

### Start times, Breaktimes and Lunchtimes

Willows will begin school at 8.50am. The children should enter school via the KS2 entrance.

The children can bring a healthy snack for breaktimes and toast will be available for sale.

Please remember to update the office if your child changes from dinners to packed lunches or vice versa.

The children should be collected at 3.10pm from the KS2 entrance.

If you wish to allow your child to walk home alone please email the school office with your written consent.

All phones will need to be handed in to the school office each day.

### 'Novel Around A Theme'

We try to base as much of our English Work as possible around a half termly novel. Our novel this half term is 'Viking Boy' by Tony Bradman. It would be most helpful if the children could have their own copy of the book for the half term in order to access it at home and at school. All local libraries will happily order in books for members at no charge.

We are really looking forward to teaching Willows this year and working in partnership with you all. Please remember to visit our class website for news and photos.

[www.stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk](http://www.stpaulsrawtenstall.co.uk)

Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd

# Welcome to Willows Class



Information for Parents  
2023—2024

## **A warm welcome to Willows class!**

Welcome back to you all. We are so glad to see you all again and hope you had a relaxing summer. Please find enclosed information that will guide you and your child through the academic year. Wishing your child an enjoyable year in Willows Class.

## **Teaching staff**

Willows Class is taught by Mrs Cooper and Mrs Todd. Mrs Cooper teaches Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Mrs Todd teaches on Thursdays and Fridays.

## **Personal belongings**

Your child is responsible for looking after their own belongings. Please make it easier for them by naming all items of clothing, including coats, hats and scarves. Pencil cases will be provided by school. Your child may bring in a small pencil case if they wish with their own coloured pencils / felt tips. This should be kept at school in their tray. This must be able to fit in your child's tray so no oversized pencil cases please. Your child will need a **spill proof** water bottle that will be refilled by staff throughout the day. If your child has a packed lunch they may bring a small bag to carry their lunchbox in.

## **PE kit and Forest School**

Our P.E days are Wednesday and Friday. PE kit should be brought in on their PE day to get changed into at school. This should be navy blue jogging bottoms, white t shirt, blue hooded St Paul's logo top and suitable trainers.

Forest School will be every other Thursday. There will be no sessions in the first week. We will let you know the first Forest School session date this week. Forest School kits should be brought in on Forest School days. Your child will need: wellies, long trousers, long sleeved top, hoodie or jacket and a set of waterproofs

Swimming for Willows will commence after the Christmas holidays.

## **Medical information**

Please ensure that if your child needs any medication within school such as inhalers, that they are in date and the relevant medical form has been completed at the office. All medication should be clearly named and handed to the school office as soon as possible. Please note, it is the parent's responsibility to ensure medication is in date.

## **Reading**

There is an expectation that children in Years 5 and 6 should be reading for a minimum of 20 minutes each night.

Reading books and diaries should be brought to school EVERYDAY. Reading diaries will be checked by staff every Friday and must have been signed 3 x by parents in order for children to access Golden Time.

For children on the Reading Scheme books will be changed on Monday and Thursday.

Guided Reading will take place daily in class.

Our library day is Wednesday. Please return books on a Wednesday for changing.

## **Newsletters**

In order to protect our planet, all contact with home will be posted on our school website or sent through Parent Pay. Please let the office know if you are unable to access the internet and require a paper copy.

## **Homework**

For this term homework will all be undertaken online. This will be a combination of TT Rockstars, Spelling Shed and Reading. For our Year 6 children SATS based homework will be sent out from the Spring Term onwards.

Please ask if you need paper copies. Spelling Shed will be set on a Wednesday and spellings tested the following Wednesday. TT Rockstars will be set and reviewed on Fridays.