

# Newsletter 14 – 2nd May 2025



**Willow Park**  
C of E Primary School



BE THE LIGHT



LOVE



INCLUSIVITY



GENEROSITY



HOPE



TENACITY

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



In our Collective Worship sessions, we have started to look at the final light value, 'Tenacity.' We are tenacious in our striving for excellence. We never give up and always do our best. We talked about how we can make our, 'perseverance spot' grow bigger by developing a positive mindset (I can), be peaceful in how we handle difficulties, be creative in finding ways to overcome these obstacles and know where to find support if we need it. The bigger our perseverance spot becomes, the more tenacious we become, so we don't give up so easily next time.



What a wonderful start to Term 5! It was so lovely to welcome back all the smiley faces and hear what you have all been up to during the Easter break. What glorious weather we have had too. All the children have come back to school eager to learn and they seem happy to be back! The year 6 children have been working especially hard, in preparation for their SATs and deserve much credit for their tenacity and dedication. We could not be more proud of our lovely Willow Park family.

## School uniform

Thank you for making sure your child comes dressed in the, 'Willow Park' school uniform. Now that the weather is getting warmer, it is really important to make sure that your child's school jumper and polo shirt is labelled, with their name clearly written. So many items of school uniform seem to go missing at this time of year! Children should not be wearing any jewellery to school apart from stud earrings. For safety purposes, any earrings should be removed for PE lessons.

## Swimming

Year 4 and 5 have enjoyed their new swimming venue and the smaller classes. Year 5 will have their final swimming session on Monday, 19th May. Year 4 will continue to go swimming and they will be joined on Monday, 2nd June, by Year 6.

## Be the Light Celebration

There will be another opportunity for you to join your child's class and look at their wonderful learning. This will take place on Thursday, 22nd of May, between 8:30 and 9:00. We would love to see you there.

## SATs

In Year 6, students in England participate in Key Stage 2 (KS2) SATs (standardized tests) to assess their learning in English and Maths. These tests will be taking place from 12th to 15th May. All Year 6 children need to be present in school, so please do not book any medical appointments for your Year 6 child during this week. More information about the week will be sent out to Year 6 parents soon.

## Attendance this week

**96.88%**

Our School Target is 97%

Well done to **Owl** class for the highest attendance this week!

Class	Attendance
Robin	96.25%
Kingfisher	95.65%
Owl	98.75%

## House points so far this term...

Red team	Yellow team
<b>315</b>	<b>371</b>
Green team	Blue team
<b>276</b>	<b>350</b>



### **Building Developments**

Hopefully you will have noticed our lovely new windows. The builders did an incredible job with very little disruption to the everyday running of the school. They are now easy to open and free of condensation. If you haven't already seen them, please do have a look when you collect your child from school.

### **Fun in the Sun**

Thank you for making sure your child comes to school with a cap and wearing sun cream when the weather is hot. There is not much shade at the moment in the Reception play area (due to building works) and there is limited shade in the main playground, so it is really important that the children are protected as much as possible.



### **Monday, May 5th - Bank Holiday**

School will be closed on Monday due to it being a bank holiday. The weather forecast looks great, so enjoy the sunny weather! We'll see you all back in school on **Tuesday, 6th of May.**

## **Dates for the Diary**

### **Parent Involvement Be the Light Celebration**

Thu, 22nd May @ 8:30 - 9:00

### **INSET Days**

No additional staff training  
this school year

### **Iced Lollies**

Sold after school  
by the PTA  
Fridays and on very warm days  
*Bring spare change!*



### **Morning Swim Class**

#### **Years 4 & 5 only**

Mon, 12th May

Mon, 19th May (Y5's last day)

#### **Years 4 & 6 only**

Mon, 2nd Jun (Y6's first day)

Mon, 9th Jun

Mon, 16th Jun

Mon, 23rd Jun

Mon, 30th Jun

Mon, 7th Jul

Mon, 14th Jul (Last day swimming)

### **Term Dates**

#### **Term 5:**

Wed, 23 Apr – Fri, 23 May

#### **Term 6:**

Mon, 2 Jun – Tue, 22 Jul

### **Bank Holidays**

Mon, 5 May – **No School**