



THOMAS WILLINGALE SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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Thomas Willingale School and Nursery End of Year Letter – July 2025

Dear Families,

What a brilliant year it has been at Thomas Willingale School and Nursery!

We began our celebrations this year with a very special **open-air cinema event** to mark our fantastic attendance achievements. Over **150 pupils who achieved 97%+ attendance** this year will receive free entry (with one adult) to our **Great Attendance Fiesta** in September – a well-deserved treat! We are proud to say that **attendance at TWS is better than national**, and this is clearly reflected in our brilliant results, including **exceptional SATs outcomes** that exceeded national averages. Well done, children – and thank you, families, for your ongoing support in ensuring strong attendance.

Our children have enjoyed a truly immersive and exciting curriculum this year – packed with opportunities that bring learning to life! From a **multitude of enriching trips, VE Day commemorations, Rock Kidz workshops, Shakespearean theatre experiences, pantomimes, Silly Science events**, and 'Hoebble' immersive **learning days** that transformed classrooms into dynamic spaces of wonder and creativity.

We've proudly published regular editions of the **Willingale Wire**, capturing the highlights of our school life, and we've continued to offer open and engaging events such as **Stay and Play OPAL sessions** and **Parents to Lunch** opportunities – always a hit with both children and grown-ups!

It's been a record-breaking year for sport too! TWS has been **the most engaged school in local sporting events**, earning **plenty of medals** and proudly representing our school community with determination and team spirit.

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Our children have also participated in inspirational moments, such as **Young Voices**, **university-style Brilliant Club graduations**, and even **royal visits** – all contributing to their sense of confidence and aspiration.

We would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to our **amazing PTA**, who have supported us throughout the year with unforgettable events and invaluable fundraising efforts. We are also especially grateful to all the families who donated toys to enhance our play provision – your contributions have truly made a difference.

Speaking of play, both **Mr Reinke's (yes, both of them!)** have been instrumental in transforming our OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) experiences. We're now aiming to receive our **OPAL accreditation** in the coming year – a recognition of the outstanding work that's been done to support creativity, co-operation and joyful outdoor play.

Looking ahead to next year, we are focusing even more on **online safety** and will be engaging with the '**Smart Phone Free Childhood**' campaign. We know many families are fighting their own screen-time battles at home, and we are committed to supporting you. One small request: please help us model healthy habits by **not using mobile phones on the playground** during pick-up and drop-off.

Please do visit the website over the summer for more information about this:

 [Smartphone Free Childhood](https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/)

We are also proud to be joining the '**Let's Go Zero**' schools movement as part of our commitment to sustainability and tackling climate change. Our **Climate Change and Sustainability Action Plan** will be available on the school website soon – we can't wait to work with our children and families on this important mission.

As the school year ends, we want to thank every parent and carer for your **support, encouragement, lovely cards and kind gifts** – these mean so much to our staff. It has been a year of challenges (yes, we've even survived the heat – mostly!), but above all, it has been a year of joy, success, and togetherness.

We finish school tomorrow at 1.30pm. Have a **safe, restful and sunny summer**, and we look forward to welcoming you all back on **Monday, 2nd September**.

With warmest wishes,

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