

Willow Park News 10

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Willow Park
C of E Primary School



Dear parent(s) / carer(s),

It has been a wonderful end to the term and I write to you surrounded by beautiful fields and scenery in Shropshire whilst on residential trip with Year 6.

The Year 6 children have been an absolute delight to spend time with and I am so glad we had the opportunity to take them away for a well-deserved trip.

All the children have really thrown themselves into the activities and have done things like abseiling, rock climbing, fencing and rifle shooting. It sad that we are at the end of the experience, but we have 18 very tired children who seem ready to see their families for a well-deserved Easter break!

From speaking to Mrs van der Laan and Mrs Jones who have been in charge in my absence all has been well in school. I

can't wait to catch up with the children after Easter to see what they have been up to!

Trip to St Stephen's

Last week the whole school went on their first whole school trip in 3 years. We haven't been to St Stephen's altogether since March 2019 and was wonderful to see the whole community celebrating Easter together.

Well done to all the children for being so well behaved and respectful. We all had a fabulous time!

Year 6 SATS

Just to remind all Year 6 parents that SATS will begin on May 9th. A full timetable will come out to

you at the beginning of next term.

New families

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome new families that have joined us this term. Welcome to the Willow Park family!

Have a good break!

I hope you all manage to have a restful two week break.

We look forward to seeing you all on the first day back of Term 5 on Monday, 25th April.

Best wishes

Chris Larke-Phillips

Head teacher

New PTA!

Willow Park is forming a PTA.

This group will be formed by parents/carers and staff at Willow Park, organising events to build a stronger Willow Park community.

We would like our PTA to reflect our whole school family and welcome parents/carers and grandparents of all children.

If you would be interested in volunteering a couple of hours of your spare time, **please contact Kath on PTA@willowpark.org.uk.**

Over the next two terms we would love to organise the garden area for the children to enjoy and possibly a disco or party for the children to celebrate the first year at Willow Park.

Many thanks! Willow Park PTA.

Hope for Ukraine

Willow Park mum Mariya Bykova is collecting donations for Ukraine.

If you want to make a donation please drop it off in the school office.

Please have a look at the list of items needed at the end of this newsletter.

Hope for Ukraine charity:
info@hopeforukraine.org.uk

Facebook:
Hope for Ukraine, Bristol

Robin Class (YR)

Robin class have had a fantastic spring term spending every Monday morning in the woods.

We have made flags, bird feeders, leaf pictures and enjoyed roasting marshmallows, crumpets and popcorn on the fire. We look forward to returning to the woods in term 6 to observe the changes that have happened since spring!

We have also been looking after tadpoles in our class and watching them grow day by day and learning about the lifecycle of a frog.

We can't wait to return after Easter as we will have new members of our class in the form of caterpillars!

Starling Class (Y1)

During these last weeks we have been working on our book, "**How to Find Gold**". It has been such an exciting adventure, drawing our own treasure maps, exploring the underwater world and meeting all sorts of Sea monsters!

And in order to complete our Enquiry challenge, we have been practicing different creative techniques to create our own pop-up book that soon we will be sharing with all of you.

It has been a lovely term and we are very excited to start our summer term after the holidays!

Stay safe, enjoy your holidays and eat lots of chocolate eggs!

Swimming

Year 3 children will be swimming in Term 5 and Term 6

Forest School

Starling class and **Goldfinch class** will go to Forest School in Term 5.

The dates are:

- Monday, 9 May
- Monday, 16 May
- Monday, 23 May

Goldfinch Class (Y2 / Y3)

It has been my absolute pleasure to teach Goldfinch Class this week, as Mrs Van Der Laan and Mrs Jones have accompanied my Year 6 Class to camp. The children have made me feel very welcome!

We have enjoyed learning about recipes and have made ourselves a delicious vegetable soup.

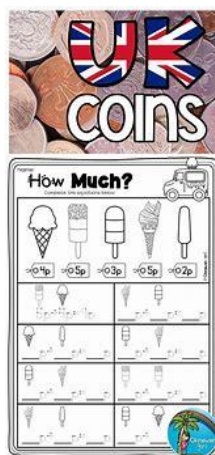
The children have experimented with collage and printmaking to create a forest in the style of their class text Quill Soup.

