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May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an amazing four weeks it has been at Willow Park! From exciting classroom learning to having fun in the sun, our school community has truly thrived this half-term. The energy and enthusiasm shown by both pupils and staff has made this a fantastic time of growth, creativity, and connection. **Next week is half-term and the children come back to school on Mon 2 June.**

We've seen pupils shine in so many ways – whether through academic achievements, building friendships or positively engaging with the school environment. It's been a pleasure to celebrate everyone's hard work and dedication.

As we wrap up this half-term, we're already looking forward to what's next. The upcoming weeks promise even more learning, school trips, and hopefully more sunshine! There's so much to look forward to, and we can't wait to see what our pupils will achieve next. 😊

Dates for your Diary

Please mark these important dates in your calendars.

- **Friday 23rd May:** School closes for half-term.
- **Monday 2nd June:** School opens for the last term of the school year!
- **Wednesday 18th June:** School trip to [Mini-Meadows Farm](#) – more information to be sent next week.
- **2nd July:** End of Year Reports to be sent to parents.
- **8th&9th July:** Parent Consultations – more information to be sent out with reports.
- **Friday 18th July** – Final day of the school year before the Summer Holidays!

Next Year's Term Dates

Term Dates 2025/26 (pupils in school)

Autumn Term 1 - Thursday 4 September 2025 - Friday 24 October 2025

Autumn Term 2 - Monday 3 November 2025 - Friday 19 December 2025

Spring Term 1 – Monday 5 January 2026 - Friday 13 February 2026

Spring Term 2 - Monday 23 February 2026 - Friday 27 March 2026

Summer Term 1 - Monday 13 April 2026 - Friday 22 May 2026

Summer Term 2 - Monday 1 June 2026 - Thursday 16 July 2026

See www.willowparkschool.warwickshire.sch.uk/term-dates

where you can always find our term dates

Please note:

Mon 4th May 2026 is a public bank holiday and school will be closed to all staff and pupils

Reminder – school hours from Sept 2025
9.00am – 2.40pm

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Reminders

- Please send your child in with appropriate clothing for the weather. **When warm, please send your child in with suncream and a hat** as the children like to spend time outside during the day. Please send in a water bottle/drink that your child will drink from.
- Please ensure that we have **spare clothes** for your child, in case they get wet having fun in the water.
- Please remember to send your child into school with their **Reading books every Monday and shared learning journals at the beginning of every half-term.**
- **Attendance:** Regular attendance is crucial for student success. If your child is absent, please notify the school as soon as possible everyday your child is absent.
- **Shared learning:** Every half-term we will send home some learning that can be completed at home. We do not expect that all of them are completed but it would be lovely to see what you and your child are learning at home. We also **encourage daily reading with your child.**
- **Clothing and nappies:** Please make sure that your child is coming to school with enough nappies/pants and spare clothes for the day, we enjoy lots of messy and outdoor play so spare clothes are essential. All clothing must be named.

Our Recent Learning

At Willow Park, we continue to strive for excellence in all areas of education. This week in our classroom, we've had an exciting and busy time learning different subjects within our theme of Space.

In Phonics, the children have continued to enjoy environmental sounds, body percussion and using instruments to make rhythmic sounds and this will continue within our learning. Some children have been listening to the initial (first) sound in words and trying to say them.

As we wrote in the last newsletter, we will also continue to focus on pure sounds and if you haven't done so already, here is the video: [Click here for a video that can help you and your child understand pure sounds.](#)

In Maths this term, we've been busy counting to 10, singing fun number songs, and exploring the concepts of big and small. The children have enjoyed hands-on activities that help them recognise numbers, compare sizes, and develop early number sense in an engaging and playful way.

In other areas of learning, we have been encouraging **sharing and turn taking** (which some of our children find quite tricky), pretend play, reading plenty of books, sensory based play, building with a range of materials and learning about our own feelings and how we can express them.

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Half Term Savers

We thought you'd like this...

Please find below a list of eateries where cheaper and

free meal options are available during half term. Please check before arriving at a specified venue as these are generally available, but not all proprietors may be participating in the cheaper/discounted food. Please note that some discounts are available only on specific days, with the use of an app or with a full paying adult.



