



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of summer 1, the children have been extremely busy this week publishing their final writing outcomes from the half term, demonstrating our values of resilience and aspiration as they edit and redraft to ensure their final version is the best it can be. We are really looking forward to their learning being displayed around the school so children can engage and inspire each other by their learning journeys.

There have been some exciting trips this week with Yew Class visiting The Nest library, just minutes away from the school, and having the opportunity to browse the books in the honeycomb seating area, as well as borrow a book to read at school over the next few weeks. Please do try to visit the library over the half term break, it is wonderful to have such a fantastic resource on our doorstep: [The Nest - Bexley Libraries \(yourlondonlibrary.net\)](http://yourlondonlibrary.net).

Mulberry and Hornbeam Classes visited Lesnes Abbey, another local landmark, and enjoyed a morning learning about the Abbey itself as well as enjoying a walk in the sunshine in the beautiful gardens [Lesnes Abbey Woods, park and ruins, venue hire in South East London](#). We have also been extremely proud of our Year 2 children this week as they have completed their reading and maths SATs assessments and all did themselves proud.

As we gallop into summer 2, please save the following dates in your diary for our forthcoming **Sports Days**:

**EYFS and Key Stage 1 – Thursday 6th July 9:30-11:00am**  
**Key Stage 2 – Friday 7th July 9:30-11:00am**

The children will be practising their athletics skills in their PE lessons in preparation, and we would like to thank Miss Omollo, our PE lead, for organising these events. Parents are very welcome to attend to help cheer everyone on!

Finally, the children will be having their **individual and sibling photographs** taken on **Tuesday 6th June**. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform on this day. They may bring in their PE kits to change into if it is a PE day.

Thank you all for your ongoing support. Wishing you all a relaxing half term break. Best wishes,

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



## At Willow Bank today .....



## Upcoming event



Individual/Siblings school photo  
Tuesday 6th June 2023

Class/Group photo's 23rd June 2023



## INCLUSION AT WILLOW BANK

At Willow Bank we feel it is extremely important for our children to learn mindfulness. Which is a technique they can learn which involves noticing what is happening around them and being present in the moment.

### **Mindfulness aims to help you:**

- become more self-aware
- feel calmer and less stressed
- feel more able to choose how to respond to your thoughts and feelings
- cope with difficult or unhelpful thoughts
- be kinder towards yourself.

Mindfulness isn't just for children, anyone and everyone can take part. Use this Meaningful May daily activities to help you feel good and be present.

Meaningful May 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Do something kind for someone you really care about	2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do	3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small	4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together	5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why	6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful	7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why
8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today	9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today	10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times	11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder	12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you	13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture	14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature
15 Do something to contribute to your local community	16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better	17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful	18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about	19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful	20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable	21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger
22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about	23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of	24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today	25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why	26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful	27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others	28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight
29 Today do something to care for the natural world	30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost	31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future				



**ACTION FOR HAPPINESS**

**Happier · Kinder · Together**

*Respect Integrity Kindness Resilience Aspiration Curiosity*

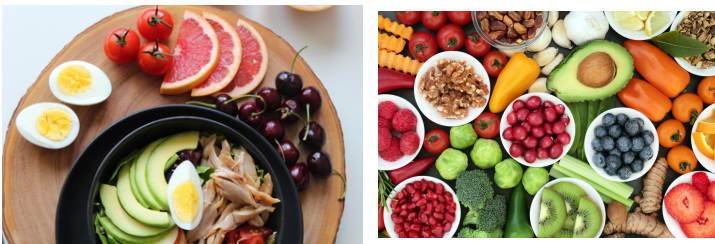


**OUR CORE VALUE FOR SUMMER 1 -**  
**ASPIRATION**



Well done to:	Our target is over 96%
★ Magnolia - 96.4%	Yew - 91.5%
Hornbeam - 94.3%	★ Mulberry - 100%
★ Alder - 97.8%	★ Redwood - 97.6%
★ Laburnum - 100%	Almond - 95.5%
Hazel - 89.6%	★ Walnut - 100%
Larch - 95%	Sycamore - 93%

**THUNK OF THE WEEK**



Say there is a food that you don't like, but someone else does. Is that because it tastes different for you, or because you don't like the taste and the other person does?

Don't forget that your child should be reading with you every day at home and sign in the diary when you have done so. It is helpful to write which page they have read up to and maybe even a short comment on how well they did with reading/answering questions. Adults will be checking reading records everyday.

***EYFS and KS1 Parent Reading Morning***  
***Every Thursday from 8:40-9:10am***



***All parents and carers welcome!***

*We are looking for Read with Me volunteers at Willow Bank! These volunteers will visit our EYFS, KS1 and KS2 classrooms and listen to our children read. If you are interested in volunteering with us for 30 minutes or an hour each week, then please pop into the office to express your interest and pick up our application pack.*