



Dear Parents and Carers,

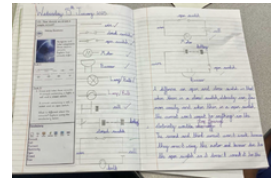
We hope this newsletter finds you well. It has been another exciting and action-packed week here at Willow Bank Primary School. Here are the highlights:

Spotlight on Learning with Our School Ambassadors

This week, our School Ambassadors have been hard at work visiting lessons across the school to speak with children about their learning experiences. Their focus this week was on core subjects, including science.

Year 6 Science:

In Year 6, children have been learning about electric circuits. They explored what happens to a lightbulb when an additional cell is added to a circuit. The ambassadors were impressed by how children recorded their findings in their science books and how confidently they explained their learning using scientific vocabulary.



Year 5 Science:



In Year 5, the focus was on our Solar System. Children were learning about the Earth's orbit around the Sun, the Moon's orbit around the Earth, and how these movements affect night, day, and the seasons. One Year 5 student enthusiastically shared, "I love science because right now we are learning about heliocentric and geocentric models. One full spin takes 24 hours, and it's so interesting to prove why heliocentric is the real order of the Solar System!"

The ambassadors used their iPads to take photos of the learning environment, capture learning in books, and record interviews with children. These will form part of a growing evidence bank on our Showbie learning platform, which helps teachers and subject leaders review and celebrate the fantastic learning taking place across the school.

Upcoming Sports News

We are excited to announce a friendly football match with St Michael's C of E School at the end of the month. Children across KS2 have been chosen to participate in this game, which will take place at Willow Bank during the school day. We hope this match is the first of many friendly competitions, and we look forward to sharing updates with you soon!



Young Voices 2025



Today, our school choir is at the O2 Arena, participating in Young Voices 2025! The children are joining thousands of others to perform a series of songs to an audience made up of family and friends. This is an incredible opportunity, and we cannot wait to tell you all about their experience in next week's newsletter.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,
Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



Year R

This week, we have had so much fun reading the story The Enormous Turnip! We have been exploring lots of delicious fruits and vegetables, learning all about their shapes and colours. In phonics, we've been working hard to break up big words into smaller chunks – it's like a word puzzle! In maths, we've been discovering how numbers are made up of smaller parts – it's so interesting! What an exciting week we've had!



Year 1

This week in Year 1, the children have been exploring the concept of finding "1 more" and "1 less." Using number lines, practical activities, and fun games, they have been practising adding one to a number and taking one away. This has helped them develop their number sense and confidence with counting forwards and backwards.



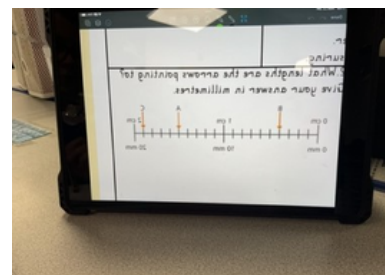
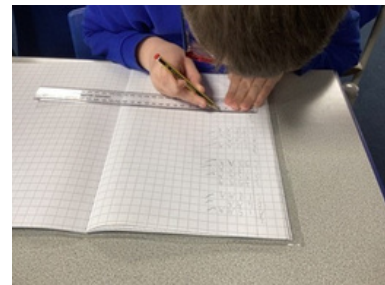
Year 2

In Year 2, students explored the concept of money by using hands-on manipulatives to calculate change. Through role-play and practical activities, they handle coins and notes to solve real-life problems, such as buying items and determining the correct change.



Year 3

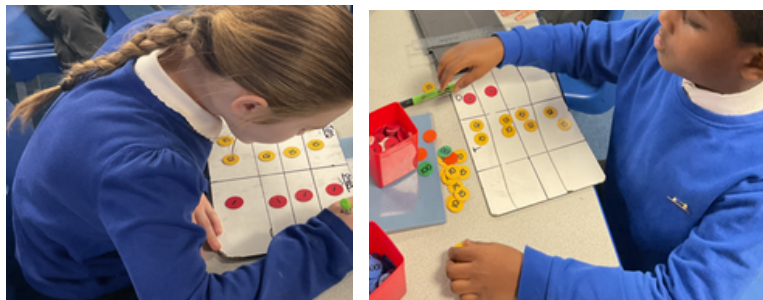
In Year 3, we have just started our new topic of length and perimeter. We have started by looking at the different unit of measurements, metres, centimetres and millimetres. To ensure accuracy when measuring, we have been utilising our iPads to zoom in on pictures, as well as using rulers to help us when drawing our lines.





Year 4

This term in Year 4 Maths, children are mastering multiplying 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. They are engaging in fun, interactive activities to strengthen their skills and build confidence with times tables.



