



Dear Parents and Carers,  
We hope you all had a relaxing Bank Holiday Weekend with your families and enjoyed the extra time together.

It's been another busy and exciting week at Willow Bank, with several classes heading out on trips and local visits to enhance their learning across the curriculum.



**Year 1** enjoyed a local Materials Walk as part of their Science topic. Armed with iPads, the children explored the environment and captured photos of a range of natural and man-made materials. Back in the classroom, they will use their findings to learn more about how the properties of materials influence their use and purpose.

**Year 2** spent a fantastic day at the **Museum of London Docklands**, enriching their Geography topic on the UK's trade links with Kenya. They explored the historical and modern significance of trade and transport and asked thoughtful questions throughout the visit.



**Year 5** had an inspiring trip to the **Tower of London** as part of their History topic and big question: How were the Tudors trailblazers? The children explored the historic site, visited the place of Anne Boleyn's execution, viewed the Crown Jewels, and admired the ceramic poppy display commemorating the 80th anniversary of VE Day.

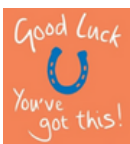
**Year 6** visited our local food bank at Emmanuel Baptist Church, learning how local families access support through this vital community service. This linked powerfully to their topic on social justice and their core text, *The Soup Movement*.



**Magnolia Class** shared their learning in a brilliant sharing assembly this week. Children and parents were treated to songs, readings from their core texts, and a celebration of all the fantastic learning they have been part of this term. Well done, Magnolia!

### Pupil Leadership Spotlight

We are excited to launch our new **Pupil Leadership** feature! Each week, we will highlight the brilliant contributions of our pupil leaders. From supporting younger children to helping organise school events, their leadership and enthusiasm are already making a big impact.



### Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May – Year 6 SATs Week

We wish all our wonderful Year 6 pupils the very best! We know they will show our values of resilience and aspiration as they try their hardest – we are proud of them already.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are so proud of the way our children represent Willow Bank both in and out of school.

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Mrs Oldfield and The Willow Bank Team



## Year R

This week for music we have been practising our very special songs from our weekly singing assembly to perform to the whole school and our Parents. We have loved learning the words and doing all the actions!



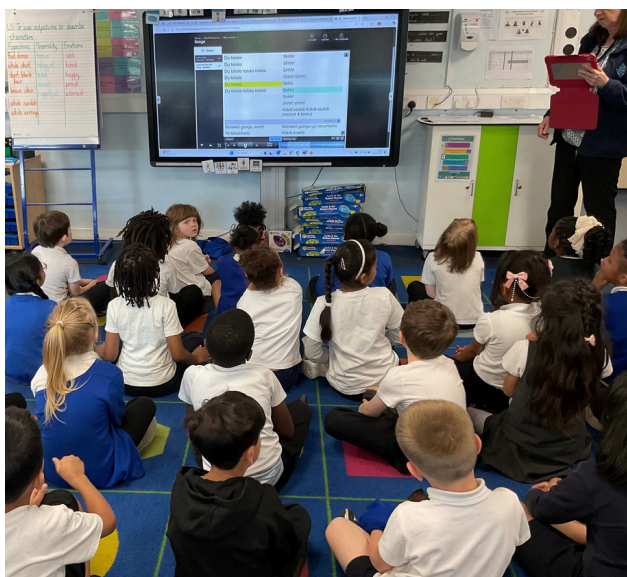
## Year 1

In Music this half term, we have been exploring the song Your Imagination. As part of our learning, we identified the different instruments used in the song, paying close attention to their unique sounds and how they contribute to the overall melody. We also focused on understanding the tempo, rhythm, and pitch of the song, which helped us sing with accuracy and confidence. After practising diligently, we performed the song to an audience, showcasing our growing musical skills and teamwork. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring together everything we have learned!



## Year 2

Year 2 Children have been learning a song by Baiskeli, inspired by a Kenyan nursery rhyme, which features sounds created using a bicycle.



## Year 3

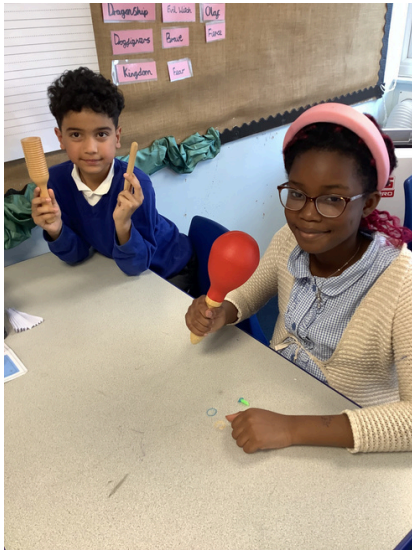
During our music lessons in Year 3, we have been looking at playing the glockenspiels. We have been focusing on both the D and E chords. Whilst doing this, we have started to familiarise ourselves with different beats.





## Year 4

This week in Music class, students are diving into Viking culture with rhythm and creativity! Using a variety of percussion instruments, we are bringing the story of Loki the Joker to life through song. This activity helped the children explore musical expression, timing, and storytelling and all while learning about Norse mythology in a fun and interactive way.



