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## END OF YEAR LETTER FROM OUR GOVERNING BODY

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 in school this year, as well as updating you of our ongoing priorities for 2024 and beyond.

### Learning Outcomes

From September 2023, our focus has been on continuing to ensure all our children remain on track with their learning objectives. KS2 National Curriculum tests were sat by our Y6 children and we are very pleased with the focus and effort the children have put into them, supported by the staff team and their families.

Our Key Stage 2 writing was moderated by the Local Authority, who agreed with all judgements, and we have also worked with an External Consultant from EY2P to moderate our judgements in Reception. 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.

Children's attendance in school over the year is at 96.2% (19.07.24), which is in line with Local Authority targets.

### SIAMS & OFSTED

The Autumn Term saw our school have two Inspections: the Statutory Inspection for Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) followed by OFSTED. Both inspections were extremely positive with an Ofsted rating of good summarising: "Pupils, including pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), achieve well. They are well prepared for the next stage of their education." The Equally positive SIAMs inspection judgement is summarised as "Winwick Church of England Primary School is living up to its foundation as a Church school".

### Health and Wellbeing

Health and well-being continues to be of key priority at Winwick – after parent consultation we were very pleased to introduce an even wider choice of extra- curricular and after school activities from September 2023.

Our after-school enrichment club offer this year has included: Mindfulness; Eco Club; Ethos Club; Gardening; Sign Language; Debate Club; drama; football, quick cricket; multi-sports; basketball; circuits; netball; dance; ball skills; tennis; badminton; netball; Lego; Science Club; journalism; Booster sessions for Reading, Maths, Grammar, Phonics; choir; cookery; board games; and art.

The offering during the school day has included: yoga (Y6); swimming lessons (Y4-Y5); rugby coaching led by coaches from the Warrington Wolves Foundation (Y3-Y4); weekly brass lessons (Y4-Y5-Y6) and guitar and keyboard lessons; Conwy Residential; day trips for all year groups; Sports Week; 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 and Digital Wizards. We have also provided additional transition opportunities and a warm welcome for our New Reception cohort who will be joining us in September '24.

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### After-school Clubs and Breakfast Club

This year, governors did a review of our after-school and breakfast club provision and relaunched this in the summer term. We have welcomed Mrs Pidgeon to our Link Club team this year and also look forward to welcoming Mrs Smith to the team to work alongside Mrs Pidgeon, as well as Miss Ovington and Mrs Foster (our Link Club manager). This year, Mrs Foster and her team, supported a group of our Link Club children to submit artwork to a competition, with work being chosen to be published in a book of children's artwork from schools across the country.

### Finance and Facilities

At the end of July 2024, 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 2024.

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.

Our submission of a funding bid to Liverpool Diocese for plans to upgrade and refurbish our EYFS classroom and outdoor area has unfortunately not been granted for this year; the governor team will continue to look at other funding options for other possible developments for our early years area.

### Governance

Governors continue with their regular visits into school and attend both statutory and additional training and development sessions provided by the LA, Diocese and associated bodies and Church of England cluster schools.

Full governing body meetings - with three supporting committee meetings are held termly with attendance from our 13 governors averaging 79% across all statutory meetings (12 in total). With additional observer attendance from Mr Henaghen (Assistant Head) and Mr Nicholls (Deputy Head).

We have been delighted to welcome our newly appointed Priest in Charge at Winwick, Reverend Martin Cox onto our governor team since April. Rev. Martin brings a wealth of governor experience as well as his ministerial support to everyone in the school and wider community – we very much look forward to working together.

We offer our sincerest thanks to Mr Dafydd Rees, our governor of over eight years, who will step down from his position this month. The whole team thanks Dafydd for his dedication and service to the school, initially as a parent Governor and then in recent years as an LA appointed member.

We currently have a foundation governor & LA appointed place vacant on the team and welcome enquiries from interested parties.

### Our Staff

The start of the Summer Term saw us give a very warm welcome to Mr Stuart Nicholls as our new Deputy Head teacher, after an extensive recruitment campaign, and the recent appointment of Mrs Kelly Mather as Assistant Headteacher, firms up our Senior leaders to work alongside Mrs Duckett from September 2024.

We are also delighted to extend a very warm welcome to new staff team members Mr Cummings and Mr Preston, who will join our team in September. Mr Cummings, joining as a class teacher, has already spent time with his new

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class during our Transition Week, and Mr Preston who is already well known to the school, will be working within our TA team. We will also be working with Warrington Sports Academy (WSA) next academic year, with two sports coaches leading some PE sessions across the school.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge Winwick "Thank you" and send our very best wishes to members of our team who will be leaving us at the end of the academic year.

To our Assistant Headteacher – Mr Henaghen, Y1 Teacher Miss Dennett and Teaching Assistants Miss Kenyon, Mrs Giblin and Mrs Dudley as well as our part-time cover teacher Mrs Wilson. We thank each of you for all your hard work and dedication to Winwick School over the years and wish you the very best of luck in your new ventures.

### 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 all your hard work and dedication; as well as to our school support staff – the breakfast and after school club team, office and finance, kitchen and site teams – all who have played an integral part in the school's success this year.

Last but by no means least, we offer our thanks and appreciation to our children, families and our wonderful PTFA team for the program of events, activities and fundraising that has been done this year. This year, the monies raised will go towards developing our Sensory Circuit in the Rainbow Room ready for the new academic year.

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 2024.

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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