



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week we've had at Willow Bank!



We've all thoroughly enjoyed watching our newly hatched chicks grow and develop throughout the week. It's been fascinating to see them change so quickly—they're eating well, growing stronger each day, and starting to grow their adult feathers as they lose their soft chick down. Today we say a fond farewell to our fluffy friends as they are collected and rehomed at local farms and smallholdings. We'll miss them dearly!

A huge thank you to all the parents who attended our Parents' Evening sessions this week. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to visit your child's classroom, see some of their wonderful work, and have valuable conversations with their teacher about the progress they have made this term. Your continued support at home makes such a difference—something as simple as reading with your child for just 10 minutes each day can have a significant impact across all areas of the curriculum.



This week, our senior leadership team has also been meeting with class teachers to discuss every child's progress and attainment over the spring term. We've been reviewing children's books, assessment outcomes, and digital work on Showbie to form a well-rounded view of their learning journey. These insights are being shared as part of our Parents' Evening conversations.

Well done to Almond Class for sharing their learning with us in our sharing assembly this morning. Our whole school focus on developing the children's oracy skills and confidence is really shining through the children's performances each week as they become ever more comfortable with public speaking.



We are also looking for a new Parent Local Committee Member! If you are able to attend three meetings a year (during school time) and would like to make a real difference to the school's ongoing journey of improvement, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office or speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team on the gate.

Finally, as this term draws to an end, we would like to remind you that the last day of term is **Friday 4th April**, and we will be returning for Summer 1 on **Tuesday 22nd April**.

Have a lovely weekend.

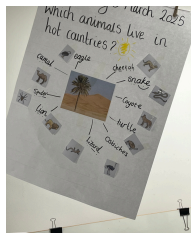
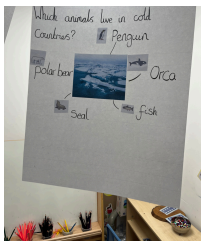
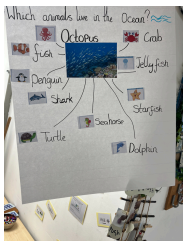
Warm regards,
Mrs Oldfield and The Willow Bank Team



Year R

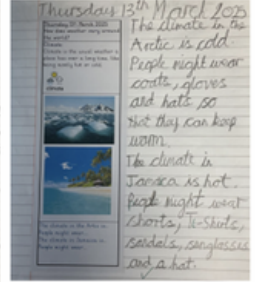
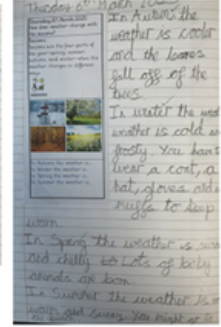
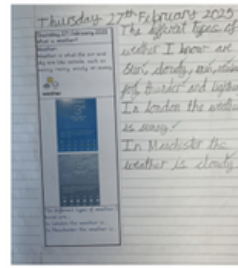
This week in Reception, we have been exploring various parts of the world and their corresponding habitats. The children have been learning about the types of animals that inhabit different environments, discussing their diets and physical characteristics.

The children have been exploring maps to identify the countries where various animals are found and discussing their respective environments. Additionally, they have engaged in role-playing activities, acting out the movements and behaviors of these animals.



Year 1

In Year 1 the children have been naming different types of weather and recognising that weather changes across the year and creates seasons. The children have also identified how weather can affect people, animals, and places around the world and how people adapt to it.



Year 2

In Year 2, students have explored how different climates around the world shape the way people live. From the icy Arctic, where thick clothing and sturdy shelters keep people warm, to the hot deserts, where loose clothing and shady homes help people stay cool, children learn how humans adapt to their environments.



Year 3

In Year 3, we have been looking at the Roman empire and more specifically, their time in Britain. Last week, the children wrote speeches as Queen Boudicca trying to persuade her fellow tribes to join her and fight against the Romans and their occupation of Britain. Children then used green screen to place themselves in front of their army!





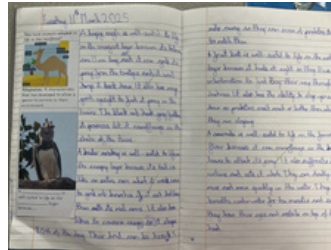
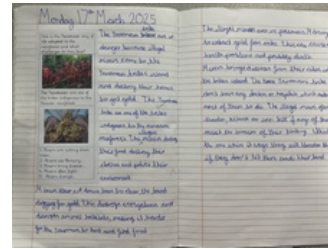
Year 4

This term, Almond Class have been exploring How the Ancient Greeks Influenced the Modern World! We've learned how democracy began in Athens, where only male citizens over 18 could vote. The children examined the assembly (ecclesia) and council, comparing Ancient Greek democracy to today's system. They even debated how Greek ideas shaped modern government.