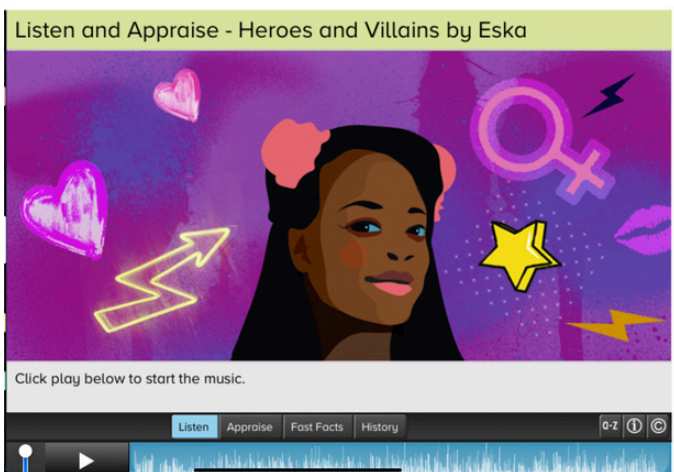
## Year 5

This term, Year 5 children are exploring music from Tudor times. They have been listening to traditional Tudor songs for inspiration and are now creating their own music using GarageBand.



## Year 6

This half term, Year 6 are having an opportunity to listen to inspirational women in the music industry, one of them being 'Eska' and her song 'Heroes and Villains' which is inspired by the genres of folk, soul, jazz and blues.



# OUR CORE VALUE FOR SUMMER TERM 1 IS ASPIRATION





**Pupil Leadership at Willow Bank:** Introducing our new **Pupil Leadership** feature! Each week, we will spotlight the fantastic work our pupil leaders are doing across the school—from Play Leaders helping with lunchtimes to the Presentation Panel providing feedback on children’s learning in books. We are proud of their growing confidence, responsibility, and voice in school life. Watch this space for their weekly updates!

### **WBP Attendance Ambassadors**

I am an Attendance Ambassador at Willow Bank Primary School! My job is to help children come to school every day. I remind my friends why it’s important to be in school and try to make it fun. I help give out certificates and stickers when people have really good attendance. I also talk to children who might be finding it hard to come in and try to cheer them up.

Coming to school every day is super important because you learn something new all the time! If you miss a day, it’s harder to keep up. You also get to play with your friends, join in with fun lessons and special events, and feel proud of yourself.

I love being an Attendance Ambassador because I like helping people and making our school the best it can be!

#### **Khalilah**

I like being an Ambassador because I like to help make sure everyone comes to school every day and knows why it’s important. I update the display board with the highest class attendance in assembly sometimes and help think of fun ideas like class attendance celebrations like water fun.

I like being an Attendance Ambassador because I want everyone to feel happy and safe at school. When we all come in, it feels like a big team working together. If you don’t come to school, you might miss your favourite lessons or something exciting!

#### **Emmanuel**

I know sometimes it’s hard to get up and come to school, but I always try to help others see how great school can be. I help Mrs Edgar to come up with ideas to make coming to school exciting, seeing how are all greeted in the mornings or meeting and speaking to children from different classes to see what they think about school.

I think coming to school every day is important because it helps you get smarter, do better in the future, and see your friends and have fun. Plus, teachers miss you when you're not there!

#### **Jayden**

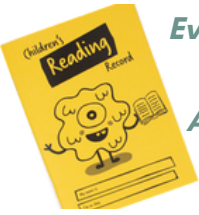




**KS1 & EYFS Parent Reading Morning**

**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%
★ <b>Magnolia - 98%</b>	★ <b>Yew - 97%</b>
★ <b>Hornbeam - 98%</b>	<b>Redwood - 97%</b>
	★ <b>Almond - 91%</b>
★ <b>Hazel - 96%</b>	★ <b>Walnut - 97%</b>
<b>Larch -94%</b>	★ <b>Sycamore - 100%</b>
	

**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>






# PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID - FOR PARENTS & FAMILIES

10 May 2025  
09.30am to 4.30pm  
The Running Horses PH, Erith  
£55 per person





Meaningful May 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 Do something kind for someone you really care about	2 Focus on what you can do rather than what you can't do	3 Take a step towards an important goal, however small	4 Send your friend a photo from a time you enjoyed together
5 Let someone know how much they mean to you and why	6 Look for people doing good and reasons to be cheerful	7 Make a list of what matters most to you and why	8 Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today	9 What values are important to you? Find ways to use them today	10 Be grateful for the little things, even in difficult times	11 Look around for things that bring you a sense of awe and wonder
12 Listen to a favourite piece of music and remember what it means to you	13 Find out about the values or traditions of another culture	14 Get outside and notice the beauty in nature	15 Do something to contribute to your local community	16 Show your gratitude to people who are helping to make things better	17 Find a way to make what you do today meaningful	18 Send a hand-written note to someone you care about
19 Reflect on what makes you feel valued and purposeful	20 Share photos of 3 things you find meaningful or memorable	21 Look up at the sky. Remember we are all part of something bigger	22 Find a way to help a project or charity you care about	23 Recall three things you've done that you are proud of	24 Make choices that have a positive impact for others today	25 Ask someone else what matters most to them and why
26 Remember an event in your life that was really meaningful	27 Focus on how your actions make a difference for others	28 Do something special and revisit it in your memory tonight	29 Today do something to care for the natural world	30 Share a quote you find inspiring to give others a boost	31 Find three reasons to be hopeful about the future	





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# TOGETHER FOR **GOOD** MENTAL HEALTH

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and how they support good  
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