

# ULLESTHORPE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

**WILLOW CLASS FOCUS**

**FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026**

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## HEAD OF SCHOOL

**MRS J. ALLEN**



## UPCOMING DATES

### **NSPCC workshops:**

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September

### **Leire Scarecrow Festival:**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. 10-3pm

### **EYFS phonics event:**

Tues. 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 5-6pm

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October:**

Birch Harvest assembly

Here at Ullesthorpe CE Primary School, we have made an excellent start to the new school year by re-focusing on our school vision statement: 'Learn together, Grow together, Shine forever'.

We have reflected on the importance of shining our light on others through the kind, positive choices that we make and, in our first celebration worship assemblies of the year, we have enjoyed seeing the different ways in which our children are shining.

It has been especially delightful to be joined by the newest members of our school community in Willow Class - read more about these superstars over the following pages.

Congratulations also go to the following children who have been awarded certificates in our **Celebration Assemblies**: Georgia L, George B, Caleb, Cansev, Jack, Arabelle, Georgia W, River, Ewan and Rory. **Well done to them all!**

Please do feel free to come and speak with me at the school gates, or make an appointment through the school office.



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## **WILLOW CLASS** MRS HARTLEY

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The children in Willow Class have had a brilliant start settling into school.

### **Friendship**

This week we have been focusing on our school value of friendship and have listened to stories and songs about being kind. The children have shown some wonderful acts of kindness, by sharing and using kind actions and words. We had an exciting day on Tuesday, as some snail friends came to visit. Just like the character in our kindness story, the children took care of the snails for a day. They loved observing them closely, learning about their bodies, how they move and see and where they like to live.

**Well done Willow Class, for a super start to your learning journey at Ullesthorpe Primary!**



## **UPCOMING DATES**

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### **Half Term Break:**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup>-Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> October

### **JS School Photographer:**

Weds. 28<sup>th</sup> October

### **Secondary School**

### **Application Deadline for**

**Year 6: Sat. 31<sup>st</sup> October**



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## WILLOW CLASS PHOTOS

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### Maps

We shared the story, 'Topsy and Tim Start School' and were surprised how similar their school was to ours - being a friendly, happy place with lots of fun activities to explore.

The children used early map skills, plotting a route for them to get to school. They even made the village, which was a lot like Ullesthorpe, naming features such as the windmill, church, farm and post office.



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### Mark Making and Writing

The children have had fun mark making drawing: careful zig zags, bumps and curly patterns. They loved the story, 'Doodling Daniel' and tried so hard to doodle creative pictures like him.

They have continued to practice their pencil control, by forming some letters already in the sand and on paper.



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### Volcano Making

To end our week, the children have been working on a collaborative project of building a volcano. They worked together to mix the paper and glue, building up the volcano shape and then had to be patient whilst allowing the volcano to dry. Finally they were excited to watch what happened when we mixed together some kitchen ingredients to make a pretend eruption!



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## BUDDY MATCHING WITH Y6

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MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.

## ENCOURAGING ATTENDANCE

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CHECK-IN

SUPERBLY WELL DONE TO THOSE CLASSES WITH  
100% ATTENDANCE!

| Class: | Last Week % | This Week % |
|--------|-------------|-------------|
| Willow | 98          | 99          |
| Maple  | 98          | 100         |
| Birch  | 94          | 99          |
| Oak    | 96          | 98          |

### Year Group:

|        |     |     |
|--------|-----|-----|
| EYFS   | 98  | 99  |
| Year 1 | 100 | 100 |
| Year 2 | 97  | 100 |
| Year 3 | 96  | 100 |
| Year 4 | 92  | 99  |
| Year 5 | 98  | 100 |
| Year 6 | 95  | 96  |

School Overall % (this Year):

97.1%

National Average:

95.7%



UK Health  
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Agency



# Should I keep my child off school?

## Yes

### Until...

|                                                |                                                                                                                                             |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chickenpox                                     | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over                                                         |
| Diarrhoea and Vomiting                         | 48 hours after their last episode                                                                                                           |
| Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19 |
| Impetigo                                       | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics                                                             |
| Measles                                        | 4 days after the rash first appeared                                                                                                        |
| Mumps                                          | 5 days after the swelling started                                                                                                           |
| Scabies                                        | they've had their first treatment                                                                                                           |
| Scarlet Fever                                  | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics                                                                                              |
| Whooping Cough                                 | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics                                                                                              |

## No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice            | Tonsillitis     |
| Threadworms          | Slapped cheek   |



### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



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# **WE'VE CHANGED THE ANGLE, NOT THE STORY**

**Celebrating every moment. Protecting every child.**

Adapting how we share, in response to evolving AI safeguarding concerns.



## **HANDS ON CONTENT**

Learning, exploring  
and creating without  
showing faces.



## **BACKS OF HEADS**

We can still show the  
moments that matter.



## **SIDE FACING PHOTOS**

(WITH PERMISSION)

Only when we have  
consent from  
parents/carers.  
No front facing photos.

