



Dear Parents and Carers,



A very warm welcome back after the half term break! It has been wonderful to see all our families returning refreshed and ready for an exciting new half term of learning.

This week, the children have been fully immersed in their hook lessons for their new topics. From building survival shelters in the hall to protect themselves from arctic conditions, to constructing life-size Iron Man models, the enthusiasm and creativity across the school have been fantastic to see. Please read on to find out what your child's class has been up to!

A huge thank you to everyone for ensuring your children looked so smart for their individual photographs this week. The children also had the opportunity to receive their flu (nasal spray) vaccinations, and we are so proud of how polite and well-behaved they were – several of our visitors commented on what a credit they are to the school.

Looking Ahead – Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, and we have lots of exciting activities planned to celebrate kindness, individuality, and positive relationships:

• **Monday 10th November– Odd Socks Day**

Children are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate their individuality and what makes each of us unique!

• **Tuesday 11th November – Remembrance Service**

We will be holding our own Remembrance Day service in school. Our school ambassadors have been taking poppies around each day for children to buy in support of the Royal British Legion.

• **Wednesday 12th November– Positive Noticing Day**

A day to celebrate positivity! The children will be writing and sharing positive messages with one another to recognise the wonderful values they show every day.

• **Friday 14th November– Children in Need Day**

To support this fantastic charity, children and staff are invited to wear yellow or spots for a £1 donation.

Y5 Hazel Class Sharing Assembly: Friday 14th November @ 9:00am

We are looking forward to our first Class Sharing Assembly of the year!

Y5 Hazel Class will be sharing their learning on Friday 14th November at 9:00am.

All parents and carers are warmly invited to join us – we can't wait to see you there.



Key Dates

- **Mon 10th Nov:** Odd Socks Day – Anti-Bullying Week begins
- **Tue 11th Nov:** Remembrance Day Service
- **Wed 12th Nov:** Positive Noticing Day
- **Fri 14th Nov:** Hazel Class Sharing Assembly, 9:00am (Parents and Carers welcome!)
- **Fri 14th Nov:** Children in Need – wear yellow or spots (£1 donation)



Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to another fun and purposeful week ahead. Have a lovely weekend!

Warm regards,

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



Magnolia

This term, our writing lessons are centred around the book "Let's Celebrate", which explores different celebrations from around the world. To kick off our new topic, we had our very own class party! The children enjoyed sharing ideas about why people have parties, when we might celebrate special occasions, and what makes each celebration unique.



Year 1

Year 1 have been reading our new core text, 'Martha Maps It Out'. We became explorers and learnt how to use a map, just like Martha, using our map of the classroom to locate the hidden letters that spelled out 'Martha Maps It Out'!



Year 2

For their exciting hook lesson, Year 2 received a special letter from the Mayor of London asking for their help to find out more about the city. Inspired by the challenge, the children became young researchers for the day, using a range of child-friendly websites. They loved sharing their discoveries with each other and are now eager to learn even more about our capital in the coming weeks!

Dear Hornbeam Class,
I'm hoping you can help me!
I need to write new fact-files for different London landmarks and I've heard you are learning all about London and can help me find about these places for me.
Please could you click on the links below and record what you have found out.
I look forward to hearing from you soon.
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1. Bing Videos
 2. Bing Videos
 3. www.sadiqkhan.com/what-i-learned-about-london/2018/08/02/news.html
 4. [Smash Mins](#)
- GG One thing i've learned about London is London is a big city
- London eye is a landmark
- