

Willow School

WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our school will be taking part in Hello Yellow on Friday 9th October (World Mental Health Day) to raise awareness and funds for YoungMinds, the UK's leading charity for young people's mental health.

No young person should feel alone with their mental health and that's why Hello Yellow matters. We're taking this opportunity as a school community to come together and show our students that we're with them and they're never alone with their mental health.

We'll be taking part by having a mufti day and finding something yellow to wear loud and proud!

You can also donate to support our school's fundraising by clicking the following link;

<https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/s/1861/7678>

Most importantly, we want to share the resources which YoungMinds offer to support parents and carers if you ever need help and advice to support your children. This includes:

- online resources (www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/)
- a phone line, open 9.30am-4pm (0808 802 5544)
- an online chat for parents and carers to speak to trained professionals if you're concerned about your children's mental health (www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline/)

Kindest Regards,

Laura Gradidge

Family Wellbeing Coordinator

YOUNGMINDS

**Hello
Yellow**
FRIDAY 9 OCT

**Wear yellow,
say hello.**

**Support young people's
mental health.**

Safeguarding is our absolute priority. Please act on concerns that you have about any children that you know. If you have a concern about the safety of a child or young person and you want someone to find out what is going on, contact the Hampshire Children's Services Department. Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5pm, phone 0300 555 1384. At all other times, contact the out-of-hours service, phone 0300 555 1373. Anyone can make a referral.

At Willow Primary School, Mrs Larcombe is our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), while Mrs Bodman, and Mrs McQueen are the Deputy DSLs. Please remember anyone can make a referral and safeguarding is everyone's concern.

Cross Country

Our yearly Cross Country events are taking place on Monday 28th September, Monday 5th October and Monday 12th October. This is open to all children in Years 1-6, if your child would like to take part please log into Arbor and consent. These events are held at Mountbatten School, 4-5pm. Children will need to wear their PE kit and transported to Mountbatten by parents. Parents are required to stay at Mountbatten School while this event takes place. Please note there is a separate consent for each event.



Harvest Festival

We will be walking to Church on Thursday 1st October for a special Harvest Festival service, we are looking for DBS checked parents to help us with this walk. If you hold a current DBS with us in school and are able to help us walk to church please contact the school office. We aim to leave school at 9am and will be back in time for lunch.

We ask that children where possible bring a donation for the food bank with them on the morning of our Harvest festival, below are a priority list of items the food bank are in need of:

OUR PRIORITY SHOPPING LIST - Items we're very short of

Jars of Pasta Sauce
Squash
Cartons of Fruit Juice
Sponge Puddings
Desserts, e.g. Angel Delight and Jelly Pots
Coffee
Spreads: Marmite, Honey and Peanut Butter
Tinned Spaghetti
Sweets and Chocolate

OUR SHOPPING LIST - Stock levels are dropping

Instant Mash
UHT Milk
Tins of Carrots
Tinned Fruit
Tinned Custard
Rice Pudding
Jam
Granulated Sugar (500g)
Multi Packs of Crisps



Reminders/To note

- If bringing hot drinks onto the school premises, please ensure they are in a screwed lidded cup
- We are having an increasing amount of children not having a school lunch ordered, please remember to place your order by 9am each morning
- The use of the MUGA and playground equipment is not permitted before and/or after school, this is for health and safety purposes
- When bringing snacks into school, please ensure these are healthy snacks

Starting school in September **2027**

If your child is 4 or
will turn 4 before
1 September 2027,
they can start school
in September 2027

Applications open for
Hampshire residents on
1 November 2026

THE NATIONAL CLOSING
DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS
FRIDAY 15 JANUARY 2027
DON'T MISS IT!



**For more information go to
www.hants.gov.uk/admissions**

Respectful Walking



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Respectful Walking

Goal: To keep everyone safe in school and to make sure the learning of others is not disrupted as we move around school.



BE READY



BE RESPECTFUL



BE SAFE

I face forwards	I keep my arms by my side	I walk on the <u>left hand</u> side of the corridor	I greet people I pass with a smile	I hold the door open for others	I walk silently unless greeting someone or inviting someone to pass through the door
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It's getting to that time of year when children are more susceptible to coughs, cold and other minor illness. With many of these, they can continue to attend school. Please see the document below for more information.

