



# The Willingham Scoop

Welcome to our School Newsletter

Friday 08th May 2026

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## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

If you ask children what they enjoy most about school, many will say playtimes and lunchtimes, and it's easy to see why! They are such a special part of the school day, particularly at our school and especially during the lovely, sunny weather we've been enjoying recently.

What makes lunchtimes so wonderful is not only our fantastic outdoor space, but also the wide range of activities organised by our dedicated lunchtime staff.

One of these opportunities is our Play Leaders programme, led brilliantly by Mrs Godby in her role as Midday Lead. Earlier this term, our Year 5 pupils took part in Play Leader training delivered by the Local Authority Lead Adviser for PE and School Sport. Following a recent visit to the school, he emailed to say:

*"I was genuinely blown away with how good they were. They were so organised and professional in the way they were running the activities. 'There's always room for one more' is the motto of the Playground Activity Leaders, and it was so gratifying to see how they brought this to life. They are a credit to the school, but more importantly, a credit to themselves!"*

We were incredibly proud to receive such positive feedback, and the children should be very proud of themselves too.

We have also been delighted that, even though the construction site has temporarily taken up part of our playground, we are still able to provide a wide range of enjoyable activities for the children during break and lunchtime. We know that many of you have also been wondering about the future of the pirateship, which has been a favourite with the children for many years.

Unfortunately, despite repairs and maintenance over time, including support from the WSA, it has reached a stage where it can no longer be safely repaired.

We are now in the process of removing it and are working with the WSA to explore replacement playground equipment for the children to enjoy. If anyone in our community has relevant links, expertise, or would like to support this project in any way, please do get in touch. With projects like these, all support is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes,

Miss Paalanen



## Key School Dates

### School Calendar:

**Fri 8 May:** Year 3 Bikeability workshop

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**Mon 11-Thu 14 May:** Year 6 SATs Week

**Mon 18-Thu 21 May:** Year 6 Bikeability workshop

**Fri 22 May:** Last day of Summer 1 Term

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**Mon 25-Fri 29 May:** Half term break *[School & Pre-school closed]*

**Mon 1 Jun: Start of Summer Term 2** *[School & Pre-school reopened]*

Hilltop Residential Parent/Carers Information Evening *[5.30pm, New Hall]*

**Thu 04-Fri 05 Jun:** Mini Mindfulness Workshop

**Mon 08 Jun:** Year 6 Residential to Bushcraft **depart**

**Wed 10 Jun:** Reception Sept 2026 In-take Parent/Carer Information meeting *[6pm, New Hall]*

**Fri 12 Jun:** Year 6 Residential to Bushcraft **return**

**Mon 15 Jun:** Year 6 Catch Your Breath Workshop 1 *[9.30am-12pm]*

**Tue 16 Jun:** Year 6 Catch Your Breath Workshop 2 *[9.30am-12pm]*

Reception trip to Wicken Fen *[please refer to email]*

**Wed 17 Jun:** Key Stage One Sports Morning *[9.30-11.30am, School Field]*

**Thu 18 Jun:** Key Stage Two Sports Morning *[9.30-11.30am, School Field]*

**Fri 19 Jun:** WSA 'Not Just for Father's' Day Event *[Lunchtime & 3pm sessions]*

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**Wed 01 Jun:** Year 5 Residential to Hilltop **depart**

**Fri 03 Jul:** Year 5 Residential to Hilltop **return**

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**Sun 05 Jul:** WSA Fen Gallop & Summer Fete at the Ploughman Hall and recreation ground in Willingham

**Tue 07 Jul:** Rocksteady Concert for Parents/Carers of Band Members [1-3pm, New Hall]

**Fri 10 Jul:** Whole School Jump up morning [pupils to return to current classes in the afternoon]

Northstowe Secondary College Induction Day for Year 6

Year 6 Leavers' Party

**Tue 14 Jul:** Cottenham Village College Induction Day for Year 6

**Wed 15-Thu 16 Jul:** Swavesey Village College Induction Days for Year 6

**Fri 17 Jul:** Last day of the Academic Year - **No After School Club**

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**Mon 20 Jul:** Professional Day [School & Pre-school closed]

Please use this link for dates of 2025/26 academic year - <https://www.willingham.cambs.sch.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=164>

