

Willow Park News

1 December 2022



Willow Park
C of E Primary School



Dear parent(s) / carer(s),

First of all, please accept my apologies as communication has not been what it should be. We are looking to tighten this up over the next few weeks so that in term 3 we should be back to normal, informing you of everything that is going on at Willow Park.

No Nuts

Please do remember that we are a No Nuts School. This is due to a number of allergies that we have across the school. Many thanks

Lunch boxes and snacks

Please remember that HEALTHY snacks are permitted for break time. Please do not send your children to school with chocolate, crisps or other sugary items. Fruit or cereal bars are a great alternative. This also goes for

lunch boxes as we want to encourage healthy eating at lunch times. Thank you.

Weather

As the weather is getting noticeably colder, we would fully expect all children to be wearing coats and jumpers. Ideally if children have gloves and hats that would be great. If you are unable to source these items, please speak to a member of the leadership team.

Attendance and punctuality

This has been better over the last few weeks, and I would like to thank all families to ensure children are in school as much as possible. There are still many children whose attendance is very low. If you receive a letter to be invited in to discuss your child's attendance, please ensure you attend as this is meant to be a supportive mechanism. As a school we want to do all that we can to support the whole family.

PTA

We finally have a PTA up and running and their first task has been to organise a Christmas Fayre and a Christmas disco for the children. More details to follow but the Christmas Fayre will be on December 9th in the hall from 3:30pm until 5pm and the Christmas disco will be December 14th from 3:30 - 5pm. Below is a list of those that are currently part of the PTA. If you wish to join, please speak to Kath (Mum of Justice in Year 1)

Name		Position
Kath Baker	Parent in year 1	Chair
Claire Jones	Year 2 teacher and SENDCO	Vice Chair
Chris Larke-Phillips	Headteacher	President
Daniela Qureshi	HLTA	Treasurer
Jasmyne Wilkinson	Parent in Year 1	Secretary
Sinead Morgan	Parent in year 1	PTA member
Daniel Thomas	Parent in Year 1 and 6	PTA member

Many thanks for your cooperation and patience with us this term. I look forward to writing to you again closer to Christmas! Please do speak to me, Mrs. van der Laan or Mrs. Jones if you have questions or concerns. We would love to hear the good stuff too!

With very best wishes,

Chris Larke-Phillips
Headteacher

Robin Class (YR)

In Robin class we are exploring the question 'What is a Show?' The children have been busily identifying the characters and settings in various books we have read including Stick Man. They have enjoyed creating their own stories using the puppets and have started learning a song for our school winter play called 'There's a wind around my ears'.

As mathematicians the children are recognising numerals to 5 and showing the value of each number. To deepen their understanding of numbers we have been exploring different ways of making numbers up to 5. For instance, 4 can be made by adding 3 and 1, 2 and 2, 1 and 4 or 0 and 4.

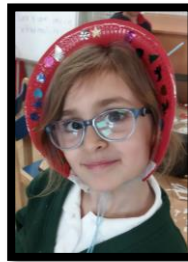
To support the children with their phonics, please listen to your child forming each of the pure sounds we covered in the phonics parent meeting and listen to him/her read their Sound Blending Book which is kept in their book bag ready to be brought into school each day. Thank you.

Starling Class (Y1)

In Starling class we've had a very busy but wonderful term. We've had the opportunity to make many new friendships and learning our new routines to make the most out of our learning time.

During this term we have been exploring many states of being to be able to complete our Enquiry Challenge: Make our own hat! I am sure many of you have seen those amazing hats produced by Starlings.

Being Scientist, we had the pleasure of having some Golden Eagles supporting us and it was one of our favourite Enquiry days!



Goldfinch Class (Y2)

Goldfinch have loved the start of their class book, 'the Robot and the blue bird.'



They made some insightful predictions about why the Robot is feeling so sad and were able to write in role with lots of feeling. They also enjoyed painting their own drawings which showed an act of kindness. This is all part of our topic this term of, 'How can we help?'

Sparrow Class (Y3/Y4)

On Monday, 28 November, Sparrow Class took a walking trip to Bristol's City Hall along with the School Parliamentarians.



Student met the Lord Mayor of Bristol, Councillor Paula O'Rourke.



Kingfisher Class (Y5)

In October Kingfisher Class thoroughly enjoyed our Black History Month workshop on Black Music History.



Students spent time and making and designing their own musical instruments as part of our sound enquiry.

Owl Class (Y6)

We have begun a new Enquiry this week; How Do We All Live Together? We will learn about the history of democracy and how this concept informs decision making all around us. In Maths, we have launched into learning about fractions; it is really satisfying to notice that last year's learning is helping us lots this week!

We are really enjoying having Jack Bloomer, a 3rd year Bristol University Mathematics student, helping us in our maths lessons.

In English, we are enjoying a new class novel - "Drowned City" by American graphic artist

Don Brown. The novel looks at decision-making and leadership, rights, responsibilities and agency, and what happens when leaders forget to act on behalf of the vulnerable. It is a powerful text and promises a great deal of challenge, deep thinking, debating and sublime writing!

Golden Eagles (Y3 / Y4 / Y5 / Y6)

Golden Eagles have had a very busy term learning about journeys.

We have been on foot to Brandon Hill, on a boat tour around the

docks, a bus to Eastville Park, and a train to Severn Beach.



We are also thinking about our own personal journeys answering questions such as

- Where am I from?
- What is it like there?
- What do people eat there?
- What do they wear?



What's on

Here are some dates and reminders...

