



September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome to all our Honey Pot families, whether you are a new parent joining us for the first time or a returning family. What a brilliant first couple of weeks back we have had! The children have all been little stars and have already settled in so well. It has been wonderful to see them making new friendships, exploring their surroundings and getting back into the rhythm of preschool life.

It has also been lovely to welcome back our returning children. We are looking forward to all the fun, learning and adventures we will share together throughout the Autumn term.

As we move into Autumn, please remember to send your child in with **appropriate clothing for the ever-changing weather**. We recommend having layers, a waterproof coat and suitable footwear, as we love making the most of our outdoor time whatever the weather!

Here's to a fantastic Autumn term ahead!

The Honey Pot Team ☺

P.S. Please remember to check your child's named drawers when collecting, any drawings/crafts or jumpers will be placed in their draw for safe keeping until home time.

Term Dates

- **WSA Colour Run and Fun day** - Saturday 26th September
- **Professional Training Day (Preschool closed)** - Friday 23rd October
- **Half Term Break (Preschool closed)**- Monday 26th to Friday 30th October
- **WSA Halloween Bingo**- Saturday 31st October
- **Preschool Reopens** - Monday 2nd November
- **WSA Christmas Winter Wonderland**- Friday 27th November
- **Last day of Autumn Term**- Friday 18th December

Parents' Evening for New Starters

Our **Parents' Evening for new starters** will take place after we return from the half-term break.

Please look out for an email with the confirmed date and further information on how to book an appointment with your child's **Key Worker**.



Family Board



We're excited to share that our **Family Board is now up and running in the Blue Room!**

We would love for every family to be part of it. Seeing familiar faces can be a real comfort for children, especially when they are settling into preschool, and the board has been a lovely way for the children to talk about the special people in their lives.

If you would like to take part, please send in a **family photo** for us to display. You can give your picture to your child's key person, or, if you're unable to print one, simply email it to honey_pot@willingham.cambs.sch.uk and we can print it for you.

We can't wait to see all of our wonderful Honeypot families and celebrate what makes each family special!

Our Newest Arrivals

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that our ENCO, **Beth Houghton** has welcomed a beautiful baby Boy, Frankie!

Both mum and baby are doing well, and we would like to send them our very best wishes and congratulations from the whole school community. 🎉



We are delighted to welcome **Ellie Oldfield** to our preschool team!

Ellie will be joining us as a member of our early years team and is looking forward to getting to know all of the children and families. We know that she will be a wonderful addition to our preschool community. 🎉



Honeypot Hints

Morning Drop-Off

A gentle reminder that our preschool gates will open at **8:50am** and close promptly at **9:05am** each morning. This 15-minute drop-off window allows children to come in, settle into their morning routine and start the day with their **key workers and friends**.

We kindly encourage all parents and carers to arrive on time wherever possible. A prompt start helps us create a calm and settled environment for all of the children and ensures they can get involved in their morning activities from the start.

Honeypot Uniform

We recommend children to **wear clothes suitable for messy play**, and Honeypot Uniform is available for children to wear during their sessions. Please speak to Preschool Lead Kate if you are interested in ordering for your child.

- Crew neck t-shirt £7.80
- Crew neck sweatshirt £10.80
- Cardigan £12.55
- Polar fleece jacket £18.35

Morning Snack

We kindly ask all parents and carers to bring in a **healthy snack donation** when arriving in the morning. These snacks are shared between the children and are a lovely way to encourage them to try and enjoy a variety of foods.

Some great snack ideas include:

- Fresh fruit
- Vegetables
- Breadsticks
- Crackers

Please remember to keep snacks **healthy and suitable for sharing**.

Lunch

Children attending a **full-day or afternoon session** will need to bring a packed lunch or have a school meal.

If you would like your child to have a **school meal**, please let a member of the Honeypot team by 9am so there is enough time for us to order the meal with the kitchen. School meals can also be booked through **Pupil Asset**.

We kindly recommend keeping your child's meal account topped up and making payments in advance wherever possible. This helps to prevent a build-up of meal debt and ensures everything runs smoothly.



Honey Dog & Buzz the Bear - Home Adventures!

