

# Newsletter 6 – 03.11.2023

## 'Be the Light!'

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



**Willow Park**  
C of E Primary School



Welcome back to term 2, it's great to see so many of you back to school, showing good attitudes to learning and behaviour. This week in class I have seen some great descriptive writing in Year 2, Year 1 have been artists and Year 6 have been scientists by dissecting organs as part of their enquiry learning! I'm looking forward to what is going to happen in classes next week!

### Value of the term

Each term in our collective worship time we discuss and reflect on a particular value. Last term we focussed on respect. This term we are moving on to talk about Friendship. We have already had the opportunity to talk about what a good friend looks like. We will use teachings from different religions to help us share the messages. Please do continue to talk about friendship at home.

### Weather

As you will have noticed the weather has turned wet and windy. Please ensure that your child comes to school with a coat

so that they are able to enjoy time outside. Many thanks.

### The Parry Garden

You may have seen this week that our Parry Garden (on the other side of the lane) has had a makeover! Next week children will begin using the space again after a long absence. This is a special space for us and the children are excited to use it again!

I hope you have a wonderful weekend. Please wrap up warm and we look forward to seeing you all next Monday.

Mr Phillips  
Headteacher

### Attendance this week.....

WE HAVE BEATEN OUR WEEKLY TARGET!!!!

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Our School Target is 96%

Attendance this week: 96.2%

Class	Attendance
Robin	100%
Starling	97.2%
Goldfinch	96.7%
Sparrow	95.5%
Kingfisher	95%
Owl	94.3%



Be the light....

Check out the mural that our Year 6 teacher, Ms Strandh has created! She really has gone above and beyond to create this for our school!

Thank you Ms Strandh!

## NO NUTS

Please remember we are a NO NUTS school – any foods containing nuts, including chocolate spread is not allowed due to severe allergies of some of our children

'In all we do and all we say, let's all be the Light today!'

Year 1 have been learning to be artists last term and it ended with all children designing and creating their own hats! They even displayed their skills on the catwalk at the end of term in our celebration assembly! Take a look at some of the creations!



Year 2 have also shown that they are talented artists. As part of their learning in RE, the children were thinking and talking about Prayer Mats in Islam. Our children have shown that they are deep thinkers! They then went on to create and design their own prayer mats, which they were very proud of!



Finally, Year 6 have had a busy week this week. On Tuesday they visited the Life skills centre where children learned how to stay safe and what to do in case of an emergency. On Wednesday, our children became scientists and were dissecting organs to see what they look like on the inside! The children really enjoyed this lesson! Below you will see where the children have cut to create a cross section of connective tissue and a cross section of a lamb's lung!



## House points so far this term....

Red team <b>52</b>	Yellow team <b>57</b>
Green team <b>45</b>	Blue team <b>62</b>

### Who has *been the light* this week?

Congratulations to the following children who have shown excellence in their learning and behaviour this week!

Moataz, Bushra, Omer, Anastasia (Y1), Ana, Simon, Valery, Emily, Musawer, Moncif, Andre and Hephzibah

## Reading

At Willow Park we value reading and believe that if children are able to read it will be able to unlock many other areas of their learning. Please ensure your children are reading at home at least 3 times a week and record this in their reading record. Many thanks.

## Dates for the diary

Here are some dates for your diary... we will continue to add to these dates as the year goes on.

Here are the term dates for this academic year:

### 2023 to 2024

- **Term 1:** Friday 1 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023
  - **Term 2:** Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 15 December 2023
  - **Term 3:** Tuesday 2 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024
  - **Term 4:** Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024
  - **Term 5:** Monday 15 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024
  - **Term 6:** Monday 3 June 2024 to Tuesday 23 July 2024
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- **9<sup>th</sup> November** – Reception 2024 open day @ 1:30pm
  - **11<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Day – we shall be observing this on our class assemblies on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November
  - **13 – 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023** – Parents evenings in the hall – more information to follow
  - **17<sup>th</sup> November 2023** – Children in Need day
  - **Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023** – EYFS and key stage 1 nativity – more information to follow
  - **15<sup>th</sup> December 2023** – Last day of term 2