

# Willow Park News 2

1 October 2021



**Willow Park**  
C of E Primary School



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

It is hard to believe that we are already one month into the new school year.

The children both current and new have settled well into the new school environment and are looking great in their new school uniform!

Now that we are back to normal, and many restrictions have been lifted, I am lucky enough to be able to go into classes and engage with learning and talk to children. This has always been a favourite part of the job!

The children are always so keen to share their learning - from learning about shadows in Year 2/3, learning about space in Year 4/5 and incredible writing in Year 6.

It's great to see that all children are working so hard!

It's also been wonderful to see that our Reception class has started full time. They have settled in really well and we are so proud of them all.

They came to our singing worship last week and they had a great time - joining in with confidence and enthusiasm. I hope this continues for the rest of the year!

Just to remind you all that school starts at 8:45.

We have noticed that many children are late after this time. Please do your best to get to school on time - many thanks.

I hope you all manage to have a wonderful weekend. The weather is not looking great, but I hope you all manage to rest.

Best wishes

Chris Larke-Phillips

Head teacher

## Secondary School Applications

### Is your child in Year 6?

Apply for a secondary school place by 31 October 2021.

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-apply>

### Do you have questions?

Come to our information afternoon on 12 October after school (3:30 pm to 4:30 pm), school hall.

## Black History Month

October is Black History Month.

We will start to study and celebrate black history with a Year 6 Assembly next Tuesday, 5 October.

## Robin Class (YR)

We have had a fantastic fortnight in Robin class getting into the swing of being in school full time and enjoying having lunch in our school hall each day.

We have begun our pre phonics lessons where this week we have been learning all about rhyming. We have been listening to stories and songs with rhyming words and even created our own rhyming soup.

In maths we have been learning how to sort objects by their size, shape and colour and put them in order.

We have also been creating beautiful art work from leaf

rubbings and leaf printing to celebrate the arrival of Autumn in our classroom.

## Starling Class (Y1)

This week in Starling Class, we have been scientist learning and exploring different materials and their characteristics.

Our class is full of amazing Mathematicians, so we enjoyed ordering numbers and objects from smallest to biggest, learning the concepts of "greater than", "less than" and "equal to".

We also got the attendance award this week again! Well done Starlings!

## Harvest Festival

We shall be celebrating Harvest in the school hall on **Tuesday, 12 October at 9:05 am**. You are welcome to join us for this occasion.

We would be grateful if you could spare some non-perishable food items which we will donate to a local food bank. Packets or tins of food are always appreciated.

Please bring the items in on the day before (to the office) or on the day itself.

Many thanks!

# What's on this term

Here are some dates and reminders...

## Parent Governor Vacancy

The deadline for nominations is on Monday, 4 October, 4pm

## Harvest Festival

12 October, 9:05 am after drop-off. Please join us!

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

We've still got free places!

Mondays, from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm. Please book through ParentPay.

## Swimming Contributions (Year 5/6)

Please remember to contribute to swimming transport on ParentPay.

Thank you to everyone who has already done this!

## 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 2 Preview:

### Kingfisher Class Trip

Kingfisher Class will visit "We the Curious" on Thursday, 4 November.

More information will follow in a letter.

## 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)

This week Goldfinch class members have enjoyed being Scientists and investigating what happens when there is not any light and how light is reflected.

They have enjoyed continuing to read Lemony Snicket's "The Dark" and enjoying a poem about the benefits of dark.

We are looking forward to more learning next week!

### Kingfisher Class (Y4 / Y5)

Over the last week Kingfisher class have been using our class reading book 'Cosmic' to create our own story about the main character, twelve-year-old Liam Digby, taking a new sports car for a spin! We have spent the week planning our story which we will write up next week.

We have also really been getting to grips with our new enquiry, 'What does Earth look like from the Solar System?' We acted out the movements of the planets in the playground, have been learning to identify countries from space and have been using the work of famous artists to inspire our own creative pieces!

We also have our first school trip to 'We The Curious' booked for the first week after half term

Look out for further details nearer the time.

### Owl Class (Y6)

In Year 6, we have relished an opportunity to show what we're made of during last week's Assessment Week.

It was interesting to see how we all have definite strengths and

also areas where we look forward to developing our understanding over the coming months.

Our new Enquiry, "How Are Lives Saved?" has started well, with learning about our circulatory system and some very energising exploration of the impact of exercise on our heart.

During Collective Worship, we are having some thought provoking conversations about generosity, and what it means to give and share of ourselves and of our resources.

It feels like a really appropriate note upon which to start the new year.

## Dove Gardens

Parents from our school have created Dove Gardens, a community garden in the Dove Street area, Kingsdown.

The project started during lockdown to bring the community together and improve everyone's wellbeing.

We will send more information home next week in your child's bookbag.

*"We invite all families, parents and carers of the school to join us through social media and gardening sessions. All the sessions are for children and adults and there is no need for previous experience."*  
*Bernadita Munoz, Goldfinch parent*

They have also been covered in Bristol 24/7. Have a look here: <https://www.bristol247.com/news-and-features/features/the-kingsdown-gardens-bringing-a-community-together/>

## 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 Tuesday, 5 October, 3pm.**

Also, check out this link:

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