We are so excited to welcome back two very special Honeypot friends – **Honey Dog and Buzz the Bear!**

Throughout the term, **every child will have the opportunity to take one of our special friends home for an adventure!** We can't wait to see what exciting things Honey Dog and Buzz get up to with their Honeypot families.

📌 **Honey Dog** will go home with our children who are getting ready to start school.

📌 **Buzz the Bear** will go home with our younger children.

Each special friend comes with their very own **adventure book**, where families can write about their adventures and add photographs for us to share with the children at group time.

We would love you to get involved! Tell us all about what you get up to – perhaps Honey or Buzz might join you for a family day out, a special activity, a bedtime story or even an adventure in the garden! We love sharing the children's stories and photographs during group time, and the children are always so excited to tell their friends all about their adventures. If you're unable to print photographs, don't worry! Simply send your photos to the Honeypot email address or to your child's key person, and we can print them for you.

📌 **A little reminder:** Honey Dog and Buzz the Bear come with some special belongings. Please make sure **everything comes back to Honeypot together**, ready for the next child to enjoy their adventure.

And don't worry – everyone will get a turn! We can't wait to hear about all the wonderful adventures our Honeypot friends will have with you!

Happy adventuring!





Reception 2027 – School Tours

If your child is due to start Reception in **September 2027**, we are pleased to offer families the opportunity to visit our school and find out more about life at Willingham Primary School.

Our **Assistant Headteacher, Mr Emmess** and **EYFS Lead, Mrs Hay**, will be available to welcome families, show you around our Early Years provision and answer any questions you may have about starting school.

OPEN DAYS
FOR CHILDREN STARTING
RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER
2027

Meet with our Assistant Head & EYFS Lead

- Thu 15 Oct 2026 at 11am
- Thu 22 Oct 2026 at 1.30pm
- Thu 05 Nov 2026 at 11am
- Thu 12 Nov 2026 at 1.30pm

APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE

- ✓ Complete your Primary School Application via Cambridgeshire Admissions
- ✓ Deadline 15th Jan 2027

To Book a Tour
Please contact the School Office by

Phone: 01954 283030

Email: office@willingham.cambs.sch.uk

We look forward to welcoming you!

Willingham Primary School,
Thodays Close, Willingham, CB24 5LE

Pupil Asset and Evidenceme

For all new parents, you should have received an invitation to join our observation app 2Simple, where we **upload all of our observations and you are able to submit your own observations too**, we love to see what the children are getting up to at home.

You should also receive an invite to the parent portal Pupil Asset, where you are able to book your child's school meal and complete fees payments or submit a reason for absence. When you tap on the invite link, **please select 'logging in for the first time'** to then set up your password. If you are having issues with this, please contact the school office for support.

Please note, there is currently an issue with Hotmail, MSN & Live email address, so if you are unable to log in to Pupil Asset and have an alternative email to use, please let the Team know.



Helpful Reminders

Bags & Belongings

Please name **all** clothing, changes of shoes and water bottles. We also ask for your child's name to be seen on the **outside of their bag**, as this makes locating bags a much smoother process.

First Aid & Contact Details

Your child's **safety and wellbeing are always our priority**. If your child requires minor first aid during their time at Honey Pot, they will be cared for and supported by a member of our team. Following any minor first aid, an email will be sent to you via our **Medical Tracker system**, detailing what has happened and the first aid provided.

It is **essential that we have accurate and up-to-date contact information** for every child. Please ensure that your child's records include your current **home address, email address, telephone numbers, and details of anyone who has permission to collect your child**.

Please notify us promptly of any changes to these details. Having the correct information enables us to contact you quickly when necessary and ensures that children are only collected by authorised adults.

Our Honey Pot Team

Meet the Team

	Preschool Lead- Kate Van Dort kvandort@willingham.cambs.sch.uk	
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Website: www.willingham.cambs.sch.uk

Preschool Wraparound Care

Our wraparound sessions offer children a **safe, caring and welcoming environment**, with plenty of opportunities to enjoy fun activities, play and spend time with their friends.

Early Start: 8:00am – 9:00am

Late Finish: 3:00pm – 5:00pm

If you are interested in using our wraparound care, please speak to a member of the preschool team for more information and availability.