

17th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Before turning to the usual end of term arrangements, I want to begin with a heartfelt thank you. As many of you will know, WKS underwent a full Ofsted inspection on 7th and 8th July 2026. I am enormously proud of, and grateful to, everyone who played a part in that: our pupils, whose confidence, warmth and pride in their school shone through in every conversation with inspectors; our staff, whose professionalism, care and dedication were evident throughout; our governors and trustees, for their scrutiny, support and preparation; and you, our parents and carers, whose engagement with the parent survey and generosity in speaking with inspectors made such a positive impression. This was a genuine whole-school effort, and I could not be prouder of what it showed about our WKS community.

This letter contains information with regards to the end of term and the start of the next academic year.

School closes at 12.30pm on Wednesday 22nd July 2026.

Start dates for September

Date	Year groups returning
Wednesday 2nd September 2026	Year 7, Year 11 and Year 12
Thursday 3rd September 2026	All Primary, Year 10 and Year 13
Friday 4th September 2026	Year 8, Year 9 and Year 14

Staff INSET day will take place on Tuesday 1st September 2026.

Reports

Your child's annual school report will be sent separately. Please take time to read through and to celebrate your child's achievements with them.

Holiday activities and food on the Wirral

On this website: <https://edsential.com/haf-wirral-council/>

You will find details of a range of holiday activities and food options on the Wirral. We are sorry that we don't have details of all Local Authorities, but if you look on the local website for your authority, you should be able to find activities local to you. Please contact the School Office if you have any difficulties with this: schooloffice@wkrs.co.uk

Summer School: Year 6 into 7 transition programme

We are once again delighted to offer a Summer School programme for pupils preparing to join Year 7 this September, giving pupils the chance to meet their new teachers and classmates in a relaxed, enjoyable environment ahead of the new school year.

Dates for this year's programme are still being finalised and will be confirmed shortly via Edulink One and the school website. As in previous years, we anticipate offering a dedicated week for pupils new to WKS, a separate week for current WKS Year 6 pupils moving up, and taster days for current Year 6 pupils to meet their new Year 7 classmates before the summer holidays end.

The programme will once again offer a blend of learning and fun, including creative workshops, culinary activities and sports and games, with all activities and lunches provided free of charge. If you have any questions, or would like to discuss transport assistance, please contact Mrs Brown at sbrown@wkrs.co.uk, or ring reception on 0151 632 3201 during term time.

Collecting GCSE and A Level results

A Level results day: Thursday 13th August 2026

There are three options for you:

- Collect between 9.30am – 10.30am from school, entering via the side entrance to the school hall. Should a pupil be unable to collect their results themselves, they can give an adult signed, written permission to collect on their behalf; the adult should bring the permission with them.
- Telephone school (0151 632 3201) between 10.45am and 11.15am. Due to GDPR, staff are NOT able to give results to parents or carers, only to pupils, unless we have the pupil's written consent beforehand. The pupil must be available to speak to receive results. If you have trouble getting through, email schooloffice@wkrs.co.uk. Pupils can email the school office to give consent.
- By post. All results will be sent 1st class post to the pupil's home address on the afternoon of results day, to arrive via Royal Mail.

GCSE results day: Thursday 20th August 2026

There are three options for you:

- Collect between 9.30am – 11.30am from school, entering via the side entrance to the school hall. Should a pupil be unable to collect their results themselves, they can give an adult signed, written permission to collect on their behalf; the adult should bring the permission with them.
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Classes and timetables

During our recent transition mornings, your child will have spent time in their new class with their form tutor. The timetable for your child will follow with your child's report; it may be necessary for us to make small changes in the autumn term.

Y10 and Y11: this timetable will show your child's chosen GCSE options.

Post-16 pupils: there may be additional activities added in the autumn term, as pupils' pathways develop during that term.

Newsletter and Edulink One

We hope you enjoy reading the latest summer term newsletter. A digital copy is available on our website: <https://www.wkrs.co.uk/newsletters>

Edulink One remains our school communications platform, easily accessible via an app or a browser, giving you access to information relating to your child's education, including timetables, homework, the school calendar, achievements, parents' evening, SEN documents and school reports. Please ensure your login is activated. We also ask that, if you have a child in KS4/5, you support them in accessing the app, as it is important for their timetable, homework and revision resources.

