

**Widden Primary
School Parent
Handbook
2025/2026**



Widden's top tips for parents...

1. All absences must be reported daily on 01452 520571, option 1.
2. Drop off is between 8.35am - 8.50am - late arrivals after 8.55am disrupt learning - please arrive on time
3. Uniform matters - help your child to feel a part of our school community by wearing their green cardigan or jumper
4. All medication needs to be given in via the office as we need you to sign a form
5. 48hr rule for stomach bugs - if your child has sickness or diarrhea they need to remain off school for 48hrs.

WIDDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS
2025/26



Gloucestershire
COUNTY COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER							
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	3	10	17	24		
Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues	7	14	21	28	Tues	4	11	18	25		
Wed	3	10	17	24		Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thur	4	11	18	25		Thur	2	9	16	23	30	Thur	6	13	20	27	
Fri	5	12	19	26		Fri	3	10	17	24	31	Fri	7	14	21	28	
Sat	6	13	20	27		Sat	4	11	18	25		Sat	1	8	15	22	29
Sun	7	14	21	28		Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	2	9	16	23	30
DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY							
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	5	12	19	26	Mon	2	9	16	23		
Tues	2	9	16	23	30	Tues	6	13	20	27	Tues	3	10	17	24		
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	Wed	7	14	21	28	Wed	4	11	18	25		
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Sat	6	13	20	27		Sat	3	10	17	24	31	Sat	7	14	21	28	
Sun	7	14	21	28		Sun	4	11	18	25		Sun	1	8	15	22	
MARCH					APRIL					MAY							
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	4	11	18	25		
Tues	3	10	17	24	31	Tues	7	14	21	28	Tues	5	12	19	26		
Wed	4	11	18	25		Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed	6	13	20	27	
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Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	3	10	17	24	31
JUNE					JULY					AUGUST							
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	3	10	17	24	31	
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Sat	6	13	20	27		Sat	4	11	18	25		Sat	1	8	15	22	29
Sun	7	14	21	28		Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	2	9	16	23	30

Term Time	Holidays
Bank Holiday	Inset days

Term 1: Mon 1st Sept – Fri 24th Oct 2025	40 days
Term 2: Mon 3rd Nov – Fri 19th Dec 2025	35 days
Term 3: Mon 5th Jan - Fri 13th Feb 2026	30 days
Term 4: Mon 23th Feb – Fri 27th Mar 2026	25 days
Term 5: Mon 13th April – Fri 22nd May 2026	29 days
Term 6: Mon 1st June – Mon 20th July 2026	36 days

Total 195 days*

Christmas Bank Holidays	25th December 2025
	26th December 2025
New Year Bank Holiday	1st January 2026
Good Friday	3rd April 2026
Easter Monday	6th April 2026
Early May Bank Holiday	4th May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	25th May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	31st August 2026

INSET DAYS HIGHLIGHTED - NO CHILDREN IN SCHOOL (TEACHER TRAINING DAYS)

Autumn Term 1

September 1st	Inset day
September 2nd	Inset day
September 22nd	Year 6 application drop in
September 26th	SLT Macmillan coffee morning
October 2nd	Bluey lunch
October 10th	Inset day
October 15th	RWI parent workshop 8.45am
October 20th	Junior parent book look 3pm
October 21st	Infant parent book look 3pm
October 23rd	KS2 end of term disco 4.15pm

Autumn Term 2

November 3rd	Inset Day
November 5th	Attendance parent meeting 8.45am
November 5th	Parent's evening 3.30 - 5.30pm
November 6th	Parent's evening 3.30 - 5.30pm
November 11th	Year 5/6 Remembrance assembly 9am
November 14th	Children in need - yellow and spots
December 5th	Christmas jumper day
WB December 8th	Book fair in hall
December 10th	Christmas story night 5pm - 6.30pm
December 15th	Year 6 Christmas craft coffee morning
December 16th	KS1 Christmas show
December 16th	Infant Christmas disco
December 17th	EYFS Christmas show AM and PM

December 19th	Inset Day
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Spring Term 1	
January 5th	Inset Day
January 27th	Year 6 Class assembly 9am
February 10th	Year 5 Class assembly 9am
February 13th	Inset Day

Spring Term 2	
March 3rd	Year 4 Class assembly 9am
March 17th	Year 3 Class assembly 9am
March 20th	Red Nose day - everyone wear red to donate
March 24th	Parent's evening 3.30 - 5.30pm
March 25th	Parent's evening 3.30 - 5.30pm

Summer Term 1	
WB May 11th	Year 6 SATs Week
May 19th	Year 2 Class assembly 9am
May 22nd	Sports Day

