



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. As we approach the festive season, there is much to share.

Thank You for Attending Parent Consultation Evening

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who attended the recent Parent Consultation Evenings. Your active participation and engagement are crucial to the success of your child's education. We hope you found the meetings with your child's teacher helpful, gaining insights into their strengths, next steps, and ways to support their learning at home. Unfortunately, as Miss Mans has been unwell, parents of children in Walnut Class will be invited to rebook their appointments and will be informed by letter of the revised dates. Working in partnership with you is vital, and we appreciate your commitment to your child's education.



Tree Planting in Southmere Park for National Tree Week



On Wednesday, a group of children had the incredible opportunity to join students from other schools in our community to plant trees in Southmere Park. This initiative, part of National Tree Week, saw over 500 trees being planted, contributing to the preservation of our environment for future generations. The planting was supervised by the Northwest Kent Countryside Partnership (NWKCP), specialists in delivering conservation activities for schools and volunteers.

Festive Preparations Underway

The school is buzzing with festive cheer as children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 are busy practising their Christmas songs for their upcoming nativity performance to parents on Wednesday 13th December. In Key Stage 2, the children have been enjoying our new singing assemblies with Mrs Cummings to practice their songs for their Christmas performance on the same afternoon!

Upcoming Celebrations: Save the Children National Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 7th December

We are excited to announce that we will be celebrating Save the Children's National Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday, December 7th. Children and staff are invited to wear something festive to school on this day for a £1 donation to charity. Additionally, we will be enjoying a special Christmas lunch together in the dining hall. Please make sure to order your child's Christmas main meal using the Arbor App to ensure they don't miss out on the festive fun.



As always, we appreciate your ongoing support and look forward to creating wonderful memories together during this festive season.

Warm regards,

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



On Tuesday afternoons Magnolia have Coach Jack. We have been learning how to play football! We have been learning how to kick the ball and pass it to our friends. We had to kick the ball to buried treasure as a team ... the buried treasure was the cones and we had a volcano team and a mountain team. We are loving learning how to play football!

Year 1

Reception class



This term in PE, Year 1 has focused on playing invasion games. Here, the children have worked on developing skills such as changing directions, learning how to move around safely in a limited space (whilst also being aware of others) as well as showing our school values of teamwork and resilience in their PE lesson.



Year 2

This term in Hornbeam we have been learning to play football, breaking down passing, tackling and shooting. Each technique is modelled by coach and the children then practice these skills. They develop skills each week as well as reinforcing previous learning. For example, the children combine passing with striking a ball properly.

In each PE lesson the children use peer to peer learning and communication. They use these skills in small groups and work together to help each other master different football techniques.



Year 3



In our PE lessons in year 3, we have been working on our balances within gymnastics. Initially, we started by working individually and being able to hold a balance for 4 seconds. We have now moved on to working with a partner and performing counterbalances. In our PE sessions with our sports coaches, we have been working on our football skills!



Year 4

Year 5

Throughout the term, Year 4 have been flipping, twirling, and mastering the art of gymnastics, pushing the boundaries of physical agility and creativity. But the excitement doesn't stop there! Year 4 have also donned their football boots for heart-pounding matches with their skilled coach. From precision passes to goal-scoring celebrations, each kick and dribble has forged bonds of camaraderie and a passion for the beautiful game.



In year 5, children are honing their swimming techniques in indoor PE, working on strokes, breathing, and water confidence. In outdoor sessions, they're learning football skills like passing, dribbling, and teamwork. They're making great progress and having fun while mastering these activities!

Year 6

Masterclass with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

In Year 6, students enthusiastically embraced the world of football, honing their skills on the pitch with unwavering determination. From precision passes to agile dribbles, the Year 6 cohort displayed a commendable commitment to refining their football prowess. Under the guidance of dedicated coaches, the students engaged in drills that emphasized teamwork, strategy, and individual technique. Their spirited practices not only fostered athletic development but also cultivated a sense of camaraderie among teammates. As they navigated the challenges of the game, Year 6 showcased the culmination of their hard work and passion for football, embodying the true spirit of sportsmanship on the field.

We are extremely proud that two of our Year 4 children, Nife and Kinfe, were invited to attend a masterclass with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra this week. The children joined other children from schools across London to play their trumpets.

Nife:

'I liked that we were given this opportunity and I'm also happy that we learned our scales because one of the pieces of music were based on these scales.'

Kinfe:

'I liked that we played lots of games and we played some pieces together and then changed some of the notes which made them sound even better.'





OUR CORE VALUE
FOR AUTUMN 2
IS INTEGRITY

Integrity is telling
myself the truth. And
honesty is telling
the truth to other
people.



This game will be focused on creating another memorable and fantastic experience for those in attendance.

Previous community based fixtures have earned rave reviews from those who came along, with plenty of smiling faces and fantastic atmospheres, and we would love to invite our Community Partners and the season ticket holders to this game. There will be lots of fun activities to take part in, such as half-time relays and penalty shoot-outs, plus the chance to meet Father Christmas and bring the festive spirit to the area. As before, U16 season ticket holders will get FREE entry and any accompanying adult receives a discount entry of just £5 instead of the standard £8.





EYFS and KS1 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 EYFS, KS1 and KS2 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.

Key Dates



Next week:

Tuesday 05/12/23 - Open Day for 2024 Reception intake 10am - 10:30am

Thursday 07/12/23 - Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner & Winder Wonderland.

Forthcoming date:

Wednesday 13/12/23 - KS1 Nativity performance time for parents 2pm - 3pm.
KS2 Christmas songs to parents.

Monday 18/12/23: - CRIBS Christmas performance to the school.

Tuesday 19/12/23: - Non uniform day, Talent show & class winter parties.

Well done to:	Our target is over 96%
Magnolia - 88%	★ Yew - 97%
Hornbeam - 86%	Redwood - 95%
Laburnum - 94%	★ Almond - 98%
★ Hazel - 98%	Walnut - 92%
Larch - 89%	★ Sycamore - 98%

Coming soon to
Willow Bank Primary School

WINTER
WONDERLAND
2023

THUR, 7 DECEMBER
3.20 – 5.00pm
School Hall

Scan the QR code to find out more