



Weekly Bulletin

Friday 8th September

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to September!

It has been so amazing welcoming all the children into school this week and meeting all our new starters. The sun has even made an appearance this week. We are looking forward to working with you all over the coming year and seeing your children grow. We will be starting our WILLOWS CAFÉ the last Friday of every month. This is a great opportunity to come into School and meet other parents and have a sit down with a cup of tea and biscuits.

3-2-6 Price changes

As with everything at the moment we have had to take a look at our prices and from September the cost of 3-2-6 will be changing. There will be a shorter session available from 3pm-4:30pm which will cost £8 and will also include dinner and 3pm – 6pm will now cost £15.

After School Clubs

We are always looking for ideas for after school clubs. If you or your child have any ideas of what clubs they would like to see next term, please email those ideas to office@thewillowseyc.org.uk.

School Lunches

Please do **not include peanuts** or any product containing peanuts such as **chocolate spread** in your child's lunch box. Some children who attend the School have an allergy to nuts and could become ill. Dinner order forms for this term were issued before the summer holidays. If you have not returned a form for your child they will need to bring in a packed lunch. If you wish for your child to have a school lunch, please come to the office to collect a form to complete.



PE Days

Please make sure your child comes into school wearing their PE kits.

Monday – Reception

Tuesday – Owls

Wednesday - Rabbits

Thursday - Squirrels

Friday - Nursery

Starting School For The First Time or Moving up to Year 3 in September 2024?

Children who are in nursery and celebrated their 3rd birthday before 31st August 2023 or are in **Year 2** must apply for a School place now, ready for September 2024. Although the deadline for applications is Sunday 15th January, don't delay – apply online by the end of November, then you can relax and forget about it.



In England every parent must apply for a place for their child at a school, even if it's linked to their child's current nursery. Maximise your chance of getting a preferred Reception or Year 3 place by doing the following:

Apply on time

- The closing date is 15th January 2024
- Any applications received after this will be processed after national offer day
- A late application means you are less likely to get any of your preferences
- Notifications of the places offered will be made on 16th April 2024 (unless your application is late)

Apply online

- You can only apply online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schooladmissions between 1st September 2023 and 15th January 2024
- You will be able to view, update and submit your application through the portal
- Communication with you will be quicker and your application will be secure


Use all four preferences

- You can apply for up to four schools. The schools will not know in which order you have placed the preferences
- Each preference is considered in its own right, so please ensure that you give yourself four separate chances
- If more than one school is able to offer your child a place then the order of preferences is important, so ensure you list the schools in the order that you want them considered

Choose Wisely

- Ensure you are aware of the oversubscription criteria for your preference schools. This is how all the applications will be ranked
- Don't assume you will be allocated a place at your catchment school if you don't state it as one of your preferences
- For Year 3 applications, give consideration to your secondary school liaison group – is your preferred school linked to the secondary school within the area?
- Don't assume your child will get priority just because they attend a nursery class attached to your preferred school
- Consider how easy it is for you to get your child to and from school.

Diary Dates

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| Friday 29 th September | 9am | Willows Café (For parents/Carers) No need to book, just come along. |
| Wednesday 4 th October | | Individual Pupil Photographs  |