

# Willow Park News 8

11 March 2022



**Willow Park**  
C of E Primary School



## Dear parent(s) / carer(s),

What a wonderful start to the term we have had! I particularly enjoyed seeing all the children dressed up for world book day last week. Our children and families always make such a fabulous effort and really does show that Willow Park children have a love of reading.

We ended the day with a wonderful assembly led by Mrs van der Laan, where teachers read parts of a story on their home language! We heard many languages including Arabic, Swedish, Serbian and Spanish - a wonderful experience had by all.

### Behaviour

In order to step up our attempts for exceptional behaviour at Willow Park, we will begin sending home notes when your child has received a 'time in' at lunch time so that you are aware when your child has not met the expectations for behaviour. You will also receive a text to alert you to the fact that a letter has been emailed to you.

Children will receive a time in for up to 25 minutes after they have eaten, and the member of staff on duty will be discussing their behaviour and how to make improvements.

Children will receive a time in for various reasons: reaching 4 warnings in a day, constant disruption of learning, refusal to learn and fighting are just a few examples.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do speak to a member of the leadership team.

### Uniform

It is great to see so many children wearing the correct uniform to school. The children look great

and represent Willow Park in the community with pride.

However, can I just remind parents and carers that we expect children to be wearing plain black footwear to school.

Footwear like white trainers and sandals are not part of our uniform policy. Thank you for your support with this.

### Conflict in Ukraine

We are aware that children are talking about what is happening in Eastern Europe and we are

addressing concerns and questions through circle times, assemblies and 1:1 so that the children feel informed and safe. We are hoping to play our part in supporting the Ukrainian community and more information will follow at some point this term.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing weekend and look forward to seeing you all again next week.

Best wishes

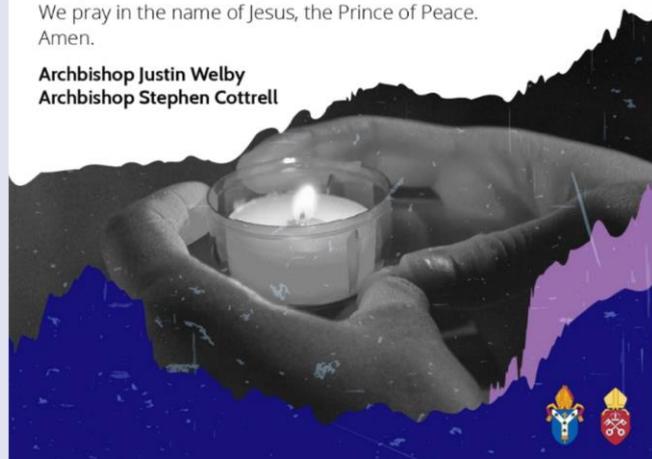
Chris Larke-Phillips

Head teacher

### A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby  
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



## Robin Class (YR)

This week we are enjoying being spring detectives, looking out for all the changes this new season brings. We have been focusing on daffodils. Using a story, we have looked at how they grow, and we are using our senses to describe fully grown daffodils. In the story a man guides a child through being patient and giving advice, so the children have made their own thank you cards.

In mathematics we have been learning about repeated patterns using objects, shapes and sounds. The children have created their own shape repeated patterns, which are so neat. Some of the patterns are now on a display in the classroom.

Well done Robins!

## Starling Class (Y1)

During the last two weeks, Starling Class has been immersed in our enquiry "Where is my School?" being excellent and adventurous Geographers. We have been looking at maps and giving directions to our 'bee bots'.

This week we went to space to see our school from the sky and we even visited Afghanistan and other countries to see where we all are coming from.



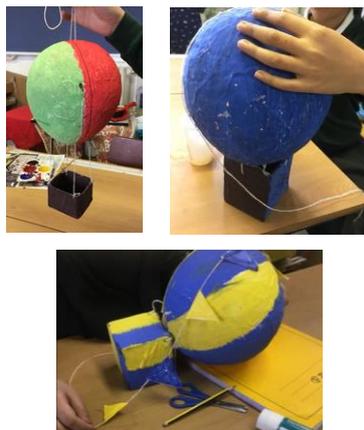
## Goldfinch Class (Y2 / Y3)

Goldfinch class have had a wonderful start to their enquiry. They took a recipe and then added something to it to make it

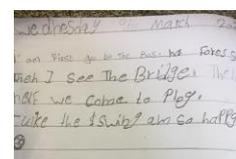
a little healthier. They choose, courgettes, carrots, oranges and sultanas. Thank you to Kate, Mrs Gower and Anne, our caretaker, for assisting our bakers! Our class book, 'Quill soup' has ignited a passion for illustration. They have loved looking carefully at the vibrant pictures and, 'wondering' what is happening. The children have also been artists, mixing primary colours together.

