



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another very warm and vibrant week at Willow Bank, with temperatures soaring to an incredible 34°C! To help keep cool, the children were treated to refreshing ice poles, which were very gratefully received by all! As the hot weather looks set to continue, please ensure your child brings a labelled, refillable water bottle to school each day so they can stay hydrated throughout the day.

☀️ **Transition Morning**



Today marked an exciting moment in the school year as the children spent time with their new teachers and teaching assistants during our transition morning. This special session gave them a chance to explore their new classroom and begin to look ahead to the next chapter of their school journey.

Please do take a moment to talk to your child about their experience this morning. You can also begin to get to know their new adults by reading the Pen Portraits that were sent home today.

🎓 **Year 6 – The Final Chapter**

Our wonderful **Year 6 children** are making the most of their final days at Willow Bank. Rehearsals for their end-of-year production are in full swing, and excitement is building for their **bowling trip to the O2** next week!

This week, many Year 6 pupils also visited their **new secondary schools**, meeting teachers and exploring their new environments. It's been lovely hearing about their experiences – there is a real sense of pride and anticipation in the air!



🐝 **WBP Spelling Bee Finals – Coming Soon!**



Next week, we look forward to our **WBP Spelling Bee Finals**, where children from **Years 1 to 6** will compete to become their phase's **Spelling Bee Champion!**

This week, class heats have taken place with children practising and performing brilliantly with their high frequency words. The finalists will go head-to-head next week for the chance to take home a special **engraved trophy**. We wish all our competitors the very best of luck!

🌍 **WBP Around the World Festival – Today After School!**

The day has finally arrived – our WBP Around the World Festival takes place today after school on the playground, and we can't wait to welcome you all!

Join us for an afternoon of music, food, face painting, games, and entertainment as we come together to celebrate the incredible diversity and culture that make our school community so special.

We hope to see many of you there!

Wishing you all a wonderful, sunny weekend.

Warm regards,



Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



Magnolia

In Magnolia class, we have been exploring life in the 1990s as part of our current topic. We've learned about the popular toys children played with during that decade, the fashion trends that defined the era, and the music that shaped the cultural landscape. One highlight of our learning was discovering the pop group S Club 7 and their hit song Reach for the Stars, which we enjoyed listening to and discussing as a class.



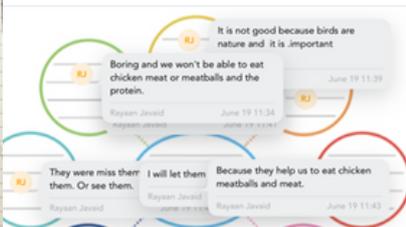
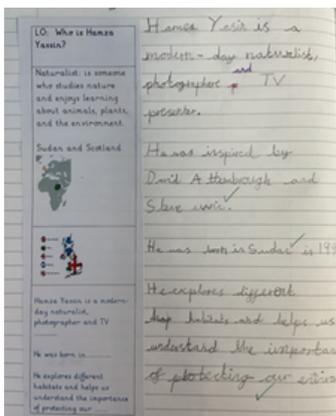
Year 1

In Year 1, we have been learning about two inspiring figures from history: Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. The children have discovered how these incredible women made a difference by caring for soldiers during times of war. We explored their bravery, compassion, and determination to help others, even in challenging circumstances. The children compared their stories, learning about the challenges Mary Seacole faced as a woman of colour and how Florence Nightingale revolutionized nursing. It's been fascinating to see their impact on history and how their legacy continues today.



Year 2

Year 2 have been learning all about Hamza Yassin, a wildlife cameraman and TV presenter who was born in Sudan and moved to the UK when he was eight years old. They found out that even though Hamza only knew a few English words at first, he worked hard and followed his passion for animals and nature. The children enjoyed discovering how he became famous for his wildlife documentaries and as the star of Ranger Hamza on CBeebies.



Year 3

This term, children have been exploring the Spanish region of Andalucía, comparing its warm climate to England's. They created their own weather forecasts using green screen—an exciting, hands-on way to showcase geography and presentation skills!





Year 4

This half term, Year 4 have not held a humanities topic.

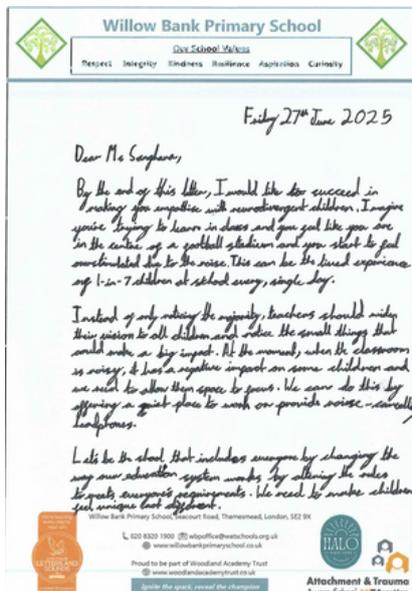
Year 5

This term, Year 5 children have been learning all about sustainability and how to help protect our environment. They explored different ways to recycle, reduce, and reuse. The children took part in fun activities, including a litter pick and a parade to raise awareness about looking after our planet.

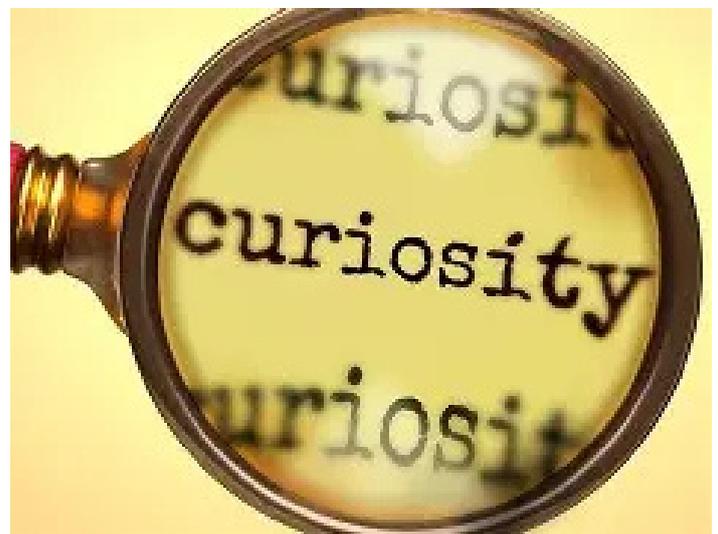


Year 6

In Year 6, we have been recapping our humanities journey from the start of the year and recalling the knowledge we have learned. As part of our social justice theme, the children wrote letters to the headteacher and CEO to consider making changes that benefit our neurodiverse community.



OUR CORE VALUE FOR SUMMER TERM 2 IS CURIOSITY





KSI & 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.



★ ★ ★	Our target is over 96%
🏅 Magnolia - 98 %	★ Yew - 97%
Hornbeam - 92%	Redwood - 95%
	Almond - 92%
Hazel - 94%	Walnut - 95%
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.
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**SUMMER FUN
FOOD & DRINK MARKET**

SAT 5TH JULY | 12-4PM | CYGNET SQUARE, THAMESMEAD

FOOD - ACTIVITIES - MUSIC

FREE ENTRY - ALL AGES WELCOME

FLIP OVER TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE EVENT AND HOW YOU CAN JOIN IN

**SUMMER FUN
FOOD & DRINK MARKET**

Get ready to soak up the sunshine and kick off the season in style at our Food & Drink Summer Fun Market! We're transforming Cygnet Square into a buzzing hub of flavours, fun, and family-friendly vibes - with plenty to eat, create, and dance to.

WHAT'S ON

12:15PM - 12:45PM
BOLLYWOOD FAMILY DANCE SESSION
Join in the rhythm and colour of Bollywood with a fun, high-energy family dance session. No experience needed - just bring your smiles and get ready to move together!

1:00PM - 2:00PM
MINI BASKETBALL FUN (AGES 2-7)
A lively, hands-on session for little ones to shoot, bounce and score! With playful drills and age-appropriate games, it's all about having fun and building confidence on the court.

2:30PM - 4:00PM
FAMILY DISCO EXTRAVAGANZA
Wrap up the day with our ultimate summer party on the square! Expect bubbles, TikTok dance challenges, and lots and lots of dancing - a perfect way to get the whole family laughing and making memories.

COME HUNGRY, COME CURIOUS, AND COME READY TO HAVE FUN - IT'S A SUMMER CELEBRATION YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!

THAMESMEAD Peabody

DELICIOUS FOOD AND DRINK STALLS
LOCAL VENDORS AND INFORMATION STALLS
FOOD-THEMED ARTS & CRAFTS ZONE
FACE AND GLITTER PAINTING FUN
DJ AND STEEL PANS PLAYING SUMMER THROUGHOUT THE DAY

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE REGISTER AS A TRADER

Mouth Aware

Oral health advice for healthcare professionals, parents and carers of children

Bromley Healthcare community first

Community Paediatric and Special Care Dental Service

NHS

Please copy the link below and paste in the search bar and it will direct you straight to the form.
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Come and join us for a free 30 minute MS Teams training session provided by Bromley Healthcare Community Paediatric and Special Care Dental Service to update healthcare professionals, parents and carers of children on current oral health advice.

Outcomes

By the end of the session you should:

- Know how to advise on how to access an NHS dentist
- Understand the referral pathway to the Community Dental Service if needed
- Have a greater knowledge of the current evidence based oral health advice to help parents/carers improve children's oral health



Support • Inform • Signpost • Empower



Bexley Voice SEND Summer Activities and Information Marketplace

The Danson Youth Centre, Bexleyheath, DA7 4EZ



Save the date!

Tuesday 8th July 2025

9:30am-12:30pm

**This event is for Bexley parent carers who have
children or young people with SEND**

No need to book, just come along!

Are you an organisation providing SEND inclusive or SEND
specific activities/support over the summer holidays?

Would you like to showcase your offer?

Contact - stacey.yusuf@bexleyvoice.org.uk

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