



# Widnes Academy

Wade Deacon Trust  
Principal: Mrs Karen Highcock



## WEEK ENDING 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER 2020

### HALF TERM

The children break up for half term today and will return to school on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

### COVID-19 UPDATE

If your child or any family member has to take a Covid test during the half term, could you please email the school at [school@widnesacademy.co.uk](mailto:school@widnesacademy.co.uk).

### SCHOOL START/FINISH TIMES

After half term, there will be a slight change to the start and finish times for the school day. From 2<sup>nd</sup> November the times will be as follows:

	Start	Finish	Gate
Nursery	8.30 am	11.30 am	Bottom playground
Reception	9.00 am	2.45 pm	Bottom playground
Year 1	9.15 am	3.00 pm	Top playground Bottom playground
Year 2	9.00 am	3.00 pm	Top playground
Year 3/4	8.45 am	3.10 pm	Parsonage Road
Year 4/5	8.45 am	3.15 pm	Top playground
Year 6	8.45 am	3.15 pm	Bottom playground

### READING EGGS

We have purchased a new online reading scheme called 'Reading Eggs' which will replace Oxford Reading Buddy. The children have been using this in school and are really enjoying the new activities and access to online reading books. New logins and further information will be sent home today with children from Reception to Year 6 - please have a look and any feedback would be welcomed.

### WELCOME BACK!

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Byrne back to school after half term following her maternity leave. She will be part of a job share in Year 3/4 with Mrs Harding and she has been in school this week to meet all the children.

### BIRTHDAYS

Many happy returns to Seb, Jack U, Frankie M, David, Howie and Hadil who celebrate their birthdays this week or during the holiday.



### SCHOOL LUNCHES

After half term we will continue rotating classes so that each week Reception and one other class will be able to choose a hot lunch. Please note the choice will be hot lunch or home packed lunch, there won't be any school packed lunches for those two classes. The classes having hot lunch will be as follows (all classes may have a hot lunch each Friday).

w/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Reception, Year 1
w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception, Year 2
w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception, Year 3/4
w/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Reception, Year 4/5
w/c 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception, Year 6
w/c 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception, Year 1
w/c 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception, Year 2

### HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

This week's award goes to Savannah for her caring and thoughtful attitude to others.

### WEEKLY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who have been selected by their Class Teacher to receive a weekly award:

**Reception** – Jonah for always trying really hard.

**Year 1** – Alfie for fantastic Halloween cupcakes.

**Year 2** – Frankie CM for a positive attitude to learning.

**Year 3/4** – Oliver for showing persistence in learning column subtraction.

**Year 4/5** – Hadil for determination to succeed in Maths.

**Year 6** – Thomas for improved behaviour this week.

### ST MARY'S CHURCH

On Sunday, 1st November, St Mary's would normally be holding their Annual Memorial Service, however due to current tighter restrictions, they have taken the decision not to have a service in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

The church will be open from 11:00am until 1:00pm on that day to anyone who would like to light a candle, pray privately and/or lay a flower in memory of a loved one.

Everyone is most welcome and the church hopes that these arrangements give everyone the opportunity to remember those special to you.

The church has been carefully prepared to make it as Covid safe as possible, so please follow all regulations such as wearing face coverings, respect social distancing, sanitise your hands and to log in on arrival. Marshalls will be on hand to offer assistance and guide you safely.

### THANK YOU

A big thank you to all staff, pupils and parents for the support and hard work to keep our school safe in what has been a long and challenging half term. Make sure you have a restful half term and we will see you all on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.



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