



WILLOW FARM NEWSLETTER



July 2026



Head of School Update

Liam Bampton

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly memorable Summer Term.

It has been a season of growth, celebration and new beginnings, with pupils embracing class transition visits and preparing confidently for the next stage of their journey. We have enjoyed wonderful opportunities to come together as a school community through Sports Day, our vibrant Cultural Carnival and the exciting Swimming Gala, where teamwork, resilience and school spirit were on full display. Finally, our heartfelt leavers' celebrations gave us the chance to recognise and celebrate those moving on to new adventures.

I would like to thank our dedicated staff, supportive families and, most importantly, our incredible pupils for making this term such a positive and rewarding one. I wish everyone a restful, enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September.



Deputy Head of School Update

Sue Carey

This term, the children have responded exceptionally well to our whole-school focus on developing oracy skills. Strengthening children's ability to communicate confidently is an essential part of their development and plays a significant role in improving outcomes across the curriculum. Through carefully selected texts exploring themes such as transitions and emotional regulation, pupils have been able to reflect on and discuss the changes they have experienced, developing both their understanding and resilience.

The children also thoroughly enjoyed taking part in our The Apprentice challenges. These engaging activities encouraged them to think critically, solve problems systematically, and develop their ability to work both independently and collaboratively. Levels of engagement were exceptionally high, with pupils demonstrating creativity, determination, and teamwork throughout.

In mathematics, the focus has been on consolidating the four operations to ensure children have secure foundations as they move on to their next stage of learning. We are incredibly proud of the commitment, resilience, and positive attitudes the children have shown in all areas of learning this term. Their enthusiasm and perseverance have been a pleasure to see, and they are well prepared for the exciting opportunities ahead.



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Sports Day at Boxford Park

Our annual Sports Day at Boxford Park was a fantastic celebration of teamwork, determination, and school spirit. Students took part enthusiastically in a variety of track and field events, cheering one another on and demonstrating excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. It was wonderful to see everyone giving their best effort, whether competing for points or supporting their classmates. A huge thank you to our staff, volunteers, and families for helping to make the day such a success.

Cultural Carnival

Our school came alive with colour, creativity, and curiosity during this year's Cultural Carnival. Students worked collaboratively to research different countries before designing and running their own themed stalls, showcasing traditions, food, landmarks, games, clothing, and fascinating facts from around the world. The event provided a wonderful opportunity to celebrate diversity, learn from one another, and appreciate the rich cultures that make up our global community. We were incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, creativity, and knowledge our students displayed throughout the day.

Leavers' Celebrations

As the school year drew to a close, we took the opportunity to celebrate our wonderful leavers and reflect on the many memories they have created during their time with us. The celebrations were filled with laughter, smiles, and a few happy tears as students enjoyed special activities and shared moments with friends and staff. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and wish them every success, happiness, and confidence as they begin the next exciting chapter of their journey.

Reminders

Inset days:

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Thursday 3rd September 2026

Friday 4th September 2026

Monday 2nd November 2026

Pupils start term on **Monday 7th September**