

Dear Parents and Carers,

We finally reach the last few days of the school year and an exhausting but happy Harry Potter half term!

If you visited school for our exhibition and Open Afternoon, you would have seen a hall full of brilliant work which reflected the inspiration of J.K. Rowling's books and completely met our learning goals for the topic. I hope that through our theme your children have enjoyed their work and play.

Yesterday the whole school arrived at Hogwarts for our Harry Potter celebration! Once again, your ideas and excitement when it comes to dressing up and celebrating our topic is the icing on the cake!





After four weeks of rehearsal, each class presented a dance to the rest of the school! They have got to know the music from *The Sorcerer's Apprentice* by Paul Dukas and each performance was wonderfully unique!

At lunchtime we set the hall up for a feast! A Hogwarts roast was served up to the four houses. I have to thank Freya Rashad's Mum, who sent us floating candles and an animated Hedwig who presided over proceedings! The afternoon was filled with a challenge where house teams went on a hunt for miniature potions, golden galleons and flying snitches. Final House Point totals were revealed this morning and Ravenclaw secured the House Cup!

Building Works

You may have noticed this morning that contractors have moved onto the school site. Willow Brook is about to embark on a period of renovation work by Notts County Council. The project will replace ceilings and lighting across the school, as well as replacing wiring and heating systems. As we move out on Friday night, work will begin in the school hall. Over the holiday period, pre-school, EYFS and Year 1 will also be completed, together with all toilets and cloakrooms. This will allow school to open and function as usual on September 1st. Work in the remaining classrooms and communal areas will be carried out safely according to a well-planned schedule. Years 2 to 6 will all have a turn in our 'spare' classroom space over the winter/spring. Any central areas will be worked on during holiday periods and across weekends.

As long as the contractors are on site, the school carpark is out of bounds to pedestrians, and we ask that you do not enter or leave the premises via the driveway tomorrow or in the new year.

We will, of course, keep you informed as the project unfolds and update you as the new term starts.

All that remains is for the Willow Brook staff to wish you a very happy summer break. We look forward to welcoming you to a new school year and lots of new adventures on Thursday September 3rd. We send our fabulous Year 6 pupils away tomorrow with all our love and best wishes and look forward to welcoming 30 brand new children to our very special community.

Louise Ballard and the Willow Brook staff.