They have also composed a song based on the story and performed it playing a range of instruments. It really has been fun!

Miss Strandh

Golden Eagle Class (Y4 / Y5 / Y6)

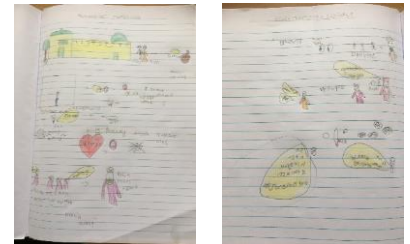
In Maths Golden Eagles have been learning about money and the value of our coins and notes.



We welcome two new children from our class who have joined us from Ukraine and we're enjoying teaching them our class routines and sharing our resources.

Прощу - welcome!

We have been making story maps of a traditional Afghan tale called The Stranger.



Then we read a modern-day true story about Ali who moved to UK from Afghanistan. This picture is inspired by Ali's story but based on our experience.

Can you see what it's about?



Covid safety

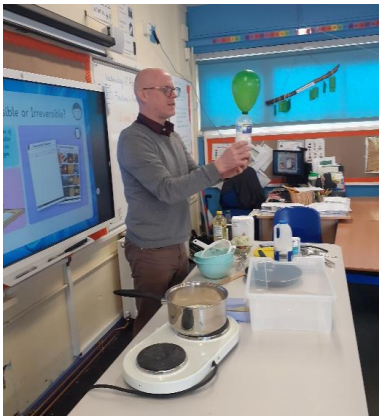
This is what we continue to do to keep everyone at our school safe:

1. Regular hand washing
2. Additional lunch time cleaning
3. Ventilation of our buildings
4. Following public health advice on symptoms and managing confirmed cases of Covid-19

Kingfisher Class (Y4 / Y5)

Kingfisher class have had a fun couple of weeks being scientists.

Last week we were testing various metal objects to find which made the best conductor of electricity and this week we conducted various experiments around irreversible changes. These experiments included making carbon dioxide out of vinegar and bicarbonate of soda, and making plastic out of milk!



We have also been working as journalists, writing the story of Good Friday as if the events were happening now in a newspaper report. We will be continuing this theme after the Easter break – it is a good way of showing off our learning about direct speech and subordinate clauses!

In maths we have just finished our unit on fractions and therefore we will be moving on to thinking about decimals in the new term.

I hope you all enjoy a good two weeks off – don't eat too much chocolate!

Owl Class (Y6)

Owl class are returning today from an amazing, active week at Culmington Manor.

Have a look on Twitter to see what they've been up to!

https://twitter.com/willow_primary/

Year 6 SATS Week

Year 6 SATS week this year will be from Monday, 9 May to Thursday, 12 May



What's on

Here are some dates and reminders...

Term 4

Year 6 Easter SATS Club

Wed, 13 and Thu, 14 Apr

9:30-15:00

Term 5

Clubs

Sports Clubs and Zumba Club will continue.

Book quickly as places fill up!

Forest School

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- Mon, 16 May
- Mon, 23 May

Swimming

Yr 3 will join Yr 6 for swimming.

SATS Week (Year 6)

Mon, 9 May – Thu, 12 May

Term Dates and INSET Days

Term 5:

Mon 25 Apr – Fri 27 May

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

Hope for Ukraine

Items needed

Women:

- Sanitary items
- Bodywash
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Flannel

Babies:

- Nappies
- Wet Wipes
- Barrier Cream (eg Sudocrem)
- Food Pouches
- Formula Milk
- Bottles and brushes
- Dummies
- Soft hairbrush
- Sponge
- Wash cloth

General:

- Towels
- Blankets
- Sleeping Mats
- Toddler pillows
- Toddler Duvets

Medical/Cleaning:

- Ibuprofen/Paracetamol plus liquid for children
- 1st Aid Kit (as New or short dated acceptable)
- Detergent
- Antibacterial Spray
- Non Prescription Medicine
- Clothing ****WARM****
Must be NEW/ AS NEW

Babies and Young Children

- Toddler shoes
- ANY Underwear but must be NEW