



Dear Parents and Carers,

Positive Noticing Day

What a busy week we have had!



Hornbeam Class Adventures at the Tower of London

Hornbeam Class had an unforgettable experience on Monday with their trip to the Tower of London. This visit was part of their Big Question this half term: What makes the UK and London unique? The children explored the historic grounds and buildings within the Tower's walls, had the opportunity to interview a Beefeater, and even met some of the resident ravens. What a fantastic way to bring their learning to life!

Sycamore Class Sharing Assembly

This morning, Sycamore Class impressed us all during their celebration assembly. They confidently and clearly shared their learning from this term across a range of curriculum areas. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and hear about the incredible progress they've made.



Core Assessments This Week

This week, most children have been completing assessments in core subjects. These assessments help us identify any gaps in knowledge or skills that we can focus on during the remainder of the term, as well as celebrate the progress each child has achieved.

Parents' Evenings Reminder

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at our parents' evenings on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th December. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's achievements and next steps with their teacher. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so via the Arbor App. We greatly value the partnership between home and school, as it plays such an important role in supporting your child's success.



Rock Kidz Return on Tuesday 3rd December- come as your favourite rock/pop star!

Get ready to rock on Tuesday 3rd December! Rock Kidz will be joining us again for a fun-filled day of music and activities celebrating our school values. Children (and staff!) are invited to come dressed as their favourite rock or pop stars for the day.



Upcoming Key Events

Here is a quick reminder of the events happening in the coming weeks:

- Year 6 Bikeability: Monday 9th - Friday 13th December
- Christmas Dinner and Festive Clothing Day: Thursday 12th December
- EYFS & KS1 Nativity Performance to Parents: Wednesday 18th December at 2:30pm
- KS2 Christmas Songs: Thursday 19th December at 3:00pm
- Class End-of-Term Parties: Thursday 19th December from 1:30pm
- Last Day of Autumn Term: Friday 19th December

Thank you for your continued support, and we hope you have a lovely weekend.

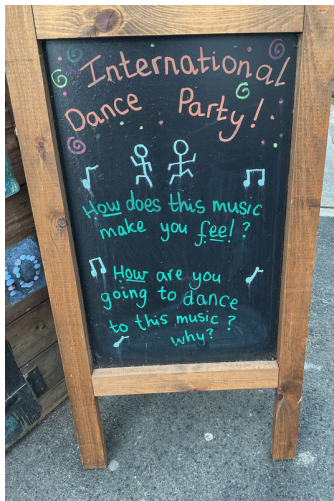
Best wishes,

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



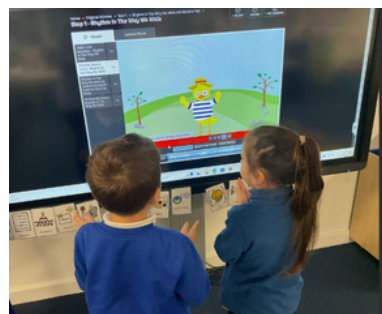
Year R

This week Magnolia had an "International Dance Party!" They listened to music from different cultures, moved their bodies and discussed the music they liked and why.



Year 1

In Music, we have been looking at two new styles of music themed around Reggae and Hip-Hop music. We have been playing different music-based games and learning how to sing songs in these styles.



Year 2

Year 2 children are filled with festive cheer as they prepare for their much-anticipated Nativity performance! With joyful voices and plenty of enthusiasm, they have been learning a collection of traditional and modern Nativity songs.



Year 3

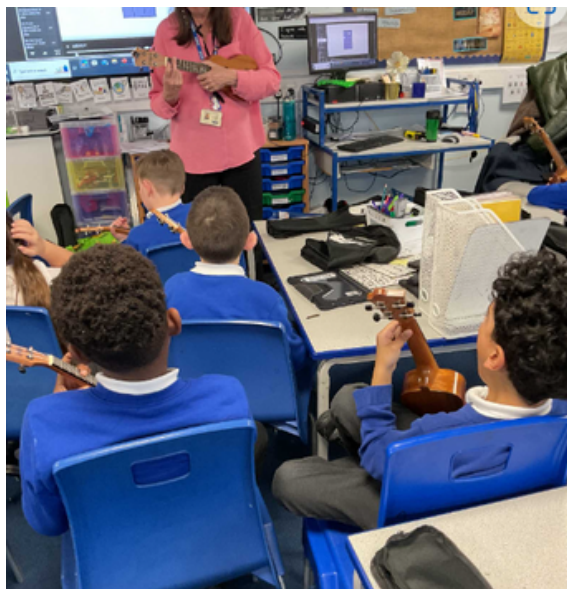
In our music lessons this term, we have been using the ukeleles. On the ukeleles, we have re-established our rules when holding our ukeleles and when playing our chords. Until now, we have been focusing on refining our strumming of our C chord.





