

# AUTUMN TERM 1 BULLETIN

10th September 2021



## Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to a brand new school year! We have everything crossed that it is going to be as close to 'normal' as we can remember!

Lots has been happening over the holidays, including the redecoration of almost all classrooms, replacement of old lighting and instalment of BRAND NEW, all singing and dancing interactive presentation screens in all classrooms (which we are very excited about!). All of this reinvestment is to ensure that Willen continues to be at the 'top of its game' in terms of facilities and opportunities for children.

We have had lots of new families join us this week (across every year group). We would like to extend a special and warm 'Willen welcome' to all new children and their families.

Here's to a wonderful year ahead for us all.

Miss Matthews

Contact: [Head@willenprimary.org](mailto:Head@willenprimary.org)



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## Dates for your diary:

13/9—Early Years full time in school

24/9—Macmillan Event (TBC)

1/10—Whole School FUN RUN fundraiser!

5/10—World Teacher Day

6/10—Phonics Workshop for parents of Early Years and Year 1, 5pm (online)

13/10 Book Look Event, 3.30pm-4pm

20/10—Harvest Food Bank Collection

20/10—SATS meeting for Year 6 families (online), 5pm

22/10—Whole School 'French Day'

22/10—Last day of Autumn 1 term

1/11—Back to School!

## Water Bottles

The hot weather has made us aware of a new trend of water bottles that 'spray' your faces.

Can we please ask that water bottles are clearly named and are not the type that 'spray' (as you can imagine, these are not always being used appropriately and we have had some rather soggy books).

Thank you.

## **You've got to be in it to win it!**

**Please sign up to our weekly school lottery draw! It's a great (and super easy!) way to raise money for the school whilst also winning some money for you too!**

**Search for Willen Primary at  
[www.yourschoollottery.co.uk](http://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk)**

### WEBSITE Updates

There is LOTS to keep you informed and up to date on our website! Newly uploaded information includes the following:

- Updated covid risk assessment (policies)
- Covid outbreak contingency plans (policies)
- Remote learning policy (policies)
- Curriculum information for parents (year group page)
- Activity passports (year group page)

Visit [willenprimary.org](http://willenprimary.org)

### PE Kit (KS2)

Thank you for adapting to the new routine of wearing PE kit to school on PE days!

As your child is wearing this kit all day, it is really important that it is smart and 'uniform' across the children.

The requirements are:

WHITE OR BLUE POLO SHIRT (Branded or unbranded)

BLUE shorts

NAVY BLUE tracksuit bottoms (as required)

WILLEN (Branded) jumper or hoodie

Thank you very much for your support.

Congratulations to Miss Richardson who got married over the summer holidays! On her return to work, she will be known as Mrs Prescott.



Congratulations to Miss Brown (EY teacher) who gave birth to a healthy baby boy this week!

Mum and baby are both doing well.



Message from St Mary Magdelane Church, Willen:

Robert Hooke (Scientist and designer of the church) will be making a guest appearance in the garden on Saturday 18th September (morning) should anyone wish to come along and meet him.

All welcome.

### All things Covid...

Another school year and another set of Covid rules!

Full information can be found in the flowchart sent by email to you today. However, in short:

- Children under 18 do not need to self isolate if they have been in contact with a positive Covid case (even if that person lives with them). They just need to get a PCR test to be on the safe side. They can come to school as normal (unless PCR result comes back positive)
- Children who show Covid symptoms (cough, high temperature, loss of taste/smell) must **self isolate** and get a PCR test. They must stay home until the test result comes through
- The school will send home any children that display Covid symptoms here at school and will not be able to return until a negative PCR test comes through
- If several children in school test positive for Covid, Miss Matthews will contact the authorities and may look to reintroduce some measures such as mask wearing, cancelling events etc. Should this be required, this will be communicated with all families concerned.

If in any doubt, please give us a call and we can help you... (as we know it is very confusing!)