Instagram: the school continues to use Instagram alongside Facebook to share news and updates. As this operates as part of the Meta platform, your child's photo permissions held on record for Facebook also apply to Instagram.

Extended Day Provision

The school operates an Extended Day provision for pupils, running from 3.30pm–6.30pm, offering an opportunity for your child to develop social skills and access a range of activities in a small group, within a fun, nurturing environment. A light snack or small meal is provided. Please visit our website for more information: <https://www.wkrs.co.uk/extendeddayprovision>

Uniform

As we approach the end of another successful school year, I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of our important school expectations. Please ensure that your child returns to school in September wearing the correct school uniform. Full details of our uniform requirements can be found in the school handbook and on our website. Maintaining high standards of appearance helps create a positive learning environment and reinforces our school values.

Our online uniform shop is accessible via the school website, where parents and carers can order and pay for uniform; we will also still accept email and telephone orders, or you may use another supplier without the school logo. Funding options are available for parents/carers who are struggling to buy uniform and PE kit — please email your child's class teacher for details. Uniform is black and white: white polo shirt, shirt or t-shirt; black trousers, joggers, shorts or skirt; black jumper or cardigan; black shoes or all-black trainers. No slogans or branded goods please.

Mobile Phones

I would like to remind you of our mobile phone policy, which remains in effect:

- All pupils must hand in their mobile phones upon entry to school each morning
- Phones are securely stored during the school day
- Phones are returned to pupils at 3.30pm, before they access their taxis

You may be aware that the Department for Education's guidance on mobile phones in schools has been strengthened over the last year, setting a clear expectation that all schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default. This guidance now has the force of law for state-funded schools under the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026, with schools expected to be following it from 1st September 2026. I am pleased to say that WKS's existing policy already fully reflects this expectation, and we will continue to apply it clearly and consistently across the school day. Thank you, as ever, for your support of this policy at home.

Attendance

I am delighted to report that attendance across WKS has continued to improve, building on the sustained progress we have made over recent years. More of our pupils than ever are attending regularly, and this improvement reflects the hard work of our pastoral and attendance teams, alongside your own commitment to getting your children into school each day — thank you.

Research continues to show us that:

- Pupils with high levels of attendance have improved mental health
- Pupils with the highest attendance have better social skills, are more confident with peers and are able to build friendships
- Pupils with the highest attendance have better life chances, e.g. the ability to hold down a job in the future
- Pupils with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best results, including in GCSEs and A Levels
- Pupils with the highest attendance in Year 6 gain the highest SATs results

If a child misses one day a week for a year, that is equivalent to more than 7 weeks missing from school. Thank you to those of you already supporting your child to attend at 95% or better — the improvements we continue to see across the school are a real credit to our whole community, and I hope we can build on them further next year.

Staff Changes

As we reach the end of another successful year, I want to take a moment to acknowledge some staff changes taking place.

We say a fond farewell and thank you to Rachel Davies, our Art Teacher and Education Team Leader, who leaves us after fourteen years of dedicated service. We also say goodbye to Liz Allum, and thank her for her contribution to our school community. We wish Harmony Finch and Lily Woodcock every success as they move into new teaching posts, having completed their ECT year and teaching apprenticeship respectively with us at WKS.

I would also like to congratulate Sarah Wilkinson on her move into a Central Services Head of Inclusion role within the Trust. I am pleased to confirm that Pete Smith will take on the Designated Safeguard Lead role from September.

What an eventful and rewarding year this has been. Getting to know your children, working alongside our talented staff, and building relationships with you as parents has been both a privilege and a joy, and our recent Ofsted inspection was a real celebration of everything this community has built together. Whilst we celebrate the many successes of this term, I am already excited about the plans we are developing for next year. Your ongoing partnership and support mean everything to us, and I look forward to continuing this journey together as we help every child reach their full potential. I hope you all have a wonderful summer together as families, creating precious memories and enjoying some well-deserved rest and relaxation.

Yours sincerely



Mr Hicks
Headteacher