

## Autumn Term 1

### What a busy start...!

We have as always packed lots into our first term at Willaston! We began with Bikeability in Y4 and Y6 and then continued with European Languages Day, Delamere Forest visit in Y2, Phonics Evening for parents/carers in Nursery/Reception/Y1/Y2, PCSO workshops for Road Safety, Halloween and Fireworks Safety, Y5/6 Gymnastics Competition, Y3/4 Football Competition, Y5/6 Tag Rugby Competition and many more exciting things. We pride ourselves at Willaston in providing many opportunities as part of the wider curriculum.

### Autumn Discos

I'd like to say thank you to the FWSA and the staff for hosting the two Autumn Discos this October.

There was lots of dancing from both the children and the staff and special appearances from DJ Sykes and DJ Wakefield!!

A lovely evening all around!



A few pictures of what our wonderful children have been up to this half term...



### Information for Parents

Attached to the newsletter email is the Information for Parents booklet that we send out each half term. Sections/new information have been highlighted for particular reference.

### Dates for the diary

All dates have been sent out during the first week of term in September but I have attached a few key dates as reminders for November:

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	INSET Day
4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children return to school
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Bookings close for Parents Evenings Appointments
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Springy Cup
6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	EYFS tour for prospective parents – 11.15am
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fireworks Evening
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents/Carers Evening Week
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y6 Remembrance Assembly for Y6 parents
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y1 visit from The Lowry Museum staff
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y5 Ford Green Hall visit
14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Diabetes Awareness Day
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y3 Liverpool Visit
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	SEND Support Plan meetings

**REMINDER – INSET day – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**

### Reading for Pleasure

Attached is a list of books that we would recommend for children to share with you at home. I hope you find these useful and maybe consider for birthday and Christmas present lists!

### PCSO workshops

PCSO Nick Jarvis has been supporting the children this half term with a range of workshops.

All year groups from Reception to Year Six have had information shared with them about keeping safe on our roads when walking and cycling as the nights get darker. Following this, Year Three to Year Six have had workshops related to staying safe at Halloween when Trick or Treating and at Fireworks Nights and how to use fireworks safely with parents/carers.

### Year Six – Heads and Deputies

I'd like to say a personal congratulations to the Year Six children for their excellent presentations in support of their wish to become Head or Deputy for their final year at Willaston. Myself and the Year Six staff were so proud to hear their reasons why they should be chosen and why they would represent the school confidently and competently. I never find making the decision as to who should receive the roles easy, but I would like to share that the following children have been chosen for each role:

**Will – Head Boy**

**Poppy – Head Girl**

**Junior – Deputy Head Boy**

**Harley – Deputy Head Girl**

I know they will represent the school to the best of their abilities and I am sure you will wish them lots of luck in their new roles.

**Welcome...**

I'd like to say welcome to Mr Owen who is our new Site Manager. The children and staff have been getting to know him over the past few weeks and I know many of you have said hello and welcomed him to the Willaston family. We have also appointed a part-time Teaching Assistant this week – Mrs Newman, who you will see in the Nursery and Reception classrooms. I am sure you will make them both feel very welcome.

**Thank you...**

A thank you as always for helping your children to settle back into the new school year, for supporting all staff with new routines and for your continued support with the different events/activities held for your children regularly.

The staff at Willaston work extremely hard to ensure your child(ren) receive the best quality education supported by an extensive wider curriculum.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break.

**Miss Wright**

