

Willow Park News 3

15 October 2021



Willow Park
C of E Primary School



Dear parent(s) / carer(s),

I can't quite believe that we are already coming to the end of what has been a very busy and very successful for term of Willow Park. So much has been achieved already and I am sure that the children and staff will build on this in the coming terms.

What has been particularly exciting is that we have welcomed 22 new children into our school community this week and we are so privileged to have been chosen to take care of these children's education over the coming weeks and months.

The families have joined us from Afghanistan and the children have already done an amazing job in ensuring our new families feel safe and welcome.

Well done everyone!

It was great to see so many families join us for our Harvest celebration this week - I hope you enjoyed it too. This was our first harvest assembly since 2019 and the children and staff did Willow Park proud.

A special thank you to Mrs van der Laan for organising such a special service.

We are already starting to work on our Christmas celebrations - the Christmas carol practice has begun. Thank you Ms Strandh!

So much has happened this term and so much will be happening next term too.

Along with the Christmas celebrations and the nativity, there will be class trips, parents' evenings and the opening ceremony of Willow Park - more information to come!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend, fingers crossed the weather holds out too!

Best wishes,
Chris Larke-Phillips
Head teacher

From the Governors

The Governors of Willow Park Primary are very pleased to have welcomed 22 additional children to the school since the start of term. They and their families are new to the city and to the UK having arrived from Afghanistan.

We are proud that the Local Authority chose us, and has provided some resource to support them as they settle in.

It is testament to Willow Park's inheritance of high standards of caring, of community and of education from St Michael on the Mount and St George Schools.

We know that everyone will "Be the Light" to our new families and will make their stay in the City and time in the School as happy as possible.

We look forward to seeing you all around the School as access restrictions are lifted.

Best wishes,
Mary Benton and Janet Bremner

Robin Class (YR)

We have had a fabulous fortnight in Robin class very busily collecting autumn leaves to use in class for leaf rubbings, leaf painting and leaf printing.

We have been learning about Harvest in preparation for the harvest assembly and thinking about the values of giving and sharing and how we can do that to our friends at school.

In Maths we have been ordering numbers to 5 and learning the language of more and less.

We have also been thinking about what we can see on our journeys to and from school and drawing maps to show this.

Starling Class (Y1)

Starling Class is full of Scientists who have been exploring everyday materials and their properties. This knowledge was essential to design our very own hats.

You won't believe how creative, original and special those hats are! Soon, we will share them with you all.

As Mathematicians we learnt about part-whole models and I have to say, we are smashing it!

We're a nut-free school

Please do not include any foods that contain nuts in your child's snacks and packed lunches. This is to protect children with allergies.

Harvest Festival

Louise from the Salvation Army talked to the children about all the things the Salvation Army do to help people in our community and around the world.

They were so pleased with the food donations we gave them. These donations will go into the food bank and support local families.

Thank you for being the light in this way!



What's on

Here are some dates and reminders...

Robin class (Reception)

Mon, 18 Oct, 9am

Information for parent about phonics and reading

Events for future Reception Parents

Thu, 21 Oct, 9.30am

Secondary School Applications

Deadline on Sun, 31 Oct

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

School Uniform (with logo)

Please follow this link to place online orders:

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

Term 2 Preview

INSET Day

Mon, 1 Nov

Kingfisher Class Trip

Thu, 4 Nov

Kingfisher Class trip to "We the Curious"

Save the date!

Willow Park Grand Opening

Thursday, 18 November, 1pm (tbc)

Events for future Reception Parents

Wed 3 Nov, 5.30pm

Thu 4 Nov, 1.30pm

Thu 18 Nov, 1.30pm

Thu, 2 Dec, 9.30am

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 have continued to investigate patterns in the size of shadows when a light source is at different distances from the object.

They had fun finding out whether woodlice preferred the dark or light conditions.



In English and RE they retold the story of Rama and Sita and produced some fantastic writing in the process.

They also loved having a go at using Reading Eggs and Mathletics on the ipads.

Kingfisher Class (Y4 / Y5)

Kingfisher Class have been working incredibly hard over the last couple of weeks. Last week

we had our assessments in maths, reading and English.

We are extremely proud of how the children engaged with these and they will give us a good insight into how we can best work to support them in their learning for the rest of the year.

This week in English the children have been learning to be poets - we will be using what we have learnt to create some fabulous poems for a special event after half term...watch this space!

Talking about space, we will be finishing our curriculum topic with a visit to 'We the Curious' in the first week back after the break. We will have a space themed day with a workshop and visit to the planetarium.

I hope the children are looking forward to it as much as I am!

Owl Class (Y6)

Owl Class has been making a sterling effort this week, getting to grips both with new methods of division as well as

subordinating conjunctions, allowing us to create sentences with added depth and interest.

In our Enquiry, "How Are Lives Saved?", we have been learning about the main reasons why children may find themselves in A&E at Bristol Children's Hospital, and considered ways in which homes can be made safer and accidents prevented.

We have also learnt a couple of new songs; the children in Owl Class are wonderfully musical pick up new melodies and lyrics really quickly.

Mathletics & Reading Eggs

Your child should be coming home with their login details stuck into their yellow reading records.

You can either go straight to the websites or you can download the app free.

If you are having difficulties, please let the office know.

Volunteers wanted

Could you help us get our name out in the community by dropping off some flyers?

If you can, come and see the office team!



Is your child starting Reception in September 2022?

Join us for a tour of our brand new school!

Thursday 14th October at 9.30 am Thursday 4th November at 1.30 pm
Thursday 21st October at 9.30 am Thursday 18th November at 1.30 pm
Wednesday 3rd November at 5.30 pm Thursday 2nd December at 9.30 am

To book your place, email office@willowpark.org.uk or call 0117 9030434

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Website up and running

Our new website has gone live. Have a look!

www.willowpark.org.uk