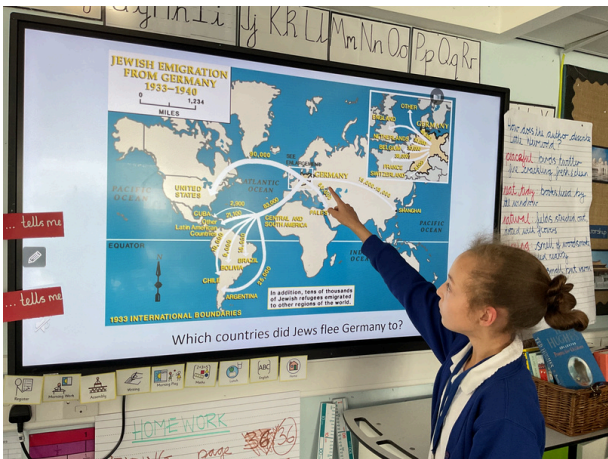
Year 5

This term, Year 5 children are learning about the wonders of the rainforest! They are exploring its different layers, discovering the amazing animals that live there, and finding out how these animals adapt to survive. They are also investigating why rainforests are so important, the threats they face, and why it's essential to protect them.



Year 6

Year 6 are continuing to explore the topic of World War II and have been asking questions such as how did the large-scale movement of people after World War II shape the world? Children have studied maps showing Jewish migration from Germany and have been thinking about the challenges the migrants faced in their new countries.



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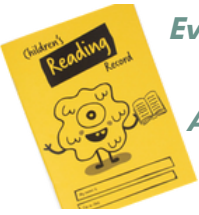




KS1 & EYFS Parent Reading Morning

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 - 96%
Hornbeam - 94%	★ Redwood - 97%
	★ Almond - 96%
★ Hazel - 100% 	★ Walnut - 98%
★ Larch - 98%	★ Sycamore - 99% 

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>



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Easter 2025 Orchestral Course

Bexley Music invites musicians who are currently in Years 3-8 to come and make music and friends this Easter. The course is suitable for students who currently already have instrumental lessons and can play and read music at beginner level to Grade 2 in the following instruments:

Violin, Viola, Cello, String Bass, Harp,
Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Saxophone,
Trumpet, French Horn, Baritone, Trombone, Tuba,
Percussion

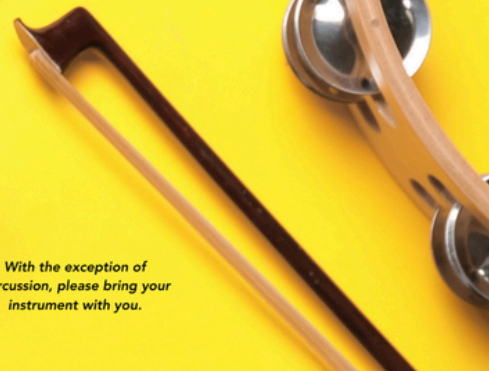
Register interest to take part in this course:



Two Day Course
Monday 7th April 2025
Tuesday 8th April 2025

10am - 2pm
£30

Bexley Music
Belmont Academy
Belmont Road
DA8 1LE



With the exception of percussion, please bring your instrument with you.

Autism & SEND awareness day

Saturday 5 April 2025, 12pm to 4pm

Parkway Primary School, School House, Alsike Rd, Erith, DA18 4DP

Join us for a FREE day of learning, fun and support with the chance to connect with others in a safe space for all the family.

The day will include face painting, accessible sports, arts and crafts and much more.

Free food will be available from 1.30pm to 2.30pm.

THAMESMEAD Peabody Access Sport



Scan the QR code to register for your ticket.

*subject to availability



A Big Heart and a Big Chop: Poppy's Inspiring Donation !

We are thrilled to share an inspiring story from our school community.

Tomorrow, on the 29th of March, 2025, our very own Poppy will be making a significant impact by donating her hair to The Little Princess Trust. This incredible charity provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their hair due to cancer treatments or conditions like Alopecia. More than just wigs, The Little Princess Trust is one of the largest funders of childhood cancer research in the UK, relying solely on the generosity of supporters like Poppy.

Poppy's decision to get the 'big chop' is not only a generous act of kindness but also a powerful gesture of solidarity and hope. She has been diligently fundraising in the lead-up to the event, aiming to support the charity's mission of giving Hair and Hope to those in need. We are incredibly proud of Poppy's commitment and encourage everyone to support her by contributing to her fundraising efforts. Together, we can help make a difference in the lives of many children and young people facing challenging times.

Let's cheer for Poppy as she takes this bold step to make the world a little brighter!

If you would like to make a donation, please follow the link below.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/poppybelle?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Every contribution, no matter the size, is greatly appreciated and goes a long way in supporting the cause.



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Easter Holiday

FOOTBALL COURSE

BOYS AND GIRLS
4-14 years
All abilities

£45 per week
or £15 a day

- Woodland Academy Trust Discount
- Sibling discount (non trust members)

Friday Funday!

7-11 April | 10am-3pm

Please Bring: Packed Lunch, Drinks, Trainers & Shinpads.
Rewards include: Certificates, Medals & Trophies.
Coach Qualifications: UEFA and FA Qualified Coaches;
FA Child Protection; Safeguarding & First Aid Training.

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*Free for those in receipt of benefits related free school meals



www.bexley.gov.uk/holiday-activities-food-programme

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Turn over for more Easter fun

