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END OF YEAR LETTER FROM OUR GOVERNOR TEAM

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff,

At the end of our very busy school year, we are pleased to update you of the many successful outcomes and achievements, as well as updating you of our ongoing priorities for 2025 and beyond.

Learning Outcomes

From September 2024, our focus has been on continuing to ensure all our children remain on track with their learning objectives. KS2 National Curriculum SATS tests were taken by our Y6 children, and we are delighted with an excellent set of results which are in-line with national expectations. A huge well done and thank you to the children, Mrs Mather, the teaching team and their families for all their hard work.

Across all year groups, children have completed their end of year assessments which supported our teacher assessment judgments which were shared on children's end of year reports, with all year groups working alongside schools within our GRACE Cluster to moderate and agree teacher assessment judgements for writing, as well as moderation for our Early Years too.

Children's attendance in school over the year is at 96.2% (21.07.25), which is in line with Local Authority targets.

Health, Wellbeing and Enrichment

Health and well-being continue to be of key priority at Winwick, with the continued role of our Mental Health and Wellbeing Lead – Mrs Mills – being a key focus. Mrs Mills, supported by our Happiness Heroes have led several wellbeing initiatives across the academic year including our Wellbeing Week, where activities were developed by the children.

Our after-school enrichment club offer this year has included: Mindfulness; Eco Club; Ethos Club; Gardening; Choir; Cookery; Lego; Board Games; Art; Mad Science; Jam Coding; Multi-Sports; Football; Girls' Football; Table-Tennis; Journalism; Drama; Yoga; Circuits; Dance; Booster sessions including: Reading, Maths, Grammar and Phonics.

The extensive offering during the school day has included: Yoga (Y5/6); Swimming lessons (Y4-Y6); Rugby coaching led by coaches from the Warrington Wolves Foundation (Y3-Y4); Legends Hip Hop Dance (R-Y1); Bikeability (Y5/Y6); Football Tournament; Rugby Tournament; Weekly Brass Lessons (Y4-Y5-Y6) and Guitar and Keyboard Lessons; Conwy Residential; Crosby Residential; other Educational Visits; Sports Week, which included House/Class activities led by our Year 6 children; Sports Day; Arts Weeks; History Week; Science Week; Diversity Day; World Book Day; events linked with Hope Academy – Ethos Days and Y5 Quiz Kids.

We've also welcomed visitors to school, including school visits from Mad Science, Digital Wizards, a Magistrate and the Bible Exhibition. The school has provided additional transition opportunities alongside a warm welcome for our New Reception cohort who will be joining us in September '25 plus all other children have had transition opportunities with their new year groups.

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After-school Clubs and Breakfast Club

This year, Mrs Foster and her team have continued to lead our Link Club children who have engaged in a range of activities including once again submitting work for a range of competitions. The Governors are currently reviewing our Link Club offer for next academic year and further details about this will be shared with you soon.

Finance and Facilities

At the end of July 2025, the school budget remains in a reasonable position after our prudent management of funds and overheads; this means we remain positive and stable as we go into September 2025, this is something that we continue to monitor and review.

We are pleased to have been able to make necessary repair work, this term, to the ceilings in the staffroom, Y6 and Y4 classrooms. In readiness for winter also, the summer holidays will see us install a brand-new boiler and heating system across the school – which has been a significant investment made by Liverpool Diocese and the school to enable this.

Year on year, we continue to work on cost reduction of our energy bills looking also at ways to ensure our building is Eco friendly and as efficient as possible, supported by our school Eco Team.

As part of ongoing site development plans, the school business team and governors continue to look at further funding opportunities for the development and refurbishment of different areas of the school including our Early Years and Butterfly Garden.

Governance

Governors continue with their regular visits into school and attend both statutory and additional training and development sessions provided by the LA, Diocese, associated bodies and Church of England cluster schools. The annual review of the School's Strategic Objectives and performance was conducted in May – an updated and revised copy of these objectives will be shared with everyone in September.

Full governing body meetings - with three supporting committee meetings are held termly with excellent attendance from our 13 governors across all statutory meetings (12 meetings in total; with additional observer attendance from Mr Nicholls (Deputy Head) and Mrs Mather (Assistant Head).

We currently have a foundation governor place vacant on the team and welcome enquiries from those interested.

Over the last 12 months we have been delighted to work with Liverpool Diocese and eight other Warrington Primary Schools (the Grace Cluster) to establish the brand new Multi Academies Trust EDLAT – news which we shared with everyone in early June.

As the Consultation process for joining this Academy has now closed, we thank you all for your feedback and support and look forward to sharing news of next steps and further developments in the early Autumn term.

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Our Staff

The start of the Summer Term saw us give a very warm welcome to Miss Stones as Y1 teacher, to cover the maternity leave of Mrs Woods. We are delighted that Miss Stones, alongside Mrs Knapp, will continue to work with the children for the duration of Mrs Wood's maternity leave. We share our love and congratulations to Mrs Woods and her husband on the arrival of their new baby girl and wish them well in their endeavours as a new family.

We are also delighted to have extended a very warm welcome to Mrs Lever and Mrs Preston who joined us towards the beginning of this academic year, both who have made excellent contributions to our existing team.

On behalf of all the Winwick team we would like to take this opportunity to say a huge "Thank you" to Mr Preston who left us in May this year – we wish him luck with his retirement.

And finally...

As the summer term draws to a close, we take this opportunity to share our huge thanks also to our whole team for all their very hard work and achievements working with the children this year.

To Mrs Duckett and our Senior Leadership team, our class teachers and TAs - we thank you for your hard work and dedication to the children, our school and to each other. We additionally thank our school support staff – the breakfast and after school club team, office and finance, site and kitchen teams – all who are integral and vital to the school's success. We couldn't do what we do without everyone playing their part – Thank you All!

Last but by no means least, we offer our thanks and appreciation to our children and families as well as to our wonderful PTFA team for the program of events, activities and fundraising that has been done this year. This year, all funds raised will go towards a range of projects next academic year, including more resourcing for books and ICT, as well as supporting with our outdoor projects too.

To our children we say a huge congratulations and well done for all their hard work and perseverance and in making very good progress - we also say a huge well done for their exceptional behaviour in school and within the community also.

And finally, to our brilliant children of Year 6 as well as those children and families who leave us for pastures new - we say a fond farewell and well done for the impact you have made during your time with us at Winwick. We will miss you all and send you all our love and sincere best wishes for the future.

On behalf of Mrs Duckett and the school governor team, I wish you all a very **safe and happy summer** and look forward to seeing you all, rested and refreshed, for an exciting new school term in September 2025.

With our very best wishes,

Jackie Neal

Jackie Neal - Chair of Governors

For and on behalf of Winwick CE School Governor Team

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