Year 4

In Almond Class, the children have been learning to play the ukulele and this term, they are diving into the rhythms and melodies of ancient Egyptian-inspired music.



Year 5

Year 5 children have been enjoying their weekly music lessons, where they are developing a range of musical skills. From learning about rhythm and melody to exploring different instruments, they are building their creativity and confidence.

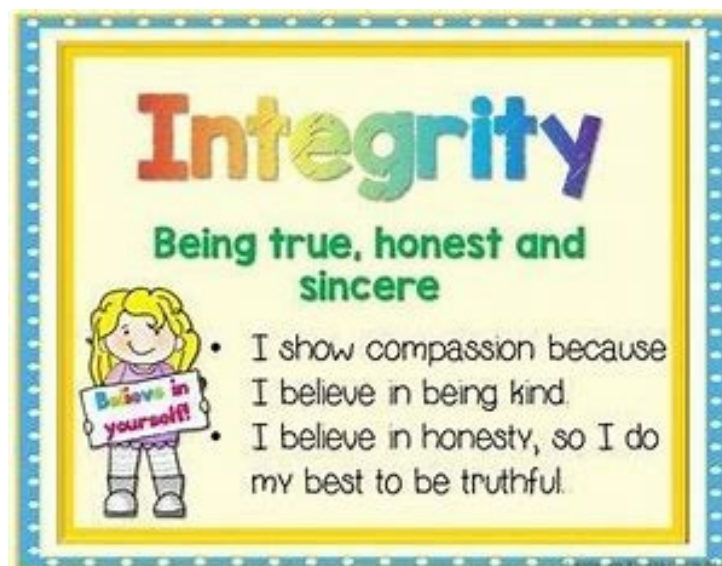


Year 6

As part of their music learning Year 6 have been learning the Willow Bank Song, a new song written especially for Willow Bank School all about our school values. We are also learning a piece of jazz music on the Glockenspiel, titled 'Bachorach Anorak' which we will be performing together at the end of term.



OUR CORE VALUE FOR AUTUMN 2 IS INTEGRITY

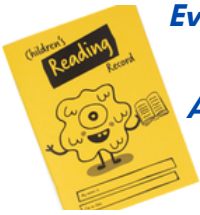




KS1 & EYFS Parent Reading Morning

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.



Well done	Our target is over 96%
Magnolia - 92%	★ Yew - 97%
Hornbeam - 93%	★ Redwood - 96%
	★ Almond - 97%
★ Hazel - 100%	★ Walnut - 97%
★ Larch - 96%	★ Sycamore - 96%

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



Wednesday 4th December 2024
 Wednesday 8th January 2025

09:30 - 10:00 am
Please confirm your attendance by emailing the school office
wbpoffice@watschools.org.uk

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




Supermarket quiet hour

Morrisons operates quiet hours between 2pm to 3pm every Monday to Thursday, 9am and 10am on Saturdays, and for the first hour of opening on Sundays. The initiative is for people who may struggle with music and other loud noises, for example those who have been diagnosed as autistic.

[Morrisons introduces new afternoon quiet hour to help shoppers \(morrisons-corporate.com\)](https://www.morrisons-corporate.com)



Asda recognise that large, busy supermarkets can be noisy and overwhelming for some customers, so they help by operating a Quieter Hour, Monday to Thursday between 2-3pm in our large stores. They turn Asda Radio off, and their colleagues work quietly, acknowledging this hour as quiet time to support customers with additional needs or hidden disabilities.

Details can be found on the [store locator for participating stores](#).



Tesco is a place where 'Everyone's Welcome', but they understand that their stores – with the loud noises, bright lights or strong smells, and volume of people – can be stressful for some of their customers. They want to help deliver the easiest shopping trip for everyone in their stores – so every Wednesday and Saturday, from 9am-10am, they will dim the lights and lower the Checkouts noise in all of their larger stores, to make it a more enjoyable experience for customers.

[We're launching Quiet Hour permanently in stores to support customers \(tescopl.com\)](https://www.tescopl.com)