



Dear Parents and Carers,

★ A Positive Start to the New School Year

It has been a very positive and purposeful start to the new academic year. We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the children back into school and seeing them settle so well into their new classes.

Thank you to everyone who attended the **Parent-Teacher Meetings** last week. We hope you found the opportunity helpful in getting to know your child's teacher and teaching assistant, as well as seeing their new classroom. It was lovely to see so many of you and we hope your questions and concerns were answered.



To help us improve and shape future events, we would really appreciate it if you could take a moment to complete the **anonymous parent survey**. Your feedback will support the Trust in deciding whether to repeat this format in the future. Please use the link below to add your views by the end of the day: <https://join.vocean.com/brainburst?id=aab590c6-b39a-4420-9ea9-18742e3f87b7>

👏 Thank You for Supporting School Uniform

A big thank you to all families for ensuring children have returned wearing the correct school uniform and PE kit this week. It really does make a difference to children's sense of belonging and helps them start the day ready for learning, feeling proud and part of the school community.

🔥 Autumn Term Learning

The children have had a great week getting to know their new teachers and TAs, and diving into their Autumn 1 topics with enthusiasm. Don't forget to take a look at the class blurbs we have shared this week to get a glimpse into classroom life!

👖 Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 19th September

Next Friday, we will be supporting **Jeans for Genes Day**, a national fundraising event which raises money to help children and families affected by genetic conditions.

Children are invited to wear **jeans, denim skirts or shorts** on the day, along with their **usual school sweatshirt and polo shirt on top**.



We ask for a **voluntary donation of £1**, or whatever you are able to give. All proceeds will go to the Jeans for Genes charity to support life-changing projects for children across the UK. Thank you for your support

📖 Curriculum Overviews and Home Learning

Your child's **curriculum overview** for this half term has been emailed and is now available on the school website. We encourage you to take a look to see what your child will be learning across all subjects – it is a great way to start conversations at home and support their learning journey.

Please also remember to check in each week with your child about their homework.

◆ Children in Years 1–6 will receive:

- A list of weekly **spellings**
- A **maths** task
- An **English** task
- Half-termly **topic-based** activities



In **Key Stage 2**, pupils also have access to **Reading Plus** on any device. If your child doesn't know their login details, please speak to their class teacher.

Wishing all our families a relaxing and enjoyable weekend. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



Magnolia

Magnolia have settled in very well this week. We've had lots of fun making new friends and getting to know each other. It's been a wonderful start, full of smiles, play, and new experiences!



Year 1

Year 1 received an exciting letter and parcels in the post. When we opened the parcels we found clues and used our previous knowledge about fairy tales to guess who the parcels were from. We then read different fairy tales and discussed our favourite characters.



Year 2

Year 2 have been busy unleashing their imaginations by creating their very own monsters! From spiky tails to googly eyes and glittery wings, no two creatures were the same. The children enjoyed designing, describing, and sharing their creations.



Year 3

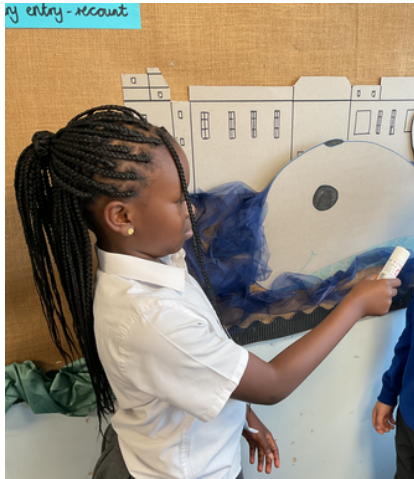
Children in year3 took part in a hook lesson that transported them back to the Stone Age to explore how people lived differently compared to today. Working in small groups in the forest area, they completed survival challenges. They built simple shelters using sticks, leaves, and natural materials, thinking about how Stone Age people stayed safe and warm. They also created cave art with charcoal, chalk on brown paper, drawing animals, handprints, or hunting scenes like Stone Age artists.





Year 4

In our Writing hook lesson, children became reporters and interviewees, exploring the real-life sighting of whales in the River Thames. Using videos, podcasts, and news articles, they investigated, discussed, and reported on what this surprising event could have meant.



Year 5

In Year 5, we launched our new history topic with a creative hook lesson. Children designed and made traditional Benin-inspired bracelets or necklaces, using vibrant colours and patterns to explore the rich culture and craftsmanship of the Benin Kingdom.



Year 6

In year 6 this week we explored costumes and items that belong to the three main characters from The Highwayman and made inferences about their role in the story.