## Golden Eagle Class (Y4 / Y5 / Y6)

Golden Eagles have been learning about Bristol balloons. We have seen a video of the Balloon fiesta and we have made our own papier maché hot air balloons.



We have also started going to Forest School since the last newsletter. We have been having a lovely time. We have had a treasure hunt, been swinging over a stream, made bird feeders and eaten popcorn and crumpets around the fire.



## Parents evening

We look forward to meeting with you in person in the school hall!

Tue, 22 Mar, 3:30pm – 6pm

Wed, 23 Mar, 3:30pm – 6pm

(Kingfisher Class on 23 Mar and 29 Mar)

Invitations to sign up via Teachers2Parents have gone out via text.

Book your time slot now!

## From our lunch time supervisors:

Please make sure that your children come to school in a warm, waterproof coat.

It is still quite chilly and damp outside!

## Covid safety

This is what we continue to do to keep everyone at our school safe:

1. Regular hand washing
2. Additional lunch time cleaning
3. Ventilation of our buildings
4. Following public health advice on testing, self-isolation and managing confirmed cases of Covid-19

We are very pleased that we can hold assemblies in person again!

## Kingfisher Class (Y4 / Y5)

Although we have now started a new term, it is only right that I begin this piece by praising Kingfisher Class on the amazing behaviour and engagement in learning that they showed on our trip to The New Room before half term.

We had a brilliant time finding out about John Wesley and we are continuing to 'unpack' all that learning back in the classroom during our RE lessons.

We had a great time on World Book day last week, dressing up and taking part in activities throughout the day. We designed book covers, wrote book reviews, learned how a book is made and enjoyed hot chocolate with a bedtime story!

Our writing this term is based on a book called 'The Soup Movement,' about a boy who

sets off a chain reaction of good deeds when he gives a homeless man a flask of his mum's homemade soup. It ties in with our enquiry about how science can help the homeless.

We are doing lots of experiments over the coming weeks learning about materials and their properties, which will hopefully inspire some great ideas for future innovations that can change lives! Kingfisher are thinking big this term!

## Owl Class (Y6)

This has been a productive week in Owl Class. We are continuing to be Geographers, learning about where the food

we eat really comes from and how it gets from farm and field to our plates. This riveting journey is taking us from FairTrade cooperatives and producers in the southern hemisphere through processing and packaging plants and onto distribution and supply chains, and finally retailers here in the UK. We are having amazing discussion about fairness and sustainability.

We have started making our own handmade books, profiling one particular imported food item and its country of origin, allowing us to be Authors, Mathematicians and Geographers, sometimes all in the same lesson!

### Year 6 Trip to Culmington Manor

3 ½ weeks to go. Please keep an eye out for packing lists and medical questionnaires!

If you have not yet fully paid, please do so as soon as you can. We depend on your contributions to be able to offer these trips.

# What's on

Here are some dates and reminders...

## Term 4

**Mon, 14 Mar: Bristol Old Vic Theatre School visit**

## **Parents Evening**

Tue, 22 Mar, 3:30pm-6pm  
(no Yr 6 SATS Club)

Wed, 23 Mar, 3:30pm-6pm  
(Kingfisher: 23 Mar and 29 Mar, 3:30pm-6pm)

## **Clubs in Term 4**

SATS (Y6): Tuesdays and Thursdays - free

Zumba (Y1-Y6): Mondays

Sport (all years): Wednesday and Thursday

## **Forest School**

Robin Class and Golden Eagle Class will go to Forest School each Monday.

## **Swimming**

Yr 4, Yr 6 and Golden Eagle Class continue to swim.

## **Year 6 Residential Trip**

Mon, 4 Apr – Fri, 8 Apr 2022

Culmington Manor

## Term 5

## **Swimming**

Yr 3 will join Yr 6 for swimming.

## **SATS Week (Year 6)**

Mon, 9 May – Thu, 12 May

## Term Dates and INSET Days

### Term 4:

Mon 28 Feb – Fri 8 Apr

### Term 5:

Mon 25 Apr – Fri 27 May

INSET Day: Fri 27 May

*The last day of term for the children will be Thu, 26 May.*

### Term 6:

Mon 6 Jun – Thu 21 Jul