



# WILLOWS NEWS

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Dear Carers and Parents,

Welcome back to children, parents and carers, and a special welcome to all for whom this is the first half term at The Willows Academy. It was great to see the children returning and looking so rested and well.

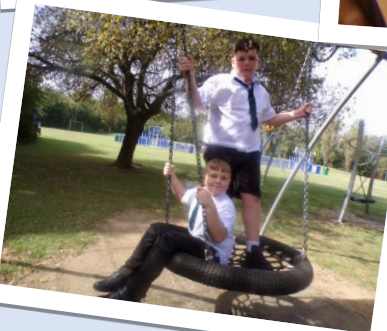
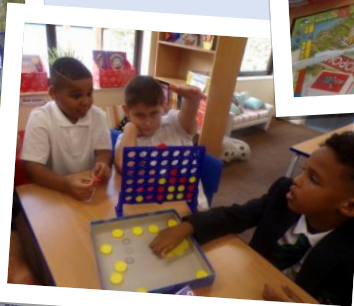
This year, we welcome Mr Khan back as the teacher in Beech class. Mr Khan has worked here before and took leave to teach overseas.

To start the new academic year off, you have received a notice informing you of the schools parent/carer-teacher afternoon, to be held on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September, from 15:15 until 16:00**. The expectation is that all parents/carers need to attend, as it will explain the year ahead, inform our new parents and carers of the school expectations and will give you an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, see their class and ask any questions you may have. In addition, it is most important that your child sees that there is a positive and mutually communicative relationship between home and school, and they will also see that school is important because you see it as important.

Dance and other physical education lessons start next week. Please can you ensure that your child brings appropriate footwear – trainers – and that they change for all P.E. activities. If you would reinforce this message at home, it would very supportive. In the meantime, enjoy the last of the summer weather.

Paul Gregory-Hunt (Head of School)

## Welcome back to the new academic year 2023-2024



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## New Library Area

As a reading school we are delighted to have completed phase 2 of our school library.

The children love selecting books that feed their own interests and imagination when reading for pleasure or researching.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

Kindly let Miss Kasha, in the office, know of any changes to your contact details.

**Thank You**

### Sports Kit

School provides a PE Kit consisting of shorts and a T-shirt for every child; it will be washed weekly on site.

**Please ensure that your child has trainers in school on a Monday ready for the week.**

Please impress on your child the importance of wearing a PE Kit.

### WORD OF THE WEEK

## Empathy

... the ability to understand other people's feelings and problems

### Autumn Term

First Day of Term Staff only - INSET day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Staff only - INSET day	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Pupils back	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Half Term	Monday 23 October 2023 - Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Last Day of Term	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023 1:30pm Early Finish
School Holiday Dates	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023 – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2024



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