**Join us for our Sports Morning!**



Willingham Primary School, warmly invites all Parents/Carers to watch a fun-filled morning of sporting activities and support our children

**Wednesday 17th June – EYFS & Years 1–2**  
**Thursday 18th June – Years 3–6**

🕒 9:30–11.30am  
📍 School Playing Field

**Come and cheer, support, and celebrate with us!**



**! GO TEAM!**

**WSA NOT JUST FATHER'S DAY EVENT**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
Lunchtime (just children)  
or 3pm–4pm (with adult)

Create a personalised keyring to gift to your **No.1** to let them know you think they're **THE BEST**

PLEASE ENTER THE CHILD NAME(S) AND YEAR GROUP IN SECTION 1 OF THE BOOKING (LABELLED AS "CONTACT INFO - FOR BILLING AND ORDER INFORMATION ONLY")

**£2 each**

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GRAMP  
BIG BRO  
PA  
STEP-DAD**



**DADDY  
GRANDPA  
MOM  
UNCLE  
DAD**

**THE FEN GALLOP**  
FAMILY RUNNING FESTIVAL

**5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2026**

10K MULTI-TERRAIN RUN  
4 MILE FUN RUN

WILLINGHAM  
CB24 6LP

FOR MORE DETAILS SEE FEN GALLOP FB OR



SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO & SIGN-UP



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## Junior Travel Ambassadors : Ready, Set, Walk!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week, we are encouraging all children to take part in our **Walk to School Challenge!**

Each child will receive a tracking sheet to record the days they walk to school. Simply tick a box for each day completed. Children who walk to school on **3 out of 5 days** will earn a special prize from the Junior Travel Ambassadors.

Walking to school is a great way to stay active, help the environment, and start the school day feeling refreshed and ready to learn. We would love to see as many families as possible joining in and supporting the challenge together.

**Let's get moving and make next week a fun walking success** — we look forward to seeing lots of happy walkers on the journey to school!



The Junior Travel Ambassadors

## Discover, Feel, Learn: Inside Our Sensory Workshop

Sensory Workshop has been getting creative and reflective. We have been thinking about textures that can help us feel calm. The children explored a range of materials and chose textures they found soothing or interesting. These were used to create a sensory regulation board, supporting children to notice what helps them feel calm. The children also really enjoyed making their own salt dough before rolling, shaping and cutting it into coasters. We then pressed shells into the dough to create imprints and patterns. Once they had dried, the children painted their finished coasters, creating some lovely individual designs to take home.

If you would like to try making salt dough at home, here is the recipe:

- 250g plain flour
- 125g salt
- warm water

Mix together into a dough. Roll, shape and decorate. Leave to air dry or bake on a low heat until hardened.



## H.E.R.O. Bears & House Points



**Key Stage One H.E.R.O. Champions**

1 <sup>st</sup> May	8 <sup>th</sup> May
R MB/CP 97.50%	R SB 97.71%
½ EB/SB 97.33%	½ SP 96.67%


**Here. Everyday. Ready. On time.**

**Key Stage TWO H.E.R.O. Champions**


1 <sup>st</sup> May	8 <sup>th</sup> May
3 SV 96.92%	4 JB 98.29%
4 JB 96.80%	3 SV 97.25%




### WPS House Points




1067	625
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962	835
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1131	1023
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939	744
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[01st May]      [08th May]

## Borras Construction Update

We are now at the end of week 5 and all the foundations are completed for the external walls, with all diversion of the foul and surface water completed and new runs installed. Deliveries are booked for brick, blocks, sand and cement on Monday and Tuesday next week and the bricklayers will start on Wednesday.



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Willingham Primary School has successfully achieved the **Bronze Standard** of the Carnegie Mental Health Award for Schools in recognition of its clear commitment to developing a whole-school approach to mental health and wellbeing. Achieving the Bronze Standard reflects Willingham Primary School's dedication to creating a safe, inclusive and mentally healthy environment for its whole community and its ongoing commitment to continuous improvement.



Help is available if you are experiencing domestic abuse. Call the national domestic abuse helpline on 0808 2000 247. Or contact our Domestic Abuse Lead, Michelle Lenk in confidence via email [mlenk@willingham.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:mlenk@willingham.cambs.sch.uk) who will be able to offer support and advice.