



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you well, despite the very wet weather this week!



National Teaching Assistants' Day

Today is National TA Day, and we couldn't be prouder of our wonderful team of Teaching Assistants here at Willow Bank Primary! They work tirelessly to support both our children and teachers, always going the extra mile to ensure every child feels valued and supported in their learning. Today, we took time to thank them for all their dedication, kindness, and hard work. We are incredibly grateful for everything they do!

Class Sharing Assemblies- Save the Date!

This week, letters have gone home via Arbor with the dates for our upcoming Class Sharing Assemblies. Please be sure to mark these important dates on your calendars, as the children are eager to showcase their autumn term learning. Y6 Larch Class will be first to present their assembly on Friday 25th October from 9:00-9:40am.



Lost Property Reminder

We have noticed an increasing amount of lost property, particularly school sweatshirts and jumpers – some of which are brand new! Please ensure every item of your child's clothing is clearly labelled with their name. This will help us to return lost items to their rightful owners. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support with this.

Reception 2025 Open Mornings

If you know any families with children due to start Reception in September 2025, please let them know about our upcoming open mornings! We are excited to welcome prospective parents and children to learn more about life at Willow Bank Primary. The dates for these open mornings are as follows:

Wednesday 2nd October

- Wednesday 6th November
- Wednesday 4th December
- Wednesday 8th January

Places can be booked via the school office. We look forward to meeting many new families over the coming months



Wishing you all a relaxing weekend!

Best wishes,

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



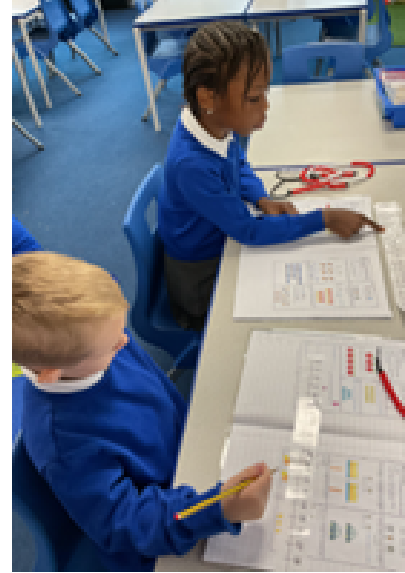
Year R

This week Magnolia class have been sorting and grouping objects in different ways. We have also been practicing counting and recognising numbers.



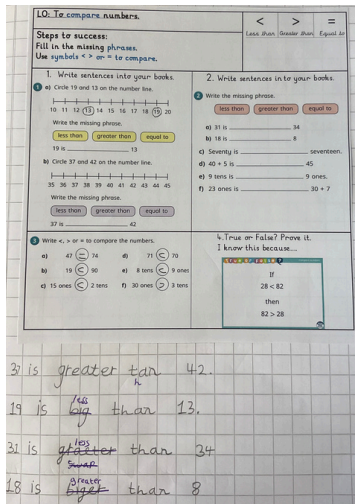
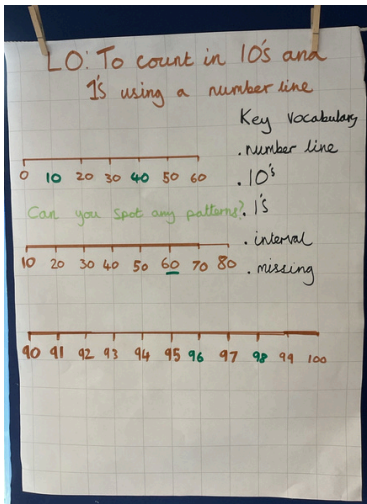
Year 1

This week in Maths, Year 1 have been learning to subtract. We have been learning how to use a number line to help us to jump backwards. We have learnt that when we subtract the number gets smaller.



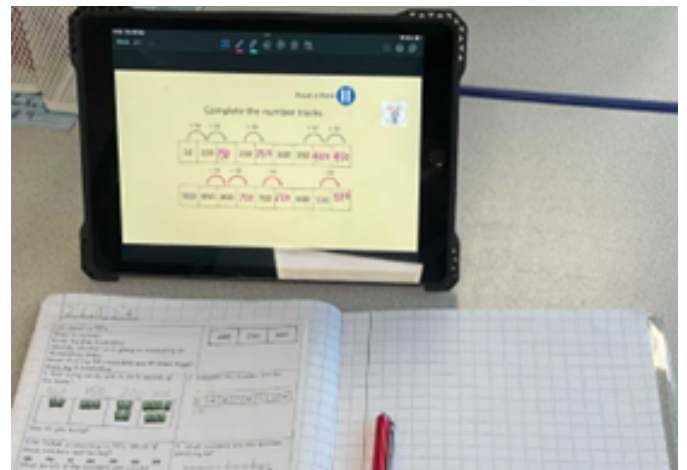
Year 2

In Year 2, children develop their understanding of place value by using number lines to break down numbers into tens and ones. This helps them visualize how numbers are structured, making addition and subtraction more intuitive.



