



Dear Parents and Carers,

How the autumn term has flown by! This week we have enjoyed festive events and activities across the school. Key Stage 1 performed their nativity, Bethlehem Bake-Off, to the children and parents to rapturous applause! The children sang beautifully, remembered their lines and looked fantastic in their costumes and headdresses. We would like to thank all the KS1 staff for their hard work in planning, rehearsing, and putting the final performance together.

On Thursday afternoon, we opened our gates a little earlier for our Key Stage 2 Christmas Sing-Along! Each year group sang their choice of Christmas song and we all sang 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas' with Makaton signing. We had a very large audience, so we hope it made you all feel festive!

Another highlight was our Willow Bank Talent Show this morning. Miss Jones organised the event for the children and it has been highly anticipated by children and staff alike. We had a range of acts from dancing to singing to instrumental recitals. The children overcame their nerves and performed with smiles and pride! There were tears of happiness and goosebumps as the children shared their passion and talents with us all.

Finally, this afternoon, every class celebrated with an end of term party. For some, this meant another class talent show, whereas others enjoyed traditional party games and activities with their friends.

Thank you all for your ongoing support. Wishing you a peaceful and happy Christmas break with your families and a prosperous new year. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Oldfield  
Headteacher

Peabody is delighted to announce that Cosy Corners have been introduced at some of our community centres. These are dedicated for the most vulnerable members of the community, for example, the elderly, isolated, and families who are struggling with energy bills or finances.

Each Cosy Corner offers something a little different. But whichever of our community centres people visit, they can find a warm and friendly space to relax, keep warm and get advice about staying warm this winter. People will also be able to visit a Cosy Corner for:

- free tea and coffee
- energy saving advice
- use of charging points
- get support and advice about cost of living

People can also speak to our community centre teams to find out about any other support we can offer you and your family.

**Come in for:**

- Free tea and coffee
- Energy saving advice •
- Use of charging points
- Cost of living support and advice

# Cosy Corner

**Everyone is welcome!**



**For more information:**  
[www.peabody.org.uk/cosy-corners](http://www.peabody.org.uk/cosy-corners)

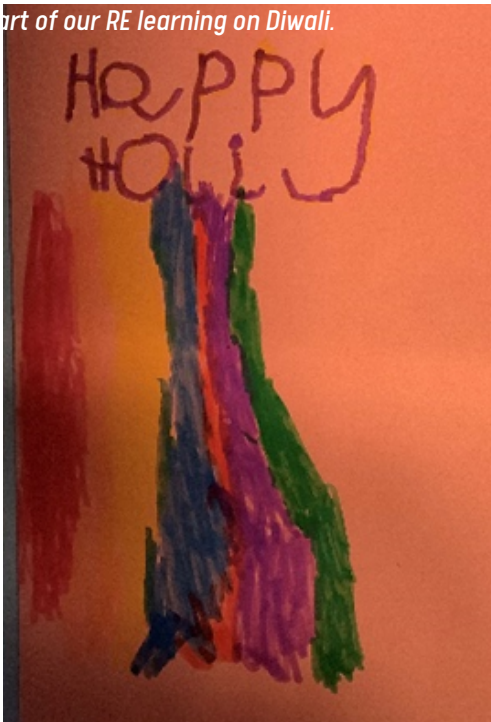
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# E.Y.F.S.

part of our RE learning on Diwali.

