

Newsletter 3 – 22.9.2023

‘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



Wow, what a week it has been! Its weeks like this that really shows how special and resilient our school community is. There has been a lot of staff absence due to illness with a lot of supply staff, but the children have reacted to this well and have still given 100%. Well done to all at Willow Park and get well soon to all the staff that have been off sick! We miss you and we can't wait to see you back at school!

Value of the term

The value we are looking at this term is **RESPECT**. I have been seeing more examples of respect across the school this week. E.g.: Eshal for always being polite and using her manners
Shamsullah for always saying good morning to me!
Basil for opening doors for adults... and there are so many more examples. The children are a real credit to you and our school!

paid for using your parent pay account – please see the office if you need support with this. The clubs are £4 per session per child – still great value for money!

PTA

We are very much wanting to get our PTA up and running again after its successes from last year. Please speak to a member of the leadership team to find out more

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you next week!

Mr Phillips
Headteacher

After school clubs

Our after school club runs on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and can be booked and

Attendance this week.....

Attendance is okay this week but we can do better! Thank you all for your support with getting children to school!

Our School Target is 96%

Class	Attendance
Robin	99.3%
Kingfisher	96.7%
Starling	95.7%
Goldfinch	93.2%
Owl	91.5%
Sparrow	85.3%

Harvest

We shall be holding our harvest festival on Tuesday 26th September in the school hall at 9.00am. This year we shall be collecting for a food bank called the Loaves and Fishes. If you would like to join us for our harvest celebration, you are warmly welcomed.

“Loaves and Fishes” is a food bank run by the Community of the Sisters of the Church who live and serve from 82 Ashley Road. They currently support over 300 people/families a week with essential food to feed families. Saint Stephens is supporting their Harvest Appeal this year

What really helps is:

- 1) Any food in tins.
- 2) Any toiletries and nappies.
- 3) If you would like to give financially any money goes towards helping people stay warm.

Please bring any donations by 9am Tuesday 26th

Year 6 camp

Welcome back to year 6, Mr Browne and Mrs Bunce who are back from an exhausting but fun camp!

Please see pictures on our twitter to see what they got up to!

@willow_primary

House points so far...

Red team 39	Yellow team 37
Green team 35	Blue team 44

Who has *been the light* this week?

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

Ania, Savitha, Maen, Angel-David, Almendra, Edder, Pradeep, Aasia, Harmeet and Tekena

Uniform

It is a requirement that all children come to school dressed appropriately in the Willow Park school uniform. Please ensure all uniform is named. Please either speak to Mr Paz in the office or you can order directly from the school website.

<https://willowpark.org.uk/for-parents/uniform/>

Children can wear black trainers to school as long as they are plain and sensible.

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 the next 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

- **28th September 2023** – Flu vaccinations available for all children – please see the email sent out from Mr Paz
- **5th October 2023** – Phonics workshop for families in Reception and Year 1 – led by Mrs Leaker and Miss Miller – more information to follow
- **13th October 2023** - First Reception 2024 open day
- **19th October 2023** – Owl class assembly at 9am
- **31st October 2023** – Deadline for Year 7 applications to secondary schools (via Bristol City Council)