Is my child too ill for school?



Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	Cold sores Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	Impetigo They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	Ear infection If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	Conjunctivitis Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	Ringworm See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	Measles They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	Scarlet fever They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	Vomiting & diarrhoea Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	Chickenpox Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

Census Day

Thursday 1st October

School Census day takes place on Thursday 1st October. The number of children choosing a school meal on this day helps determine part of the funding schools receive. If your KS1 child usually brings a packed lunch, we would be very grateful if you would consider them having a school meal on this day to support the school. Our catering team will be serving a special

Census Day menu and we hope lots of children will enjoy joining in.

Thank you for your support.

FOOD
FESTIVAL
By Aspens

JUNGLE FEST

Wild Forest Jungle Tomato
Pizza

Or

Safari Chicken Nuggets

Served with Potato Wedges,
&
Sweetcorn

Dessert

Monkey Fingers Banana
Flapjacks

FOOD
FESTIVAL
By Aspens

JUNGLE FEST

Top 14 Allergen Free Menu

1st October

ALLERGY FREE MENU

Tangled Vine Spaghetti Meatballs
with Sweetcorn

Or

Tangled Vine Spaghetti Beans
with Sweetcorn

And

Monkeys Banana
Topped Cookie

ATTENDANCE

Attend today, achieve tomorrow...

This week...	
Reception	93.38%
Year One	94.29%
Year Two	97.86%
Year Three	98.06%
Year Four	98.06%
Year Five	94.19%
Year Six	97.24%

This week's attendance

96.18 %

We are aiming for at least

96.10 %

Unauthorised absences this year

19 days

of learning have been lost
this year because of
unauthorised absences

Be Ready, Be Respectful
Be Safe

Your commitment to preparedness, kindness, and responsibility sets a shining example for others and contributes to a positive and supportive environment.

This week's shining examples are:

Year 1 - Angharad
Year 2 - Amelia
Year 3 - Mary
Year 4 - Mia
Year 5 - Alfie
Year 6 - Lucy



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Diary Dates

Remember you can link your own calendar to sync with the school dates at
<https://www.wellow.hants.sch.uk/Calendar/>

September

Friday 25th - Y3/4 Orienteering Festival (selected children only)
Monday 28th - Yrs 1-6 Cross Country
Wednesday 30th - Y2 Gymnastics Festival

October

Thursday 1st - Harvest Festival at Wellow Church TBC
Monday 5th - Yrs 1-6 Cross Country
Wednesday 7th - Y5 Outdoor learning
Wednesday 7th - Y6 Bronze Ambassador Training (selected children only)
Friday 9th - Hello Yellow day
Monday 12th - Y4 Outdoor learning
Monday 12th - Yrs 1-6 Cross Country
Tuesday 13th - Y6 Outdoor Learning
Wednesday 14th - Y3 Outdoor learning
Friday 16th - Y5/6 Multi Sports Leadership Festival (selected children only)
Wednesday 21st - Y2 Outdoor learning

Half Term

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2026

November

Friday 6th - Y3/4 and 5/6 Tag Rugby Festival (selected children only)
Friday 13th - Y6 Bikeability
Friday 13th - Y5/6 Girls Football competition
Monday 16th - Individual photo's
Monday 16th - Odd socks day
Thursday 19th Flu vaccinations
Friday 20th - Y6 Bikeability
Friday 20th - Y1/2 Multi Skills Festival (selected children only)
Friday 27th - Y5/6 Hockey Festival

December

Friday 4th - Y5/6 Basketball competition (selected children only)
Thursday 10th - Christmas Jumper day
Tuesday 15th - Christmas lunch

Christmas Holidays

Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2027

Inset day 2026/27

- Monday 4th January
- Monday 12th April
- Monday 7th June
- TBC

*All sporting competitions are held at The Mountbatten School unless stated otherwise. All will be communicated via email to those children that have been selected to take part (due to limited spaces).