

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a truly wonderful way to bring our autumn term to a close.



Our EYFS and KS1 nativity, Little Angel Gets Her Wings, was a huge success. The children sang beautifully and confidently acted out the story of the Nativity, performing first to the school and then to parents. We are incredibly proud of every single child involved – they were simply fantastic.

Our KS2 children also treated parents to a selection of Christmas songs on Thursday at the end of the day. These were made extra special by the accompaniment of our very talented Year 6 trumpeters, whose musical skills were a real highlight. Thank you to everyone who came along to support.





Today, we were delighted to enjoy WBP's Got Talent, where the children showcased an amazing range of talents and skills. Performances included singing, dancing, rapping, drawing and football, demonstrating just how creative and confident our pupils are. Well done to everyone who took part, and a huge thank you to Miss White for organising such a fantastic event for both children and staff. It was a joyful and memorable way to end the autumn term.

Finally, it is with a sad heart that Miss Nembhard and I say goodbye to our WBP family. We are extremely grateful for the support we have received over the past four years and will truly miss the WBP community. We would like to wish Mrs Beresford every success as she takes on the role of Headteacher, and Mr Poole all the very best as he steps up into the role of Deputy Headteacher.

Wishing you all a warm, relaxing, and festive weekend. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. Warmest wishes,



Mrs Oldfield, Miss Nembhard and the WBP Team





This week in Magnolia, the children have thoroughly embraced the festive season through a range of engaging activities in Art and Design Technology. Inspired by the Christmas spirit, the children explored a variety of materials and techniques to design and create their own snowman models, developing their fine motor skills, creativity, and imaginative thinking.

The children also experimented with light and colour by producing their own light paintings, discovering how different light sources can be used to create exciting visual effects. In addition, the class visited the upstairs green screen area, where the children used digital technology to create their own snow globe pictures. This experience introduced them to simple digital design concepts and allowed them to see themselves placed into a festive scene, which they found both exciting and engaging.









In Year 2, we designed our own Pearly King and Queen outfits by sewing buttons onto a felt T-shirt shape.







Year 1 have been exploring sliders, levers and books with moving parts. We designed and painted a backround, then made our creation come to life with a moving part, featuring Martha from our core text, Martha Maps It Out!





This term, the children in year3 have designed and made their own battery-powered toys and light-up cards from scratch. They learned how simple circuits work and applied their knowledge to make their creations light up. It was wonderful to see their creativity, problem-solving, and pride in their finished designs.









In DT, children explored Ancient Egypt by designing clay cartouches, embossing secret hieroglyphic messages and finishing their work with shimmering gold.





This term in Art, Year 5 explored digital collage inspired by Matthew Henson and the polar regions. Pupils researched Henson's life and used digital tools to layer images, textures and colour, creating thoughtful artwork that reflected Arctic exploration, extreme environments and historical storytelling through art.







In Year 6 we have been doing food technology. We researched receipes using local, seasonal ingredients with a budget of less than £5 and then with the help of Mrs Francova, created our soups. We learned valuable kitchen skills, from slicing and dicing, to food hygiene and safety rules. Plus, we made something truly delicious!



OUR CORE VALUE FOR AUTUMN TERM 1 IS INTEGRITY



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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 - 96%	Yew - 94%
Hornbeam - 96%	Redwood - 92%
Almond- 98%	Hazel-97%
Larch- 96%	
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School Reminder

Children should not arrive earlier than 8.20am for Breakfast club, this runs 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 heath 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



