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#### Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and inspiring week it has been at Willow Bank! We have had the opportunity to come together as a school community, reflecting on important values and celebrating each child's individuality and kindness. Here are some highlights:

#### Remembrance Day



On Monday, the entire school gathered at 11 a.m. for a two-minute silence to commemorate Remembrance Day. The service was made even more special by two of our students who played The Last Post on their trumpets—a truly moving moment for everyone.

#### Anti-Bullying Week Assembly

Also on Monday, Miss White and our Playleaders led a special assembly on Anti-Bullying Week. They discussed the importance of kindness and understanding, shared the effects of bullying, and encouraged children to speak up and seek help if they ever experience or witness bullying.

#### Odd Socks Day

On Tuesday, we celebrated Odd Socks Day, a fun event that let us celebrate our unique personalities! The children and staff wore mismatched socks, showing off their individuality. We even recorded our very own news report about the day, which we shared on social media—be sure to check it out!



#### **Positive Noticing Day**



Wednesday was all about spreading positivity with Positive Noticing Day. Children exchanged kind messages, highlighting the positive things they have noticed about each other. It was wonderful to see so many smiles and acts of kindness throughout the school.

#### Children in Need

Today, we all dressed in something spotty for Children in Need and collected donations for this important cause. Redwood Class also treated us to a fantastic assembly, sharing their Autumn learning with everyone. They taught us fascinating facts about the Stone Age, Iron Age, and Bronze Age—well done, Redwood Class!



### Looking Ahead



Next week, students in most classes will complete their autumn term assessments. On Monday, 18th November, we will join in national celebrations for 'Show Racism the Red Card' day, another valuable opportunity for learning and reflection

A quick reminder that **Parents' Evenings** are scheduled for the **4th and 5th of December.** If you haven't yet booked an appointment with your child's teacher, please do so via Arbor or through the school office.

Thank you for your continued support, and have a lovely weekend!

#### Warm regards,

#### Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



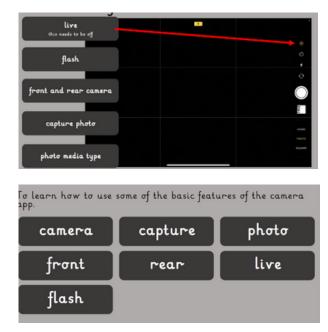


Magnolia class discussed how we can communicate online through an email. We learnt what an email is and how it is similar to a letter. We talked about how emails can only be used when you are with a trusted adult.



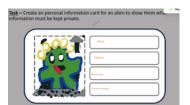


We began our lesson with recapping what we had learnt last half term about online safety and what action we need to take if we see something online that we don't like. This half term we are learning about using the camera and Keynote using the iPad. This week we used the camera app to use basic features when taking a photograph.



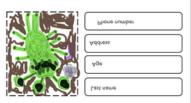


Year 2 students are creating e-safety cards for aliens! These cards will teach aliens why it's important to never share personal information like their name, address, or passwords online. This fun activity helps children learn about online safety in a creative way.











In year 3, the students have been learning the importance of gaining consent before using photos and videos, ensuring we all stay safe and respectful online. After understanding the basics of e-safety, the children took their own photos of each other, which will be used to create a fun and engaging movie using iMovie.

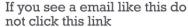






Year 4 are becoming savvy online detectives! They're learning all about phishing scams and how to spot them. Through interactive activities, they'll discover how to identify suspicious emails, texts and websites and understand why they should never click on unknown links or share personal information. This important lesson empowers them to stay safe online and make smart choices in the digital world.







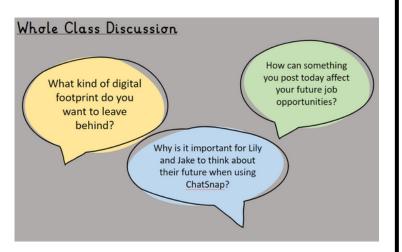
In Year 5, children are learning all about online safety to help them make smart choices on the internet. They're exploring topics like keeping personal information private, recognising safe and unsafe websites, and understanding what to do if something online makes them feel uncomfortable. They created posters to share tips for staying safe online. These posters help everyone remember the importance of staying safe in the digital world!







Year 6 have been exploring online safety, specifically our digital footprint. Some children were surprised to learn that everything we post online leaves a digital footprint and even when we delete something, traces of it can still exist and they might be seen again in the future! Here are some of the questions we discussed together.



# OUR CORE VALUE FOR AUTUMN 2 IS INTEGRITY

Everyone makes mistakes, but only a person with integrity owns up to them.

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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 - 88%	Yew - 97%
Hornbeam - 90%	Redwood - 96%
	Almond - 96%
Hazel - 99%	Walnut - 97%
Larch - 95.5%	Sycamore - 94%
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## **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 heath 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





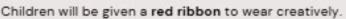
# Upcoming Events



### Autumn 2

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**Show Racism the Red Card** 18



NOV

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**Individual School Photos** 

Children to look smart in their full school uniform.



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RockKidz

Children to wear their best rock inspired outfit



DEC

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Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day

Children can wear a christmas jumper with thier school uniform



DEC

12

WBP Winter Wonderland

Join us straight after school for activities and treats



PLEASE SEE YOUR CHILD'S YEAR GROUP OVERVIEW FOR TRIPS, CLASS ASSEMBLIES AND NATIVITY/CAROL SINGING DATES



If you'd like advice, help finding local services or just a chat and a coffee, we are here for you.

We meet online every Tuesday at 10.30am and last Tuesday of the month in person.

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# JOIN OUR PARENT COMMUNITY NETWORK

## with **FLARE**



We are a friendly & committed group of parents who meet fortnightly for coffee, support, conversation and occasional workshops.

Every other Tuesday from 4th January 9.30 - 11.30 at The Danson Centre, Brampton Road DA7 4EZ - please email to join.

