

Newsletter 8 – 01.12.2023

'Be the Light!'

You are the light of the world – like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden – Matthew 5:14



Willow Park
C of E Primary School



Wow, can you believe that in 2 weeks' time, we break up for the winter break!? Christmas fever is starting to take hold in key stage 1 and the Early Years as they are preparing for the annual school Nativity. This year the children will be starring in a production called 'Follow the Star.' The rest of the school are preparing for Carols around the Christmas tree. Details and invitations for both of these productions will be shared next week.

Cold weather

We are noticing that as the weather is getting significantly colder, children are still not coming to school with a coat and/or jumper. Please ensure your children are wrapped up warm as they will still be spending parts of the day outside. Many thanks.

Mobile phones

Please remember that if children are bringing their phones to school they must be brought straight to the office where Mr Paz will keep them locked away until the end of the day.

Key stage 2 trip

On Tuesday 5th December, Kingfisher, Sparrow and Owl class have a wonderful opportunity to

watch a performance at the Old Vic called 'Arabian Nights'. Please see a letter sent out via email with more details.

Attendance

A reminder that no holidays, under any circumstances will be authorised. This will incur a fine of £60 per child per parent. Please ensure your children are in school as much as possible

I hope you all have a good weekend. Please wrap up warm and look after yourselves.

With Best wishes

Chris Phillips
Headteacher

Attendance this week.....

Our School Target is 96%

Attendance not great this week, but well done to Starling class for the highest attendance this week!

Attendance this week: 91.6%

Class	Attendance
Starling	93.8%
Owl	92.9%
Goldfinch	91.5%
Kingfisher	91.1%
Sparrow	90.9%
Robin	89.5%

Parent Governor Vacancy

We still have a vacancy on our governing body for a parent governor!

Do you think you can help make a positive contribution to Willow Park?

**Applications are still open until the 6th December.
Please email the school office on office@willowpark.org.uk to express your interest.**

Christmas Dinner

This year, children will be able to enjoy a Christmas lunch on Wednesday 13th December. Children can order as normal on the day.

House points so far this term....

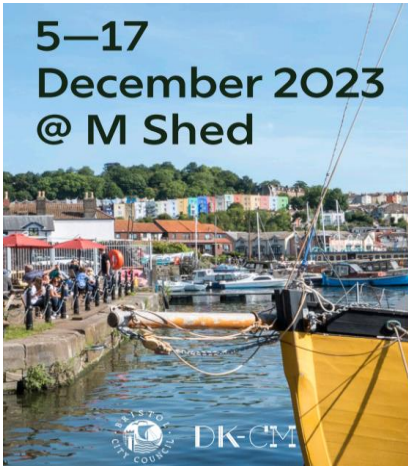
Red team 206	Yellow team 210
Green team 240	Blue team 229

Who has been the light this week?

Congratulations to the following children who have shown excellence in their learning and behaviour this week!

Ania, Tchoui, Destiny, Ali, Jasleen, Ariella, Adeoba, Neo, Tyler, Jefferson, Djohora and Tianna

5–17
December 2023
@ M Shed



Help create a vision for Bristol Harbour this December!

Have your say about the future of Bristol Harbour at a temporary exhibition at the M Shed. Explore postcards of the harbour from history and create your own vision of what tomorrow's harbour should be like.

You can also give your views at www.ask.bristol.gov.uk/hub-page/harbour-place-shaping-strategy



Dates for the diary

Here are some dates for your diary... we will continue to add to these dates as the year goes on.

Here are the term dates for this academic year:

2023 to 2024

- **Term 1:** Friday 1 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023
 - **Term 2:** Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 15 December 2023
 - **Term 3:** Tuesday 2 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024
 - **Term 4:** Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024
 - **Term 5:** Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024
 - **Term 6:** Monday 3 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024
-
- **5th December 2023** – Key stage 2 to Old Vic – More information to follow
 - **5th December 2023** – Christmas in a box – Sparrow Class
 - **Week beginning 11th December 2023** – EYFS and key stage 1 nativity – more information to follow
 - **15th December** – Whole school 'Carols around the Christmas tree'
 - **15th December 2023** – Last day of term 2