



Newsletter September 2017

Can you believe that it's the end of September already? The start to term has blown by, Acorns have settled in superbly and all of the pupils have embraced the new year with vigour and enthusiasm. We are celebrating some great school results from last year with good and outstanding in most areas.

We are also very proud to be featured in the [Government's Parliamentary Review](https://www.theparliamentaryreview.co.uk/editions/primary-education/midlands-and-east-of-england) as a featured school this year, one of only a few in the East Midlands.

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As we are speeding towards half term I look forward to seeing many of you at our Harvest celebration next Friday and thank you for your help in making the start of this school year such a successful one.

Matthew Brookes

Y5 children had a great time at Beaumanor Hall; the children all looked amazing in their evacuee outfits. During the day we learnt about rations, evacuees, decoding & the role of Beaumanor in WW2. We experienced what life might have been like in an air raid shelter & sang wartime songs. Thanks parents for your support with outfits & packed lunches.



Year 4 Viking Day: Year 4 met Norse woman Leagrid and Norseman Gregolf for an inspiring day of raiders and traders, Viking games and pastimes and Norse myths! We all learned so much and our children looked amazing in their costumes (thank you parents and grandparents). Our visitors commented on the brilliant behaviour and enthusiasm from our children! A great day!



Year 6 had an exciting start to the year, venturing to Bosworth Battlefield as an introduction to our topic. We learnt about the gruesome operations conducted by the 'barber surgeons', where and why the battle occurred and what life was like in 1485.



Year 3 had a fantastic Roman Day. First of all, thank you all for your stunning costumes. The children looked fabulous and there was a great vibe all day. The activities included marching, looking at artefacts, throwing spears and nets, learning about Boudicca, making clay votives, playing Roman games, sharing grisly Roman Story and much more. Our visitors commented on how well behaved our children are. They are a credit to you and us. A brilliant day making memories through great learning.



Foundation Stage - Superhero Day - On Monday 18th September Acorn 1 and 2 enjoyed a Superhero themed day to kick start their new Superhero topic. The children completed a Superhero assault course, designed their own Superhero masks, helped to find the missing numbers (stolen by the villains) and sprayed different sounds with water pistols. A fabulous day was had by all. A big thank you for the fabulous costumes – the children looked great!



Sporting success at Willesley – Only 4 weeks back and Willesley are already straight back into sporting competition. Table tennis at Newbridge was first up for the Year 5 / 6s. Two Willesley teams represented the school for both Boys and Girls competitions. The girls were the first up on Tuesday looking to defend their title from last year. Unfortunately the girls fell at the last hurdle losing 3-1 in a tight well contested final to Hugglescote.

With the girls setting such high standards the night before the boys had a lot to live up to. Breezing through their pool games the boys went storming into the quarter finals after only losing 2 of their 12 games. Belvoirdale were first up for the Boys in the quarter final with Willesley coming out well deserved 3-1 winners. Whitwick were up next in the semis with the boys again showing great attitude and persevering through to another 3-1 win to book their place in the final. Broom Leys were in the final after beating Willesley B by one point in the other semi-final before Willesley A again coming out 3-1 victors.

WASPS will be holding a **Nearly New Uniform Sale** in the parent shelter at school pick up time on Wednesday 11th Oct and Friday 13th Oct. All items £1, grab a few bargains!

It's been a busy start to the year for the WASPs with our (now) annual Community Event at the Cricket Club taking place, alongside our AGM. We also welcomed some new parents to the team and have all our plans in place for the next event – Foundation Party!

The dates for the events for the year are now available on the school website and on the WASPs noticeboard near the purple gates. All of our fundraising this year will be going towards improving or IT equipment and the playground.

If there are any other parents wishing to join WASPs please do let us know by emailing ashbywillesleywasps@hotmail.co.uk

School Governing Body – As a new school year starts the governing body would like to extend a warm welcome to all the children and parents, especially those who have joined the school this term. An exciting year lies ahead as the children settle into new classes and develop new skills and knowledge. The governing body continues to work closely with the leadership team at the school to ensure Willesley remains the successful and friendly school we all know.

The governing body is currently looking to recruit a new Parent Governor and a Co-opted Governor. Do you have the time and passion to contribute to the work of the governing body? Governors help set strategic priorities and targets for the school and they hold senior leaders to account by monitoring the school's educational performance. They also oversee the financial performance of the school, helping to ensure it is money is well spent.

Interested in finding out more? You can see more information about what a governor does, what the requirements are and much more on the school website. Although this information is due an update, it is all still applicable. **The closing date for applications is Monday 2nd October so it's not too late to put yourself forward and become part of the team that makes Willesley such a great school.**

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| 05/10/17 – Open Evening @ 6:30pm | 08/12/17 – Decorations Morning |
| 06/10/17 – Harvest Festival – St Helen's Church | 08/12/17 – WASPS Festive Fair |
| 10/10/17 – Parents Evening (Late) | 12/12/17 – FS Christmas Performance (PM) (Acorn 1 & Acorn 2)) |
| 12/10/17 – Parents Evening (Early) | 13/12/17 – Y2 Christmas Performance (AM) (2ST & 2AC) |
| 19/10/17 – Last Day of Term | 14/12/17 – Y1 Christmas Performance (PM) (1JM & 1AD) |
| 20/10/17 – Teacher Day (school closed for pupils) | 19/12/17 – KS2 Carol Service – Holy Trinity Church |
| 30/10/17 – Back to School | 22/12/17 – Last Day of Term |
| 02/11/17 – Y1 Parents Information Morning | |
| 13/11/17 – Anti-Bullying Week | |
| 20/11/17 – Y5 WW2 Party | |
| 21/11/17 – Flu Immunisation FS to Y6 | |
| 21/11/17 – Maths Evening – All welcome | |