



Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

### **Stars of the Half Term**

Very well done to this half term's Stars: Maddie, Sophia, Alfie, Sofia-Grace, Toby, Hayden, Olivia, Matthew, Layla, Jackson, Eleanor, Hana, Seb, Izaan, Summer, Jonah, Willow, Noah, Robyn, Cassey, Molly, Ollie, Heidi, Archie, Sofia, Corey, Lily, Alfie and Esther. We have been so impressed with your hard work and fantastic attitude towards your learning this half term.

### **Year 6 Leavers**

We are very proud of the children in Year 6 for the hardworking, brave, funny, creative and talented young people they are turning out to be. The children's hard work in preparation for their SATS tests this year, their fantastic end of year show and their commitment to their roles and responsibilities around school demonstrate what a fantastic group they are. Thank you to all the children's families for the support provided to them to allow them to make the most of their time at Winnington Park. We will miss them all, but know that they will have the most amazing time at secondary school. We wish them every success in September and moving forward.

### **More Success for Gardening Club**

Congratulations to the Winnington Park Gardening Club who followed up last year's first prize, with second prize at this year's Arley Hall Garden Festival! Gardening Club themed their garden on the topic of 'pollinators'. A variety of plants that attract different types of pollinators were grown and the children made models and art work to explain the process of pollination. A huge thank you to Mrs Woods and Mrs Page who run gardening club and all the children who attend. The school garden is on the right as you walk into the playground and it continues to look brilliant!

### **PTA**

Our PTA have organised some wonderful events this Summer. The Summer Fair was a fantastic success and it was great to see our school community enjoying themselves and taking part in the different stalls and games. The Colour Run, a new event, was equally successful and equally messy and thoroughly enjoyed by all those who took part. Along with the Key Stage 2 Adventure Night and Uniform Sale, over £4000 pounds has been raised by the PTA this term. Yesterday, as a treat from the PTA to all the children, the Ice Cream Van visited school – there were blue tongues and sticky fingers all morning! Thank you to our team of PTA volunteers who give so much of their time in the preparation and planning of these events. Our school is very lucky to have such a committed and creative group of hardworking people supporting the school.

### **Transition to New Classes**

Transition has been very successful this year: the children have enjoyed visiting their new classrooms and spending time with their new teachers. We are very proud of the children who have been friendly and very well behaved as they have made the step forward into their next year group. Thank you for attending the Meet the New Teacher meetings last week – there will be an opportunity for you to catch up with your child's new class teacher in September also. It has been lovely to welcome our new Reception starters into school for some visits also over the last few weeks and we look forward to working with them all in September.

### **The School Games Mark Platinum Award**

Congratulations to Mrs Ford and Mrs Williams who have led the school this year to achieving the School Games Mark Platinum Award, the highest level, for the second consecutive time! The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme. It celebrates schools' commitment to developing competitive sport and participation in physical activity within their school and community. Many of our staff have been involved in this effort to provide the children with a wide range of sporting opportunities, many giving up their own time, and this has been recognised in the achievement of this award. During Sports week alone this half term, the school attended over 15 different events and even took part in the record-breaking world's biggest cricket lesson at Lords Cricket Ground in London! Thank you to all our staff and to the Vale Royal School Sports Partnership who have been instrumental in organising so many of the events that our children have been able to attend.

### **Staffing Update**

Congratulations to Mr Harrison who is getting married over the Summer. We all pass on our best wishes to him and his family

## The Attachment Friendly and Trauma Aware School Award

The Attachment Friendly and Trauma Aware School Award is a program offered by Cheshire West and Chester Virtual School to help schools develop their understanding of attachment and trauma to improve their support for vulnerable children and young people. The award aims to help schools create a more supportive and understanding environment for pupils, particularly those who have experienced adversity or trauma. Mrs Gill has worked very hard this year, leading Winnington on a journey of improving practice and also in the redevelopment of our Nurture Room. Mrs Hunter has already started using the Nurture Room with some of her lunchtime clubs (the children love working in there) and Andrew Cooper MP will be visiting school in September to officially open the new resource. Thank you to Mrs Gill for her hard work and all our staff for their compassionate and empathetic approach to supporting our pupils.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Overall attendance for this school year is 96.1% which is higher than last year and higher than national average and throughout the year, there has been a pattern of improving attendance each term. Thank you to all our families for working hard to ensure the children have the best attendance they possibly can. Congratulations to all the children and their families who achieved the Gold and Silver attendance awards for this half term and an extra congratulations goes to the 23 children and their families who have achieved 100% attendance over the entire academic year – what a fantastic achievement! Well done everyone.

From September, our Governing Body have changed our Attendance Policy so that families booking holidays during term time will be asked to provide confirmation of their booking (accommodation, flights etc.). This information will be passed on to the Local Authority during register inspections. Holiday should be organised outside of term time and holidays during term will not be authorised. Please do all you can next half term to make sure your child arrives in their classroom on time at 8.45am ready for the start of their lessons.

## Safeguarding

Next term we will no longer allow adults visiting school to take pictures and video on their mobile phones of their children during assemblies and other school events. Whenever possible, we will create photo opportunities after an event so families can capture a memory of the occasion. This change is to support the safeguarding of all pupils. Thank you for your support.

Over the Summer children may be given more freedom to explore for themselves and all children may end up spending more time online than usual. The Safeguarding Children in Education Team have asked us to remind parents: Do you know where your children are? Do you know what they are doing? Are your children keeping themselves safe online? We want everyone to have a positive Summer. [This link](#) takes you to online safety information on the school's website.

## The Library Service Summer Reading Challenge 2025 'Story Garden'

The [Challenge](#) (4- to 12-year-olds) and Mini Challenge (Under 4s) are entirely free. Children are given a collector's pack for starting and stickers every time they read two books. After reading six books, they are given a certificate and a medal. Any books qualify, from the library or not, and can be in print, digital, or audio form. The library service are also running many free events over the Summer which are bookable from July 5<sup>th</sup>: [www.ticketsource.co.uk/cwaclibraries](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cwaclibraries)

## Summer Holiday Dates

School closes for the Summer today at 1.15pm. School reopens to children for the new school year on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 at 8.45am.**

## Thank You

We have a wonderful staff team at Winnington Park who all play a vital role in the smooth running of school and the education of the children. Thank you to all those who work in the classroom, but also our site staff, those in the kitchen, the office, our MDAs, the staff at Winners, our Governing Board and our volunteers – your commitment to the pupils of the school goes 'above and beyond'. Thank you also to all our families, whose support for school and their children's learning makes such a difference.

I hope you all have fantastic summer!

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