



THOMAS WILLINGALE SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to Thomas Willingale School and Nursery. I hope you have all had a lovely summer and enjoyed some well-earned family time.

It is wonderful to welcome our children back, and I would particularly like to welcome all of the new children and families joining us this September.

While the children have been enjoying their summer break, our staff have been incredibly busy preparing for the year ahead. Classrooms have been refreshed and organised, resources prepared, curriculum plans reviewed and learning carefully planned. Staff have also been undertaking training and working together to ensure that we are ready to provide the very best start to the new academic year. A huge amount of work goes on behind the scenes, and I am extremely grateful to our whole team for everything they have done to make the school ready and welcoming for our children.

We have much to be proud of from last year, but we are always looking at how we can make our school even better. Our ambition remains simple: to provide every child with an excellent, inclusive education and ensure they are happy, safe and able to thrive.

Our values of Kindness, Integrity, Respect and Effort will continue to be at the heart of everything we do.

Our ambitions for the year ahead

This year, we will focus on:

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- Excellent teaching and learning – helping children to think deeply, remember their learning and achieve their very best.
- Strong foundations – continuing to develop reading, writing and maths, with a particular focus on phonics, early writing, communication and number skills for our younger children.
- Oracy and pupil leadership – giving children more opportunities to speak, debate, share their ideas and take on leadership roles.
- Preparing children for their future – continuing My Happy Mind and My Futures, alongside developing children's understanding of AI, online safety, digital resilience and fake news.
- Inclusion – strengthening our SEND provision and ensuring every child receives the support and challenge they need to succeed.
- Safeguarding and wellbeing – ensuring children continue to feel safe, happy, valued and listened to at school.

We will also maintain our strong focus on attendance. Every day in school matters, and we will continue to celebrate excellent and improving attendance while working closely with families where support is needed.

As previously communicated, this September also marks the start of our smartphone-free school approach. Thank you for your support with this important change, which forms part of our wider commitment to children's safety and wellbeing.

We have an exciting year ahead, and the partnership between home and school will continue to be incredibly important. Above all, we want every child to come through our gates each morning feeling safe, valued, excited to learn and confident that they can achieve great things.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are very excited to have everyone back and look forward to another happy and successful year at TWS.

Warmest wishes,

Miss Phillips
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