

# Willow Park News

22 September 2021



**Willow Park**  
C of E Primary School



## Welcome to our very first newsletter!

Dear parents and carers,

It's hard to believe that we are already in week three of the new term in a new school!

I am sure that you will all agree with me that the school is looking great, and the children look wonderful in their new school uniform.

It has been an incredibly difficult journey from the day that we received the news that St Michael's on the Mount and St George are to close. However, with the hard work of the team that we have here we have

managed to ensure that Willow Park has opened successfully.

If you would like to take the opportunity to have a look around the school and what we have done on the inside, please do feel free to book an appointment to do so.

We are very proud of what we are starting to create and would like to share it with everyone.

Please also come and join our Chair of Governors, Janet Bremner and me for a cup of tea and cake on Monday 27th September at 8:50 am in our newly created Community Room.

It has been great seeing everyone back on the playground and being able to chat to you at the beginning of the day has been great. Please come and say hello - there is at least one member of the leadership team on the playground every day!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do feel free to talk to us or make an appointment.

Best Wishes

Chris Larke-Phillips

Head teacher

## 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.

**Attend our Free School Meals clinic on Wednesday, 29 September, 9:00 am.**

Also, check out this link:

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/free-school-meals>

## Coffee morning

Please join our Chair of Governors, Mrs Janet Bremner, and our Head teacher, Mr Chris Larke-Phillips, for tea / coffee and cake in our new Community Room.

**Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> September  
8:50 am (after drop-off)**

## Parent Governors wanted!

Please see letter of 20 September for more information.

## Robin Class (YR)

In Robin class this term we will be focusing mainly on getting used to being in school, playing with our new friends and practising the behaviours needed to be successful learners.

This week we are thinking about our enquiry question 'What Can We See?' and linking that to the change in seasons. We have been collecting leaves and doing leaf rubbings, making leaf necklaces and even creating delicious leaf soup in our outdoor potion making centre!

We will be going on to think about where we live, what our local area looks like and what makes our school so special?

We will be making our own picture frames out of sticks and filling them with pictures and photos to get to know each other and celebrate our similarities and differences.

## Starling Class (Y1)

This week all children in Starling Class have collaborated to bring up an exhibition "Who am I?"

We have been Artists and created our own self-portraits,

and a plate with drawings and water colours to express our feelings on our first week in our new school!

We hope you had the opportunity to see this beautiful project.



# What's on this term

Here are some dates and reminders...

## Football Club (Year 4/5/6)

Mr Larke-Phillips will offer a football club for Year 4, 5 and 6 this term.

It will take place on Mondays, from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm, starting on 27 Sep.

There are 20 places available.

Places are free. Please book through ParentPay.

## Swimming Contributions (Year 5/6)

You can now make swimming contributions on ParentPay.

## Breakfast Club

Free breakfast club is available daily from 8am.

Please contact the school office, if you want your child to attend.

## After School Sports Club

We have had a great response to our After School Sports Club offer, which has started this week.

Please make sure your child brings a PE kit, water bottle and a snack.

## ParentPay

We hope that you have been able to log into your account.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office!

## School Uniform (with logo)

Please follow this link to place online orders:

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/willowpark>

## Term Dates and INSET Days

### Term 1:

Thu, 2 Sep - Fri 22 Oct 2021

### Term 2:

Mon, 1 Nov – Fri 17 Dec 2021

INSET Day: Mon, 1 Nov

*First day back for the children will be Tue, 2 Nov*

### Term 3:

Tue, 4 Jan – Fri 18 Feb 2022

INSET Day: Tue, 4 Jan

*The first day back for the children will be Wed, 5 Jan*

### Term 4:

Mon, 28 Feb – Fri 8 Apr 2022

### Term 5:

Mon, 25 Apr – Fri 27 May 2022

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 2022

### Goldfinch Class (Y2 / Y3)

Goldfinch class have settled in very well. They have responded so well to some of the art lessons we have done about being part of a family. Their goldfinch sketches and goldfinch family trees demonstrate a wealth of creativity and talent. We also seem to have a lot of avid readers and mathematicians in the class, which is so lovely to see.

### Kingfisher Class (Y4 / Y5)

Kingfisher class have had a great start to the year thinking about what makes Willow Park a special and safe place to be. We have set our class rules, drawn maps of our journeys to school and created a video that explains what Kingfisher class love about the school.

Mr Larke-Phillips even agreed to be grilled by the class in a special Q&A event!

For our writing we have been writing postcards, first of all from our 'unbelievable summer holidays'. The children all made up something spectacular that happened to them during the summer – we have some very lively imaginations.

We have begun to read our class book for the term, 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce. It is a story about a twelve year- old who lies his way into a top-secret space mission! I will let the children tell you more about how that happens.

This overlaps really well with our new curriculum enquiry which is all about space – this

term is going to be 'out of this world!'

### Owl Class (Y6)

A fantastic fortnight has passed at Owl Class. We have hit the ground running and are starting as we mean to go on; diving straight into exploring our Year 6 curriculum.

New routines, new classmates and new teachers; we all have embraced this exciting new beginning with curiosity and open hearts.

The children have worked their socks off, and really shone, showing off just how responsible and aspiring they are

As a class teacher of Owl Class, I am looking forward to the year ahead!

## Thank you, Miss Hooper!



Our wonderful SMSA and cleaner Barbara Hooper has organised new recycling bins from Bristol City Council to make our school more eco-friendly.

Thank you and well done!

## Data collection & photo permissions

Thank you to all of you who have returned their data collection sheets.

If you haven't, please remember to do so by the end of this week.

It is very important that we have up to date contact details for all children.

Your photo permissions allow us to document and share life at school.