Casual Dining Restaurants

- Angus Steakhouse: Kids under 10 eat free with adult main (12–5pm).
- ASK Italian: Kids eat for £1 with adult purchase.
- Banana Tree: Free kids' meal per adult main (25–30 May).
- Bella Italia: Free on Thursdays, £1 Sun–Wed (until 6pm).
- Bill's: 2 kids eat free with 1 adult main (26–30 May).
- BrewDog: Free kids' meal with adult main (24 May–1 Jun, E&W).
- Burger King: Free King Jr. meal via app (26 May–1 Jun).
- Cinnamon Collection: Kids under 12 eat free (until 27 May).
- Franco Manca: Free kids' pizza Mon–Thu.
- Frankie & Benny's: Free kids' meal (23 May–1 Jun).
- Gordon Ramsay: Kids under 10 eat free (call ahead).
- Hinnies: Kids up to 12 eat free Tue–Fri (until Nov).
- Las Iguanas: Kids eat free via app.
- Marco Pierre White: Kids eat free with adult meal.
- Preto: Kids under 10 eat free (voucher needed).
- TGI Fridays: Kids eat free with adult main (Stripes Rewards).
- The Coal Shed: Kids under 7 eat free before 7pm.
- The Coconut Tree: Kids 10 & under eat free (25 May–1 Jun).
- The Real Greek: Free kids' meal on Sundays.
- YO! Sushi: Up to 3 kids eat free with £10 adult spend.

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Cafés & Garden Centres

- Asda Cafés: Kids' meals for 60p all May.
- Dobbies: Kids eat for £1 with adult main.
- IKEA: Kids' meals from 95p (from 11am).
- Morrisons: Free kids' meal with adult meal over £4.50.
- Dunelm Pausa: Kids eat free with £4 spend.
- Purezza: Free mini pizza for kids under 10.

Pubs

- Beefeater: 2 kids eat breakfast free per adult.
- Brains Pubs: Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays.
- Brewers Fayre: 2 kids eat breakfast free per adult.
- Farmhouse Inns: 2 kids eat free (23–30 May, voucher needed).
- Hungry Horse: 2 kids eat for £1 on Mondays.
- Sizzling Pubs: Kids eat for £1 (Mon–Fri, 3–7pm).
- Table Table: 2 kids eat breakfast free per adult.

Hotels & Travel Stops

- Bar + Block: 2 kids eat breakfast free per adult.
- Future Inns: Under 5s eat free.
- Heathrow: Kids eat free (26 May–2 Jun).
- Holiday Inn: 2 kids eat free per adult.
- Premier Inn: 2 kids eat breakfast free per adult.
- Travelodge: Kids' breakfast for £1 per adult.

Attractions

- Barbican Kitchen: Free kids' meal with £10 adult spend.
- Coral Island (Blackpool): Free kids' meal all day.
- Tenpin: Kids eat free with 2 junior games (Mon).



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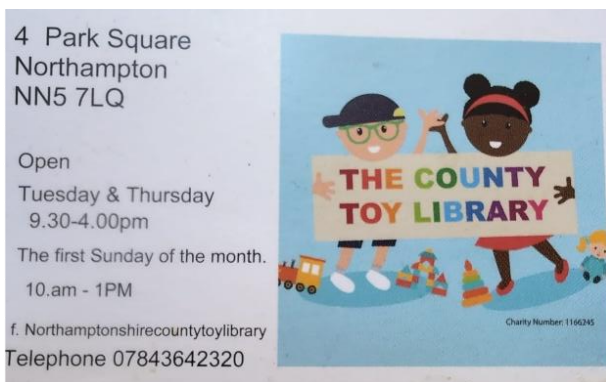
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In Other News

We are excited to share the wonderful news that Joel and his wife have welcomed a Baby Boy into their family! Baby was born last Friday and Mum and Baby are doing well.



For our Northamptonshire pupils, The County Toy Library is an amazing resource that you can access. It is an open space for children and their parents to come and play with a range of exciting toys and engage with other children with similar needs. They are based at 4 Park Square, Northampton, NN5 7LQ. Opening times are on the picture below.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a great half-term break and we'll see the children back in school on Monday 2nd June.

The Team at Willow Park School