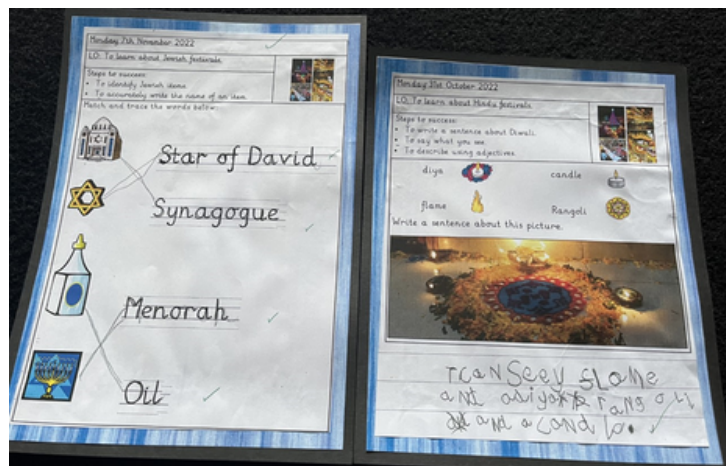
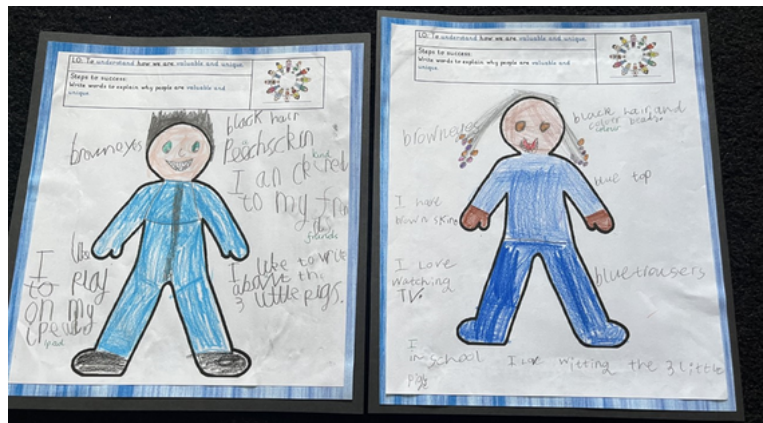


This half term in EYFS we have been learning about different religious festivals including Hanukah, Diwali and Holi. We have made Rangoli patterns using the iPad and created our own celebration cards



# Year 1

Our RE question this half term has been - How and why do we celebrate special and sacred times? We have been learning about how different religions celebrate religious festivals including Advent and Hanukah.



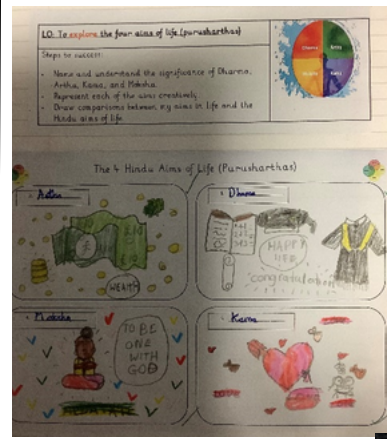
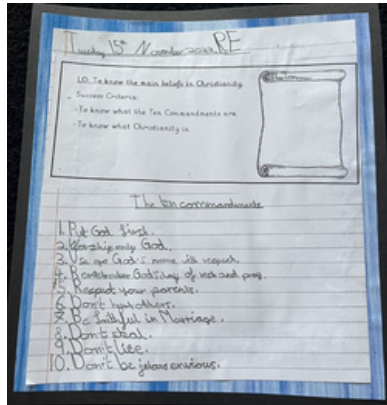
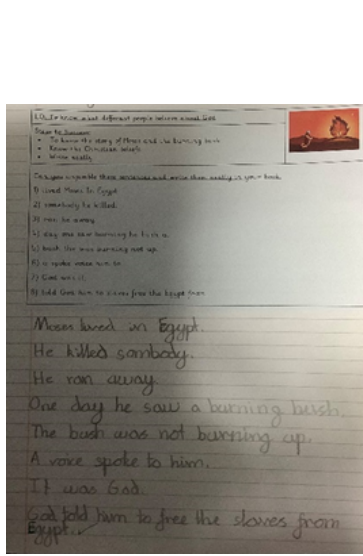
# Year 2

In RE we have been looking at the question - How should we care for others and the world and why does it matter? We have been learning about how we are all valuable and unique and the importance of looking after the world.



