



William Harding School

Harding Herald Newsletter



House Captains

Our House Captains are responsible for keeping track of house points and sharing the totals with the rest of the school each week. They also support the teachers with inter-house competitions and encourage the children to cheer for and celebrate their house's achievements. Each house has one Captain and two Vice Captains who will be chosen by the Year 6 team. House Captains had to write a formal letter of application stating why they think they would make an excellent role model for their house. We are pleased to announce our House Captains and Deputies for this year.

Hampden

Captain: Lucy

Vices: Sadie and Charley

Nightingale

Captain: Georgie

Vices: Sofiyan and Finley

Rothschild

Captain: Kadushan

Vices: Mia and Tabitha

Guttman

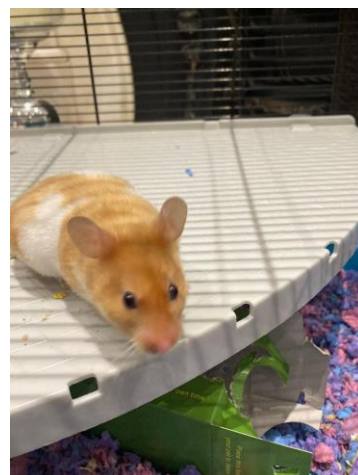
Captain: Katie

Vices: Navaeh and Tyler

Animal Advocates

We have been so impressed by our new group of Animal Advocates. It was a difficult start to the year with the death of Caramel one of our Gerbils but the Animal Advocates handled it with such maturity and have been supported by members of the FLO team. The Animal Advocates have been very caring of the animals, always checking on their welfare and ensuring the animals have everything they need. The Animal Advocates have been especially excited to spend time with our newest edition Poppy. The current Animal Advocates will continue to enjoy their time with the animals for the Autumn term before a new group of Advocates take over for Spring term.

Mrs Bazeley – FLO Team



William Harding Attendance Cup

The William Harding Attendance Cup and a mufti day is awarded to one class in Key Stage 1 and one class in Key stage 2 who have the highest overall attendance percentage for the previous half term.

I am pleased to let you know Cherry have won the Attendance Cup in KS1 with overall attendance of 96.7%. Waddesdon won the attendance cup with overall attendance of 97.63%. Well don't to both classes for great attendance. Separate communication will be sent regarding the date of the mufti day.

Miss Bone – Lead Family Liaison Officer

PE and Sport at William Harding

KS1 have welcomed Mrs Bagshaw to the PE team this term. They have been learning tennis and gymnastics and have learnt a variety of different skills. In KS2 this term the children have been challenging themselves to create some gymnastic routines. The end products have been fantastic!! For outdoor PE this term they have been learning either netball or tennis, which they have really enjoyed.

Sports clubs

Clubs have seen amazing numbers with basketball on Mondays seeing over 40 children sign up. Hopefully the numbers continue to thrive!

District Cup

The year 5/6 girls and boys football team played in the District Cup football tournament on Saturday 15th October. During the tournament they played lots of schools from around our district and showed a fantastic team spirit! Well done to all involved.



Mr Rayner - PE Team

Premises News

We are very pleased to confirm the completion of our all-weather trim trail and astro pitch extension on the KS2 field. Both will give all pupils a chance to continue to use the outdoor spaces during the wet/cold weather and provide the incentive to stay active.

We have completed the next stage of new windows in the KS2 building making another 5 classrooms much warmer for the winter and cooler for the summer. They look really smart too.

As part of the ongoing lighting replacement project, the final stage has now been completed and all our lighting across site is now energy efficient LED lights.

There is a lot of project work up and coming with the next part of the decorating programme starting soon too. We are working hard to keep our school looking amazing.

Miss Judge – Business Support Manager



Pre School News

This half term we have welcomed in many new families to our Pre-school community and are yet again amazed at how well they have settled in and adjusted to our routines. The children have thrived making new friends and have embraced learning lots of new things.

So far, we have been exploring Autumn activities, getting very creative with different materials, as well as focusing on some physical development during our PE lessons and using the outside space to create some balancing obstacle courses. We have looked at all things autumn and completing tasks like leaf rubbing and spotting minibeasts all around.

The next half term we will be focusing on a topic of Journeys, the world around us and looking at ways we can travel and where we can go with a little focus on London.



"I love going to Pre-school to see my friends!"

Reception News



We have had a wonderful first half term in Reception. All of the children have settled in well to their routines and are starting to develop their independence. The children have loved exploring their new areas and getting to know their new friends in their classes. The children have also loved getting to know our school pets including our Guinea Pig Buzz and our Giant African Land Snigel. Our topic this half term has been 'All about me' and we have spent lots of time talking about our families and who we live with as well as our pets and all of the things we like and dislike. We have also had lots of fun celebrating Harvest by singing 'Big red combine harvester' which the children have loved singing. Thank you for working so hard this half term.

"I love looking after our school pets"

Year 3 News

This term we have been reading the book 'Charlotte's Web' by E.B White. We have all thoroughly enjoyed reading all about how Charlotte saves Wilbur from being killed.

'I have really enjoyed it because it was great to see all the animals work together, like our school value 'collaboration,'. Year 3 have also looked at their local area and learning the 8 points of a compass and drawing maps of our local area. We have also taken part in a Waddesdon Manor project where we spoke about how we are unique.

During computing we have completed our own research on laptops, created questions and then made our own online quiz based on what we had learnt. We created some fantastic multiple-choice questions. During our art lessons we have made our own print blocks using polystyrene and a pen, you can see our creations below.



