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JUNIOR NEWS EXPRESS

Value of the Month

Democracy, Respect and our Golden Rules

4th September 2026

Dear families

Firstly, may I welcome you all to William Austin Junior School, whether you are returning after the summer holiday or you are new to our school. It has been lovely to welcome the children back.

This is our first edition of *Junior News Express* of this school year and is a valuable form of communication between school and home. This newsletter allows us to share with you of all the exciting opportunities available to your child and celebrate their achievements. Look out in future editions for the WOW work. This is work chosen by the teachers especially for celebrating in the newsletter and photos of it are displayed in the hall. We publish the newsletter every fortnight on our school website www.william-austin.com and you can find out lots of information about the school, including letters we send home to families. We are @WilliamAustinJS if you would like to follow us on X (Twitter).

We are inviting all pupils to scoot to school – we have scooter racks where children can keep their scooter safe during the day.

Well done to the Wizards, nominated by their teachers, who got to sit on chairs in our Celebration Assembly today. Their names are displayed on the front of this newsletter.

We are holding our Head Boy and Head Girl elections next week and I am looking forward to hearing their speeches and for the staff and pupils to vote.

We are holding our Y3 coffee mornings next week and it will be lovely to meet our new parents. Look out for text messages from our Family Workers for further details.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and know that William Austin will go from strength to strength with your support and involvement. Please do get in contact with us on any aspect of school as we are always keen to meet parents and work together. We are always on the playground both mornings and after school – stop us for a chat, or call into the Family Centre to speak to the Family Workers.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the weather!

Mrs Adams

Punctuality – Every minute counts!

Please ensure your children arrive to school on time. Our school doors open at 8:40am. The morning register is taken at 8:48am and the registration period closes at 8:55am. Pupils arriving after 8:55am must report to the School Office so that their attendance can be recorded as 'late'.

Lateness is monitored. Action to address lateness will be taken in line with the school's strategy to improve punctuality. This will be either a phone call to parents/carers to find out the reason for the lateness or a home visit by the Family Workers.

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING (Figures below are calculated over a school year)	
5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

William Austin Wizards

South America	Zivah	Mikail
Asia	Dawud	Khadija
Europe	Dhwani	Aliza
Africa	Nicolas	Leyah
Hokusai	Ahmed K	Zainab
Baker	Naxhije	Muhammad K
Hepworth	Daiyan	Halimah
Van Gogh	Jemimah	Walid
Mars	Umayyah	Saad
Neptune	Suraya	Jad
Jupiter	Ayaan	Khadija
Saturn	Daniel	Zara
Goodall	Ameer	Rayyan
Curie	Mahreen	Adam
Hawking	Soraya	Aayan
Jemison	Adam	Rugayyah
Johnson	Jared	Hibah

Attendance – Mrs Ramzan

Welcome Back!
A very warm welcome back to all our pupils and families! We hope you've had a fantastic summer and are ready for an **exciting, happy and successful year ahead**. We can't wait to see our pupils learn, grow and shine!
Every Day Counts!
Regular attendance and punctuality are incredibly important to your child's education. **Every school day matters**, and arriving on time ensures that pupils are ready to begin their learning from the very start of the day.
Our school doors open at **8:40am, with learning beginning promptly at 8:40am**. Please help your child to arrive on time and ready to learn.
Where possible, we kindly ask that **medical and other appointments are arranged outside of school hours**. This helps minimise disruption to your child's learning and ensures they make the most of every school day.
Celebrating Attendance
We will be celebrating and recognising our pupils' excellent attendance. Each week in assembly, we will celebrate the **classes with the highest attendance and the most improved attendance**.
We will also be awarding **prizes every half term to the classes with the highest attendance**, giving everyone something to work towards and celebrate together.
Thank you for your continued support in helping your child attend school every day and arrive on time. Together, we can make this a truly **exciting, successful and wonderful year for all our pupils!**

Year 3

It has been lovely to welcome our new Year 3 children and their families to the junior school. The children have made a fantastic start and have settled quickly into their new routines. We have been particularly impressed by how well-behaved the children have been and the excellent manners they have shown. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead, with lots of opportunities for the children to learn, explore and have fun together. All children should have received their reading book by now and it is really important that they read at home for 10 minutes every day. We really appreciate your support with this.

Mrs High and the Year 3 Team

Year 4

Year 4 has got off to a fantastic start, with the children demonstrating enthusiasm, curiosity and a readiness to take on new learning opportunities. The children have chosen a reading book at their level, so please continue to hear them read daily and sign their reading records. As Year 4 pupils will be preparing for the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) this year, we would really appreciate your support in encouraging regular times tables practice at home, including using TTRS. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a successful and exciting year ahead!

