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20 May 2022



Willow Park
C of E Primary School

Dear parent(s) / carer(s),

I can't believe how quickly this term has gone. Most of the classes have had assessments to complete and the children have approached them with resilience and positivity.

Many of our EAL learners have been busy practising for the production of the Magic Hat, which you will all have an opportunity to see in the school hall this Thursday at approx. 9:30 am. It would be lovely to see the hall filled so that our performers have a large audience.

Even if your child is not in the actual performance, we would still love to see you there.

Forest school has continued to be a special part of the week for our children. Goldfinch and Starling Classes have benefited tremendously from learning in such a natural environment during the past few Mondays.

We are also looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with the children next Thursday afternoon.

Next Friday is an INSET day so Thursday will be the last day of school for the children. Have a lovely half term break with your own Jubilee celebrations and we look forward to seeing the children **return to school on Monday 6th June.**

Nicola van der Laan
Assistant Head

Jubilee Celebration

All year groups will be having a fun picnic at the Parry garden with dances and jubilee food on **Thursday, 26 May.**



Tempest Photography

Individual and Class pictures will be taken of students with parental consent on **Monday, 6 June.**

OLIVIA ELLMER
EMHP (IN TRAINING)

FREE to attend and everyone welcome!!

COFFEE MORNING @ Willow park

Tuesday 24th May 2022



9am—10am



Please come along to our next coffee morning where we will be joined by Olivia Ellmer, our Education Mental Health Practitioner.

Olivia will be giving a short presentation on worry and anxiety, and offering some helpful strategies to parents/carers.

(Arabic interpreter present)

Robin Class (YR)

In Robin class this week we have been focusing on the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

The children have enjoyed retelling the story and have been comparing it to the caterpillars that have cocooned in our classroom.

Mrs Leaker has been so impressed with how the children's independent writing is developing.

This week they have been writing about different parts of the story so that we can make our own class book of The Very Hungry Caterpillar.

Starling Class (Y1)

There is a lot going on these weeks in Starling class. As you all know, every Monday, we are going to Forest School. It is amazing how much we can learn from nature and how many activities we can do just using the natural resources we can find around us.



In the meanwhile, our lovely caterpillars have been getting into their chrysalis, so it is a matter of time that we can see those

fantastic butterflies opening their wings, WE ARE VERY EXCITED!

Last but not least, we wanted to share with you some of the pictures from our own PUPPET SHOW! 😊



The children created their own stories, backgrounds and puppets. It was a wonderful show!

Goldfinch Class (Y2 / Y3)

The children and adults have all loved attending forest school. It has been such a delight seeing the children immerse themselves in the woodlands, exploring the environment and building dens and making pendants.



Swimming has also been a big hit with the year three children. They have shown so much confidence in the water. The class are looking forward to making the magnetic games which they have designed. If you have a spare cardboard box, please send one in with your child.



Forest School

Starling class and **Goldfinch class** last day of Forest school will be:

- Monday, 23 May

Kingfisher Class (Y4 / Y5)

In Kingfisher class we have spent a week thinking about poetry. We have been learning about poetic devices such as alliteration and assonance, and we have written our own Haikus and tongue twisters. We will be continuing with this until the end of term – putting our learning into practice by creating some fabulous poems for our Queen’s Jubilee celebrations.

In our maths we have completed our units on decimals and fractions. I have been really impressed with how both Yr4 and Yr5 have made progress with this during the term. Please continue to support the children at home with learning their times tables – especially yr4 children, as they will be taking part in the national assessment after the half term.

Last week we had a visit from local Historian, Michael Gorley, who helped us to understand more about Bristol’s trading history – especially during the Tudor period. We learnt a lot about which countries we were trading with and what things we were trading. There was lots of fish! We also learnt some fascinating details about Bristol, including why the Christmas Steps are named as such (It’s not what you’d think!) As I write we are about to go on a trip around the harbour which will further increase our knowledge of Bristol’s important history as a trading city –we hope the weather will be good to us!

Owl Class (Y6)

In Year 6, we have emerged bright-eyed and bushy-tailed from SATs, feeling proud of our achievements and ready to hit the ground running with our next big project; the Year 6 Shakespeare production. We are putting on Hamlet at the Wickham Theatre, and are now busy rehearsing for our auditions next week.

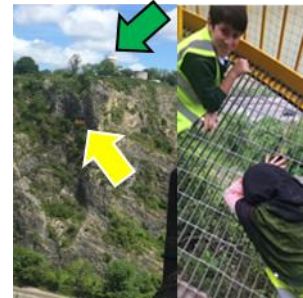


We have also begun practicing our Sword Weavers dance, ready for the jubilee celebrations next week, which is proving quite a tricky puzzle! An expert guide to "Acing Your SATs" is also being prepared in English, seeing as the pupils of Year 6 are now seasoned experts!

Golden Eagles (Y3 / Y4 / Y5 / Y6)

Yesterday Golden Eagles class visited The Clifton Observatory and the Suspension Bridge.

We had great views of the Avon Gorge and saw where the story of the Bristol giants was set. We even visited the cave where the giant Goram took his rest. We climbed down a tunnel from the **Observatory tower** all the way to the **yellow balcony**.



Look how high up we were!



Then we walked over the Suspension Bridge and saw this amazing view.



LOST & FOUND

Lost and Found

Please feel free to check the lost and found bin for any clothing your child may have lost.



What's on

Here are some dates and reminders...

Term 5

Forest School

Starling Class and Goldfinch Class will go to Forest School on:

Mon, 23 May

Coffee Morning @ Willow Park

Tue, 24 May

Olivia Ellmer EMHP (In Training) providing a small presentation on focused around anxiety and worry

Magic Hat Performance

Thu, 26 May – 9:30-10:30 am

Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Thu, 26 May

1:10 pm through 2 pm

Term 6

School Photos

Mon, 6 Jun

Tempest Photography taking individual and class photos

Year 6 Play

Performances on Tue, 12 Jul and Wed, 13 (evening)

Events for Reception 2022 families

Wed, 29 Jun, 5pm-6pm – Parent information evening

Thu, 7 Jul – 9:30-10:30am – Stay & Play

Thu, 14 Jul – 9:30-10:30am – Stay & Play

Term Dates and INSET Days

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

Term 1 2022/23:

INSET Days: Thu 1 Sep and Fri 2 Sep

The first day of the new school year will be Mon 5 Sep 2022.

If your child is aged 5-11 and has missed one or both of their MMR vaccines, it's not too late.

The School Immunisations Team is running the following MMR catch-up sessions in Bristol and Weston this half term:

Monday 30 May

10am to 3pm

St Pauls Learning Centre BS2 8XJ

Tuesday 31 May

12:30pm to 4:30pm

For All Healthy Living Centre Bourneville BS23 3SJ

Wednesday 1 June

12:30pm to 4:30pm

Easton Christian Family Centre BS5 0SQ

Book your child's vaccine:



- Call 0300 124 5515
- Email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net

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