OUR CORE VALUE FOR AUTUMN TERM 1 IS RESPECT

The 3 R's

1. Respect Yourself
2. Respect Others
3. Respect Your School



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 Yr 1 & 2 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.



	Our target is over 96%
Magnolia - 99 % ★	Yew - 98% ★
Hornbeam - 99% ★	Redwood - 99% ★
Almond- 95%	Hazel-99% ★
Larch- 99% ★	
	 

School Reminder

Children should not arrive earlier than 8.20am, for Bagel Breakfast club from 8.25am - 8.35am
School gates close at precisely 8:50am. After this time, entrance is via the school office and parents will need to sign your child/children in using the screen.

A reminder that we have our Chance To Chat.

As a school we provide ongoing support for the children's wellbeing and mental health to which one of the methods is they can fill out a form while in school to express their worries. The form then gets placed in the 'Chance to chat' box where it will be addressed by the wellbeing team.

We also have an online form which is located on the school website named 'Chance to chat'.

The children can complete the form if they are worried about something or need some advice? A member of staff will get back to the child at school.

Please copy the link below and paste in the search bar and it will direct you straight to the form.

<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=MvrWB2Z-r0qnuEuN-giOI1CAPQc0X4RFje43giTliLNUOE5BWUFISE40VjBXODZYRVFITLNXVzZYNCQLQCN0PWcu>





Willow Bank
Primary School



Tuesday 30th September 2025
 Tuesday 4th November 2025
 Tuesday 9th December 2025
 Tuesday 20th January 2026

09:30 - 10:00 am
Please confirm your attendance by
 calling or emailing the school office

0208 320 1900
wbpoffice@watschools.org.uk

We look forward to welcoming
 you on a tour of our school
 and meeting members of the
 Willow Bank team







Willow Bank
Primary School

Meet the SENCO

Hello! My name is Miss Rumbold
 and I am the new SENCO here at Willow Bank Primary
 School.

I am holding a session in the school hall on:

Thursday 2nd October 2025

between 9:00 and 9:30.

This is a great opportunity to come and meet me and
 discuss any worries or concerns you may have about
 your child/children.

There will be coffee, tea and biscuits. Younger siblings
 are welcome.





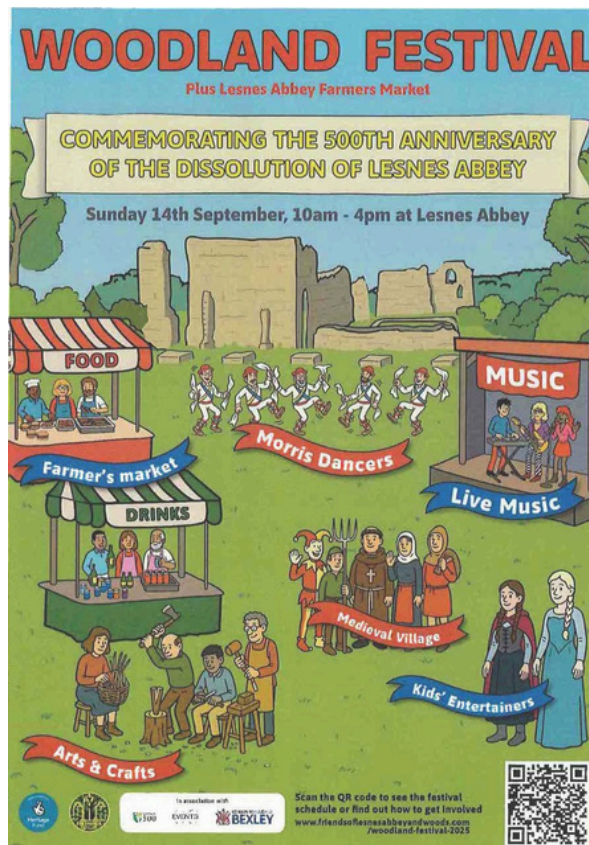



⚠️ Parent & Carer Alert: The "Salt & Ice Challenge"

A dangerous online trend is resurfacing where children put salt on their skin and press ice on top.

- ☞ This causes serious cold burns (like frostbite).
- ☞ Injuries can need hospital treatment and even skin grafts.
- ☞ Young people may not realise the damage until it's too late.

- ✅ First Aid: Cool with lukewarm running water for 10+ minutes, cover with clean cling film, and seek medical help.
- ❌ Do NOT use ice, creams, or fluffy dressings.



**JOIN IN WITH OUR 2025
JEANS FOR GENES DAY EVENT**

**JEANS
FOR
GENES**
30 Years

What?

Donate £1 and wear Jeans to school!

When?

Friday 19th September

Where?

Willow Bank

Join the 30th year
CELEBRATION!

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