Year 3

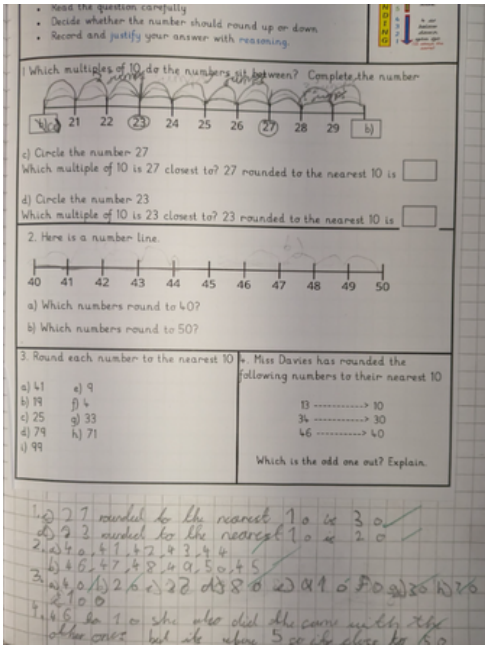
In year 3, we have been using the iPads to help us with our maths. During the input, we are able to follow alongside our teacher and answer any questions on our iPad. This has really help us understand our current topic of Place Value a lot more! We even voice parts of the input which we can listen back to during our independent work.





Year 4

In Almond class, we're focusing on rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100, and 1,000! Understanding rounding helps us estimate and make quick calculations.



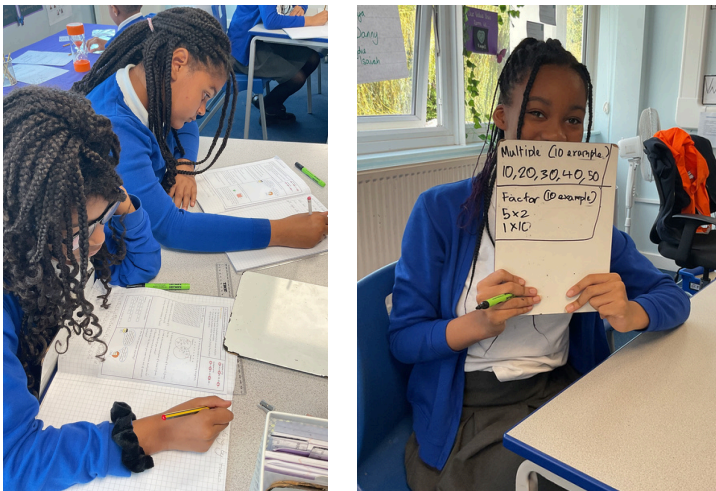
Year 5

This term, Children in Year 5 are exploring the concept of place value in large numbers. They are using concrete manipulatives to enhance their understanding of place value. By participating in interactive activities and real-life examples, the students have developed a solid grasp of these fundamental concepts. They have shown great enthusiasm for learning and have demonstrated creative problem-solving skills.



Year 6

Year 6 have been re-examining the concepts of factors and common multiples, using white boards to show their reasoning, and explaining their answers with the correct mathematical vocabulary.



OUR CORE VALUE FOR AUTUMN 1 IS RESPECT

I Will Show **RESPECT**

I Will **LISTEN** TO OTHERS

I Will **FOLLOW** THE RULES

I Will be an **HONEST** PERSON

I Will be **RESPONSIBLE**

I Will be **KIND** TO OTHERS

I Will be **HELPFUL**



Y1 and Y2 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 - 99%	Yew - 92%
★ Hornbeam - 96%	★ Redwood - 97%
	Almond - 91%
★ Hazel - 96%	★ Walnut - 97%
Larch - 93%	★ Sycamore - 97%
	

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>



**Burgers (halal/non
halal/no beef)
Veggie Burger
Fries
Corn on the Cob
School Cookie**



Helping your child when they first start school

A One-hour coffee morning and informal chat for parents
Monday 30th September 9.00-10.00am

Does your child seem anxious about attending school or worried about school when at home?
Have you noticed that your child presents as more anxious in certain situations?
Or are they avoiding things due to fears and worries?

We are here to help!

Bexley MHST will be attending a coffee morning at Willowbank to support any parents/carers that may be struggling with these difficulties.

This is a short informal session, and you will have time to ask questions, find out more information about Anxiety and separation anxiety and the Mental Health Support in Schools service.

We hope to see you on the 30th September

Mental Health Support Team