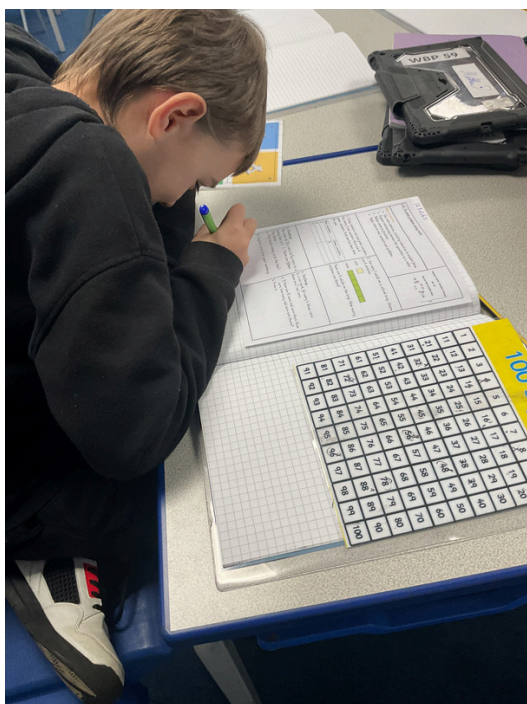
Year 5

This term in Year 5, children are deepening their understanding of division and multiplication by tackling more complex problems and working with larger numbers. Through hands-on activities and problem-solving challenges, they are building confidence in applying these skills to real-world situations.



Year 6

This week Year 6 have continued to focus on ratio and scale drawings, using scale factors to find dimensions of enlarged shapes. They have also been doing daily arithmetic practise in preparation for their SATS.



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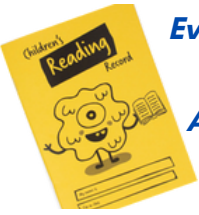




KS1 & EYFS Parent Reading Morning

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 - 94%	Yew - 92%
Hornbeam - 92%	★ Redwood - 96%
	Almond - 95%
Hazel - 94%	Walnut - 95%
★ Larch - 97%	Sycamore - 94%

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>



Bexley Voice follow up Parent Carer Survey - Spring Term 2025

- We need your voice!
- Good or bad, how is your child progressing with the support that they are being given? How about your confidence levels that all the professionals are working together for your child? How much do you know about what the Local Area is doing to improve things for our SEN children? Can you see things changing for the better for our SEN children? Lastly, if your young people is aged 14 or over, how do you feel about the support they are getting to prepare for their transition to adulthood?
- Please tell us!
- Link to survey: <https://forms.gle/d2c8yahU1juF5JMi7>
- Deadline: Friday 14 February 2025, 12 noon



You got the power...

**To help your child understand
the power of communication!**

We've recently set up a group for parents of children from schools that contract us - that's you!

Which means, you have a group of experienced SLTs at your fingertips - and **FREE** of cost.

Scan the QR code, join the Facebook group, share your questions and join the discussion.



BUZZERS FC

"Football For All"

Open to boys and girls of all footballing abilities, this inclusive club aims to give those children who do not fit the mould for a regular football team and its training regime, the opportunity to train, learn, and be part of a team without individuals and a team without peer pressure. Emphasis will be on maximum participation, inclusivity, and fun.

Children will participate in technical and tactical drills, work on speed, agility and coordination, as well as participate in small-sided games. The aim of each session is to ensure that every child has equal opportunity to shine!

Sessions will run every SATURDAY, 11.30am to 12.30pm at
Bishop Justus Secondary School, Magpie Hall Lane, Bromley, BR2 8HZ

Enter the school via the main gate. Follow the road to the back of the school (next to the basketball courts).
Park up and then walk left. Astro Pitch 1 is on your left (adjacent to the entrance of the main sports hall).

TO BOOK your child's place for the FREE TRIAL on Saturday 25th January, please complete our online registration form - <https://www.buzzersacademies.co.uk/buzzersfc>

The Buzzers FC ethos...

- Emphasis on maximum participation and inclusivity
 - Focus on fun for all
 - Everyone plays
- Training sessions are fun and fair, but competitive

The first session (25th January) is FREE OF CHARGE! After this point, the cost will be just £5 per child for the remainder of the term (10 weeks). From the Summer Term onwards, parents will be asked to pay a termly fee (full details to follow).

THE PLAN FOR THIS FIRST SESSION – We are opening the session up to everyone! We have no idea how many children will turn up, what ages they will be, and what the ability levels will be like! All we do know is that we will run the session the Buzzers way! As well as myself, there will also be up to 6 other coaches on site. All of these coaches will have committed their time to the first session for free. It is our way of showing you that we are serious about making Buzzers FC a success! The success of this club will also be built on 'parent voice' and the opinions of those children that attend.

WHAT TO WEAR & WHAT TO BRING - Children should wear football appropriate clothing i.e. sports attire and moulded trainers/boots. NO STUDED BOOTS PLEASE. Children should also bring a water bottle and a small snack.

For further information on who we are, please visit our website - www.buzzersacademies.co.uk

See you on Saturday 25th January!

Matt
Managing Director