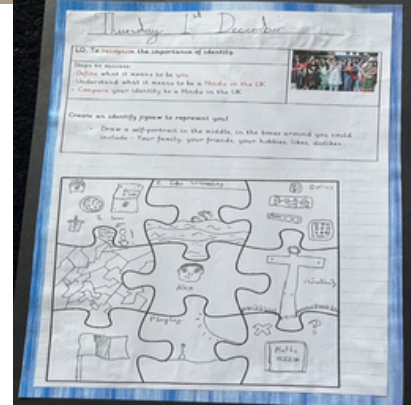
# Year 3

This term in RE we have been thinking about the question - What do different people think about God? We have been learning about how God is important to Christians through learning about the bible and its stories.



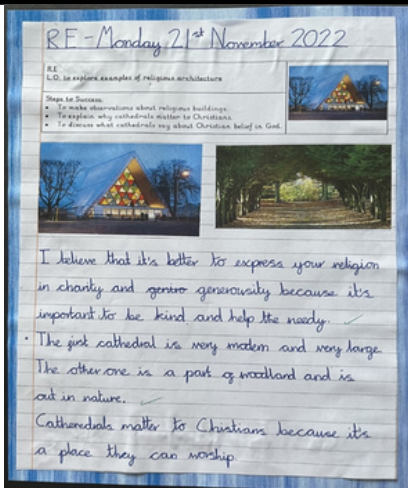
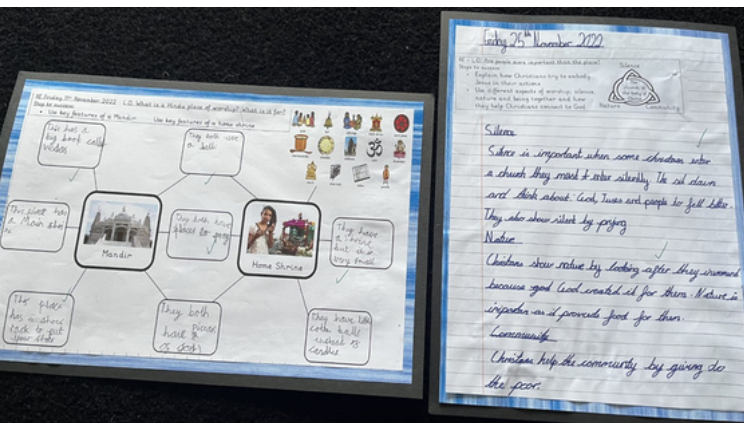
# Year 4

In RE we have been recognising the importance of identity. We have been learning about Hinduism and the four aims of life through the question - What does it mean to be a Hindu in Britain today?



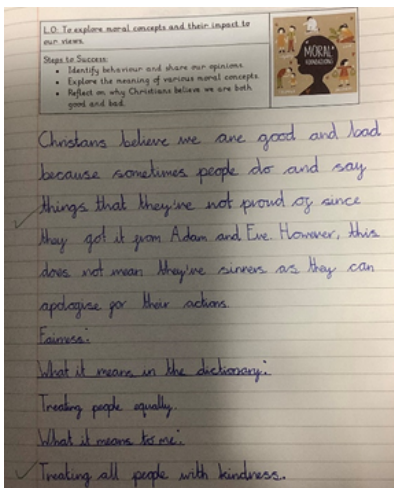
# Year 5

Our RE question this half term has been - If God is everywhere, why go to a place of worship? We have been learning about different places of worship including key features within the home and sacred buildings.



# Year 6

In RE this half term, we have been learning about what it means to be charitable and exploring examples of religious architecture through the question - Is it better to express your beliefs in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity?





Bexley Voice is a voluntary organisation of parents and carers of children and young people (age 0-25) with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) living in the London Borough of Bexley.

They provide an opportunity for parents and carers to express their views and input into the planning and delivering of SEND services.

Bexley Voice signpost, support and empower families to obtain the best possible care and services.

Bexley Voice are an active member of the National Network of Parent Carer Forums.

