next week!

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Sumner
Principal