

# Willow Park News

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**Willow Park**  
C of E Primary School



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

Unbelievably we are only 2 weeks from the next half term and so much has happened in that time. The children and the school have achieved so much and have demonstrated that they have been the light in many different ways.

I would like to say a huge well done to the Year 6 children as they have now completed their weeklong journey of SATS assessments. You will have seen in the press that this year's assessments have been particularly challenging, but our children have shown resilience and confidence to get through the assessments. Whatever the results, when we receive them in July, the children have done themselves proud! A huge well done to Ms Strandh and Mr Matthews and all the staff that have supported year 6 this year - they couldn't have done it without you!

### School of sanctuary

We have now officially been granted School of Sanctuary status which means we are a safe and welcoming school for your children to attend. Thank you to Ms Welsh for driving this project and well done to all children and staff who have demonstrated we are a beacon of light that shines across the city.



## Robin Class (YR)

Robin class have had a wonderful time learning about life cycles. We have been incredibly fortunate to have looked after tadpoles and watch them fully develop into frogs.



The children were in awe each time they noticed changes taking place. Last week, we sadly said goodbye to the frogs as they have now been released back into the pond they came from.



Thankfully, the exploration of life cycles is continuing as we are also looking after caterpillars. They arrived so tiny and then grew incredibly quickly. The caterpillars are all now in cocoons preparing to transform into beautiful butterflies. We are all excited about seeing the change.

## Starling Class (Y1)

These last weeks have been wonderful in Starling class! Our friends the caterpillars are changing very fast and now, nearly all of them, are in their chrysalis. Our butterfly net is ready to welcome them once they turn into butterflies, ready to fly away. How exciting!



Last week, we celebrated the coronation painting beautiful flags and making sparkling crowns, we sang songs and had some cake at the end of the day.



This week, we are fully immersed in the project of writing, illustrating and crafting our first original pop-up book. By the end of the term, we will publish them and be able to share with everyone. We had a strong start and you will be very surprised with what these little authors are creating!

## Goldfinch Class (Y2)

Goldfinch have enjoyed thinking about the question, 'How do plants grow near me?' We have looked at how things grow in our school garden and have named different parts of a flower. We have planted some seeds for a class experiment to find out where plants grow best. In maths we have been introduced to fractions and have explored halves, quarters and thirds. In RE we have been thinking about how we should live our lives and came up with lots of different ways to show we are sorry. See if they can remember some of them!

## Sparrow Class (Y3/Y4)

Sparrow Class have made a great start to Term 5! This term our enquiry question is 'Who stood here before us?' we were very lucky to go to the M-Shed and have a workshop on Anglo-Saxons in Bristol. The children got a chance to look at artefacts from the Anglo-Saxon era, look at Anglo-Saxon clothing and hear a story from the Anglo-Saxon era. As part of our class enquiry question we are going to make 'pinch pots'.





# What's on

Here are some dates and reminders...

## Class Pictures

Fri, 19 May

## Forest School

Starling and Goldfinch

Mon, 15 May   Mon, 22 May

## BGS Financial First Aid Workshop:

Tue, 28 June - Y6

## Term Dates

### Term 5:

Mon, 17 Apr – Fri, 26 May

### Term 6:

Mon, 5 Jun – Fri, 21 Jul



# Friday 19 May



## Uniform

If at all possible, don't forget to bring your child dressed in their school uniform.

We are working on getting new uniforms for those students who are yet to receive a set.

# Forest School

Starling Class and Goldfinch Class will be attending Forest School on Term 5

Monday 15 May

Monday 22 May



Is your child ready for Forest School?  
*Children should dress in layers*



When the weather changes, your child should be able to change clothes