"The bright lights were cracking as quick as a flash. I had a roller coaster of emotions. Whilst writing about Wilbur's day." Armaan

Year 6 News

This half term, the year 6's started off with their focus entirely on the 11+. Well done to all children during this tough week for all. Throughout the half term, the children have been working on their Maths skills, looking at the four operations, fractions, and place value. In English, the children have started their first SQUIRT text of the year, *The Clockwork Sparrow*, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed the start of the book. In our afternoon sessions, the children have been learning about the earth and its geography, focusing on time zones and lines of latitude and longitude. In PE, the children have been creating their own gymnastics routines in indoor PE and practicing their tennis skills in outdoor PE. Last week, the children completed their first assessment week of the year and all the staff were incredibly impressed with their focus and hard work during the week. This week, we have got a total of 80 children joining us at River Dart for an exciting week full of team building activities and the children have had a great time! The children in school have spent the week completing investigations, baking, topic afternoons and craft and drama activities.



"I have enjoyed all of the activities, including zip lining and kayaking. All of the staff have been superb at CRS River Dart, especially our group instructor." Sofian R

'I loved doing the presentations on the computers!'
Megan



'Even though not all my friends were with me, I still had a great time with all the activities we did with the class like; baking, drawing and writing stories.' Tabitha



'I enjoyed learning about Black History Month and drawing who we admire.'
Tyler

Head Teacher News

Dear parents and families,

We've had a fantastic start to the new term and welcomed lots of new faces to the school as well as those returning to us. The pupils have settled in extremely well and are showing great enthusiasm in their learning.

This half term our School Value has been **RESPECT** and we've seen lots of great examples of this around the school with the children acknowledging respect for themselves, their friends, the staff and the visitors we welcome to the school each day. The value we will be focussing on next half term is **PERSEVERANCE**.

It has been wonderful to see so many of the children enjoying all the clubs we have on offer this half term - from handball to hockey, coding to choir and board games to basketball, there really is something for everyone and gives lots of the children an opportunity to try something new for the first time.

We have enjoyed celebrating the children's successes during our Star of the Half Term assemblies and Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed performing their Harvest Festival piece this week with songs and spoken words about why we celebrate Harvest Festival in the UK.

Lots of our Year 6 pupils left bright and early on Monday as they set off for their residential trip to River Dart. We've heard fantastic reports throughout the week of all the activities they've been doing including kayaking, canoeing, mountain climbing, crate stacking, caving, high ropes and zip wires to name but a few! We know they will have made some wonderful memories during their time away and cannot wait to hear all about it when they return to school after half term.

I wish you all a restful half term, please stay safe and enjoy some valuable time together as families. Pupils return to school on Tuesday 1st November.

Miss Cotchin
Head Teacher

WHO TO CONTACT

As a large primary it is important to us that you can always speak to someone who is able to help you with a concern or issue that you might have. If you are still unhappy after following the 'Who to contact' sheet you can find our complaints policy on our website <https://www.williamhardingschool.co.uk/policies> If you feel you need support or help please note our FLO team are on hand. As a school we always ask you to work with us and follow our communication guidance above rather than seeking external procedures which can result in a lengthy wait whilst they ask us for information surrounding the issue raised.

To discuss...	Who should I speak to?
Reading books, learning, homework, behaviour, personal wellbeing, friendships, Special Needs queries or any worries	Class teacher leave a message via the office 01296 421733 or email: office@williamharding.school
After speaking to the class teacher, Special education needs, ECHP, additional support for pupils & ARP queries	SENDCO Mrs Chowdhri or SEND Administrator 01296 421733 senadmin@williamharding.school
Safeguarding/Child protection concerns Attendance/lateness, Family support, home difficulties, worries, emotional difficulties, confidential information Wellbeing/Mental Health/counselling	Family Liaison Officers (FLOs) Mrs Bone, Mrs Bicknell, Mrs Bazeley, Mrs Lambourne Or Mrs Skinner (IPSL) via the office 01296 421733
Medical concerns, injuries, medicines, diabetes, return to school after an illness	Matron – Mrs Lambourne matron@williamharding.school
Lunches, exceptional leave of absence, messages, change of information, trips, school events, appointments with staff, clubs, admissions, PP enquiries	Office team 01296 421733 Financial Administrator Mrs Smith, Office Administrator Miss Hill, HR & Leadership Team Administrator Miss Miller, Admissions Officer Mrs Albrighton office@williamharding.school
Pre-school enquiries	01296 398822 preschool@williamharding.school
WOW Breakfast club and After school club enquiries	WOW team Email: wow@williamharding.school Payment queries email: financeadmin@williamharding.school

If you have contacted the class teacher & still have concerns please contact the Year Leader;

Pre-school Mrs Zannini, Reception Miss Stevens, Yr 1 Mr Fuller, Yr 2 Miss Sisk, Yr 3 Miss Garner, Yr 4 Mrs Fulford-Foy, Yr 5 Miss Wainwright, Yr 6 Mr Stallwood

Assistant Headteachers are able to support if you have already contacted the Year Leader

EYFS & KS1 - Mr Thorpe
KS2 - Year 3/4 - Mrs Fulford-Foy Year 5/6 Mr Stallwood

If you have already contacted the Assistant Headteachers, then contact Miss Brydon (Deputy Headteacher) & Head teacher Miss Cotchin.

If you have concerns in the first instance you *should* speak with the *class teacher*, this is also the case with any *SEN* concerns in the first instance.