Summer Term 2

June 1st	Inset Day
WB June 1st	Year 4 Multiplication Check
WB June 8th	Year 1 and 2 Phonics Screening check
June 16th	Year 1 Class assembly 9am
WB June 22nd	Book fair in hall
June 30th	Reception Class assembly 9am
July 8th	End of year reports home
July 14th	Nursery Graduation
July 14th	Year 6 Disco 4.30pm - 6pm
July 16th	Year 6 leaver's assembly 9am
July 17th	Inset Day
July 20th	Inset Day

The School Day

8.30am	Gates open
8.35am	Classroom doors open
8.50am	Classroom doors close
10.45am	Break time
12pm	Lunch time
3.10pm	Gates open
3.15pm	School day finishes

We ask that you are punctual and arrive at school on time. Every minute a child is late is a minute of education they are missing.



If your child is being collected by a different adult or at a later time please call 01452 520571 or email admin@widdenprimary.co.uk

Uniform

We are proud of our community so we expect all children to wear our uniform. You can purchase school logo uniform using MCAS

<u>Girls</u>	<u>Boys</u>
<p data-bbox="256 427 683 465">Green jumper or cardigan</p>  <p data-bbox="347 815 592 853">White polo top</p>  <p data-bbox="197 1171 743 1252">Black or grey trousers or skirt (or pinafore)</p>  <p data-bbox="161 1574 778 1612">(Summer option - green check dress)</p>  <p data-bbox="357 1888 580 1921">School shoes</p>	<p data-bbox="1027 427 1262 465">Green jumper</p>  <p data-bbox="1023 815 1267 853">White polo top</p>  <p data-bbox="959 1171 1326 1205">Black or grey trousers</p>  <p data-bbox="887 1536 1401 1617">(Summer option - black or grey shorts)</p>  <p data-bbox="1031 1865 1254 1899">School shoes</p>



Jewellery, hair and make-up

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery in school, except for plain studded earrings. Children must not wear make-up and nail varnish is not permitted.



Lost property

All uniform and belongings should be clearly named. Any lost items will be collected and held in the lost property boxes. Please ask the class teacher in the first instance. At the end of each half term, any unclaimed items will be kept as part of our second hand uniform stock or disposed of.

Walk home alone/mobile phones

Parents of children in Year 5 and Year 6 may request their child walk to/from school alone. Children in Year 5 and Year 6 may bring a mobile phone if parents feel that this makes walking independently safer. Please speak to the office if you wish to consent to your child walking to/from school alone. Only children with explicit signed consent will be permitted to walk alone.

Nuts

We are a nut free school. This includes all food brought into the school. If a child brings in an item that contains nuts then this will be taken from them for the safety of our school community.



Wrap around care

Our Breakfast Club runs from 7:45am - 8:30am each day. The cost is £3.25 per child including breakfast.

Our breakfast club is led by our dedicated teaching assistants. Your child will have a choice from our healthy breakfast menu (served until 8.15am) and will be able to play and interact with their friends in a safe and familiar environment. Bookings are available to all parents to book online via the MyCAS app.

Our After School Club runs from 3:15pm - 6:00pm daily. The cost is £5.25 to stay until 4:30pm and £8.25 to stay until 6:00pm. This cost includes a light tea.

After School Club is run by dedicated members of our staff team. We offer a space for fun play activities and a light tea included in the cost. Bookings are available to all parents to book online via the MyCAS app.

Safeguarding

The safety and wellbeing of every child in our care is our highest priority. We are fully committed to creating a safe, nurturing environment where children are protected from harm and supported to thrive.

Our Responsibilities

- Protect children from harm
- Identify and respond to concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing
- Work in partnership with parents/carers and external agencies where necessary
- Ensure staff are trained in safeguarding procedures and know how to respond to concerns

If you or your child is concerned about their own well-being and safety or that of a friend, they should report their concerns to a member of the safeguarding team.

Designated Safeguarding Lead	Rachel Kittle rkittle@widdenprimary.co.uk
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads	Kirstin Couto Catherine Newbury Penny Marshall Hannah Thompson

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

At school we support children of a range of abilities including those who have additional needs. Most children can be supported in class but some may have help in a group or individually.

Some children are on the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Register and have a My Plan or a My Plan+. Your child's teacher will meet you to talk about this at least three times a year.

For a few children, other professionals will be involved, such as a Speech and Language Therapist or an Educational Psychologist. You will receive copies of their reports.

The first person to talk to if you are worried about your child's learning or development is the class teacher.

If you need more information please make an appointment to speak to Catherine Newbury, SENDCo. You can contact her via the school office or by email senco@widdenprimary.co.uk



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