Hippodrome: Panto

Cinderella

Thu, 8 Dec

PTA events

Friday 9 Dec – Christmas Fayre

Wed, 14 Dec – Christmas Disco

Events for Reception Class of 2023

Thu, 8 Dec – Open Day

Tue, 13 Dec – Open Day

Thu, 12 Jan – Open Day

Nativity Play (YR,Y1,Y2)

Wed, 14 Dec – Performance

Thu, 15 Dec – Performance

Carols by Candlelight

Fri, 15 Dec

Forest School

Robin and Golden Eagle

Mon, 20 Feb Mon, 27 Feb

Mon, 6 Mar Mon, 13 Mar

Mon, 20 Mar Mon, 27 Mar

Mon, 17 Apr Mon, 24 Apr

Mon, 8 May Mon, 15 May

Mon, 22 May Mon, 5 Jun

Mon, 12 Jun Mon, 26 Jun

Mon, 3 Jul Mon, 10 Jul

Bank Holidays:

Mon, 2 Jan - No School

Mon, 1 May - No School

Mon, 8 May - Coronation Day

Term Dates and Inset Days

Inset Days:

Mon, 31 Oct – No School

Tue, 3 Jan – No School

Fri, 30 Jun – No school

Term 2:

Tue, 1 Nov – Fri, 16 Dec

Term 3:

Tue, 4 Jan – Fri, 10 Feb

Term 4:

Mon, 20 Feb – Fri, 31 Mar

Term 5:

Mon, 17 Apr – Fri, 26 May

Term 6:

Mon, 5 Jun – Fri, 21 Jul



We are looking for an enthusiastic and dedicated lunchtime supervisory assistant to join our fantastic team here at Willow Park. Pay grade: BG2 (£9.50 an hour), hours: 8 hours a week from 11.45 - 1.15 every school day and half an hour meeting time on a Tuesday from 1.15 - 1.45. If you are interested in this position, please collect an application form from Mr Paz in the school office.



Special Thanks to our reading volunteers

Jasmyne Wilkinson

Lucrecia Wilkinson



Meet Your Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP)...

Olivia

Hi I'm Olivia from the Mental Health Support Team. I'll be working at your school each week, say hello next time you see me!



What is MHST?

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) is here to help your school to develop ways to look after the mental health of its students, staff, parents and carers.

Our EMHPs do this by supporting your school to understand what you need, providing staff training and offering lessons on well-being. Our EMHPs are also trained to give 1-1 support to students on anxiety, low mood and other struggles with wellbeing.

Our logo is an otter because, like otters, we work as part of a team and we use tools! Some of our favourite tools are self-care, challenging negative thoughts, problem-solving and managing worries. We want to share these tools with you so that you can look after your own wellbeing and build your resilience.

If you would like to know more then chat to me or ...

Mrs JONES or Mrs Inpey.



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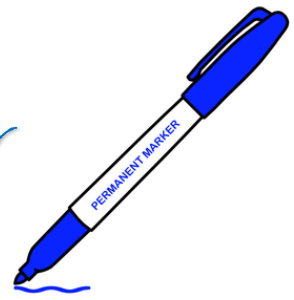
CRAIG REVEL HORWOOD

Cinderella

THE FAIRY GODMOTHER OF ALL PANTOS

Thursday, 8 December
Voluntary contribution of £5

Please label your
child's clothing



**On cold and rainy days
dress up in layers**



Forest School

Robin Class and Golden Eagle Class will be attending Forest School on Term 3

Monday 20 Feb

Monday 27 Feb

Monday 6 Mar

Monday 13 Mar

Monday 20 Mar

Monday 27 Mar



INVEST IN
yourself
IT PAYS THE BEST
INTEREST

get good with money:
creating habits for
financial wholeness

GIRLS
THAT
INVEST
INVESTING EDUCATION

RÉSEAU
électrique

DROPOP
jazz L Coco

STRANGEST THING...

I HAVE NO MONEY IN MY
BUDGET



MEET FANCY FINANCE

Network and Resource Community

About us

We are a collective of women who during the pandemic brought all our skills to the table to create Resource Education on financial information and resources .

As a team we have shared our knowledge with the community creating Brunch afternoons that empower people to gain back their idle lifestyle 5 year plan to improve their skills and income We do Worksheets and handouts events and networking and well-being.

My Favorite tools

Plum: saving tool

loqbox; mortgage saving tool

Hobby: Turn your hobby to income

economy : Resources Budget tools

well-being: Hazelnut Coffee

Contact Info

Here are all the ways you can contact me:

- Jazleblack@gmail.com
- 07845543782
- infoemoneybags.co.uk

How Can we you Help!

I encourage you to talk yourself about how you plan your life and income and is it realistic ,

Extra income to save and invest clear your mind of day to day task plan ahead . This helps develop their ability to express themselves and understand whats their plan for future . Guidance support and knowledge

Here are some other ways you can help at home:

- Use Budget correctly
- Retirement / Tax
- Perks to invite only groups /networking
- Funding for startups and projects



Sports Club Notification:

The afterschool club: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday runs until 5.00 pm. Parents should not come earlier to pick up their children unless prior notice has been given. The gates will open at 5.00 pm. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Are you entitled to Free School Meals?

Don't miss out!

If you are on certain benefits, your child will receive free school meals and we will receive Pupil Premium funding to give them the best possible support.

<https://parent.bristol.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/travel-and-free-school-meals>

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national
sleep
helpline

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle
with your child's
bedtime?

Will your child
not sleep in
their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

 **03303 530 541**

Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Wednesday 9am - 11am