Ms Ahmed and the Year 4 team.

Year 5

Year 5 have returned to school enthusiastic and eager to learn! Not only have the children impressed us with their adherence to school uniform but their punctuality too - thank you. We've started laying the foundations for our maths and English learning with place value and SPAG and we're gearing up to learn about the groovy Greeks. Remember to listen to your child read daily and complete maths and English homework. The Year 5 teachers will be setting up TTRS homework from next week so get playing! We hope you're as excited as we are for the year ahead.

Mrs Hussain and the Year 5 team.

Year 6

Year 6 children have returned to school with a fantastic attitude and plenty of enthusiasm. They've settled quickly into routines and lessons and are enjoying the new topics. Children are working hard to read, write and decompose numbers up to ten million in maths. Whilst in geography, they have been finding out about the structure of Earth. Thank you for continuing to hear your child read each evening and, as well as supporting them with online their English and maths homework.

Mr Gilligan and the Year 6 team.

Dear Families.

We would like to extend a warm welcome back to all of our families and a very special **WELCOME** to our new Year 3 parents and children joining the William Austin Junior School community.
We hope you had a wonderful summer break filled with fun, relaxation, and lots of special family memories. We are looking forward to another exciting year!

School Uniform Reminder

As we begin the new school year, please remember that all children should now be wearing a **white school shirt** and **a school tie.**
Please ensure that **all clothing and personal belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name**. This helps us return lost items quickly and supports children in taking responsibility for their belongings.

Parent Coffee Mornings

We value working in partnership with families and would love to hear how your child is settling into their new school environment

An opportunity to meet, Mrs Adams, Mrs Ramzan, Mr McMulkin and Mrs Douglas and your child's class teacher and Family Workers.

Please Note:
These coffee mornings are intended as informal welcome sessions and are **not a replacement for Parents' Evening**. If you have concerns or matters you would like to discuss in greater detail, there will be opportunities to do so at a later date. A text message reminder will be sent with details of the date and time you are invited to attend.

Luton Adult Learning: Getting into Working and Volunteering in Schools

A **FREE 5-week course** for parents and extended family members who earn **less than £26,800 per year**. This course is ideal for anyone interested in finding out more about working or volunteering in a school environment. For further information, please speak to a Family Worker.
Enrolment Date: Monday 21st September at 2:00pm
Course Dates: Monday 28th September to Monday 2nd November. 1:00pm – 3:00pm Family Centre

Breakfast Club
It's fun, It's **FREE,** It's for everyone
8:00am – 8:30am

Call 01582 509121

Breakfast Club

We are really pleased to offer free childcare, with or without breakfast, to all our families from 8:00-8:40 daily. Children have the opportunity to eat healthy breakfast and enjoy time with friends playing games. Have a look at the menu on our website https://www.william-austin.com/parents/breakfast-club/

Our family workers will take the children to their classes at 8:40 ready for the start of the school day.

Welcome back!

I hope that you all had a restful summer and are ready for a brilliant year in PE and Games. The first half term will see your children studying the following topics:

	Autumn 1	**Autumn 2**
Year 3	Running, throwing and catching.	Dance
Year 4	Sportshall Athletics	Target games
Year 5	Sportshall Athletics	Dance
Year 6	Table Tennis	Netball

The children will also be participating in a variety of invasion games during their Games sessions.

A black jumper, white t-shirt and black jogging bottoms or leggings will be required on PE and Games days. Please may I also remind you that jewellery should not be worn for any sports lessons or clubs. This is to keep everybody safe.

The sporting calendar is full of exciting competitions, fixtures and festivals which your children may be selected for. Below is a list of before school and after school clubs – if your child is interested then please use the 'Scopay' system to sign your child up, booking will open **Saturday 5th September 9am** places are limited so please book early.

Morning sessions:

AM	Mon		Tues		Wed		Thurs		Fri
8:00 to 8:40	Invite Only Football & Netball Squad		Invite Only Football & Netball Squad		All Years Table Tennis All Years Cricket		Year 3 & 4 Dodgeball Year 5 & 6 Dodgeball		Year 3 & 4 Basketball Year 5 & 6 Basketball

Afternoon sessions:

PM	Mon		Tues		Wed		Thurs		Fri
3:30 to 4:30	Yr3 Football		Staff meeting		Year 4 Football		Yr 5 Football		Yr6 Football
3:30 to 4:30					Yr 5 & 6 Athletics		Yr 3 & 4 Athletics		

Please feel free to speak to me at any time if you have a question linked to sport at WAJS.

Mr Osborne