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Bexley Voice offer free membership to parents and carers of children and young people aged 0-25, with special/additional needs or disabilities, who live in the London Borough of Bexley. We also encourage free membership to relevant professionals who work with age 0-25 in Bexley with a connection to special needs.



Free books online

The British Oxford Owl Website offer a large range of free books online for kids aged 3-11 years old. You just need to create a free account and you will have access to various options including Age Group, Book Type, Level, and Series.

Website:

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/library-page>

### INCLUSION AT WILLOW BANK

We appreciate that the Christmas period can be a difficult time for many, for various reasons and want to share some activities you can do with the children that are also good for your mental health.

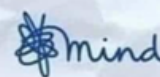
- Christmas movie marathon
- Make homemade hot chocolate
- Wrap up warm for a winter walk
- Go and find the best house with Christmas lights
- Find old jumpers and get creative - ugly Christmas jumper competition!
- Play family games - Charades is a classic!

Miss Nembhard, Mrs Edgar, Ms Gonzalez, Mrs Day, Miss Jones and Miss White would like to take this time to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we hope you enjoy the break with the children.

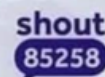


### COPING AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas can be tough. That's why it's important to know there's always someone you can talk to.



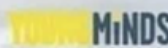
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mind.org.uk



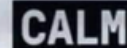
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24/7 text service  
giveusashout.org



116 123  
24/7 helpline  
samaritans.org



Text YM to 85258  
24/7 text service  
youngminds.org.uk



0800 58 58 58  
Helpline for men  
thecalmzone.net



0800 068 4141  
Under 35s Helpline  
papyrus-uk.org



WELLBEING



Anna Freud

<b>Well done to:</b>	<b>Our target is over 96%</b>
Magnolia - %	Yew - %
Hornbeam - %	Mulberry - %
Alder - %	Redwood - %
Laburnum - %	Almond - %
Hazel - %	★ Walnut - %
Larch - %	Sycamore - %



Well Done

THINK OF THE WEEK



Thanks! Get thinking and discussing!

If you could make one rule that everyone had to follow what would it be?

Willow Bank Primary School

**RECEPTION  
SEPTEMBER 2023  
OPEN MORNING**

Tuesday 15th November  
Tuesday 13th December  
Tuesday 10th January

9:30 - 10:30 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



**Boppin' bunnies**

# Christmas Show

Saturday 17th December

10.45am **The BOB HOPE THEATRE**  
Wythfield Rd, London SE9 5TG

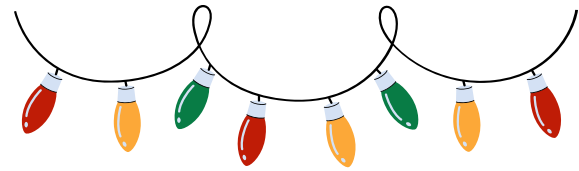
Tickets £10 per seat  
Under 1's free on laps

Book through this link:  
<https://www.boppinbunnies.co.uk/shows>

Festive outfits welcome so dust off those Christmas jumpers!

**WE ARE 15!**  
Celebrate at our Christmas Show!

@BoppinBunnies @Boppinbunnies @BoppinBunnies



With Christmas approaching, there is an exciting Christmas Music Show for families with younger ones.

Father Christmas is also going to make a surprise appearance!

Tickets can be booked through the Bob Hope Theatre website:

<http://www.bobhopetheatre.co.uk/>



**Joy this Christmas**  
**2022 Christmas Present Campaign**

Please help us to make a difference this Christmas by donating new and good used condition: toys, arts and crafts, books and puzzles, hats, gloves and scarves  
By Friday 9th December

Instagram: Joythischristmas2022  
Facebook Page: Joy this Christmas  
Email: Joythischristmas@hotmail.com

*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!**

**Please note** that on our return from Christmas holiday, on Tuesday 3rd January 2023,

we will be doing Mondays menu from Week 1

(Macaroni cheese, pilaff rice...)

This is to accommodate the delivery of fresh meat and vegetables.

The menu will then commence as usual from Wednesday 4th.

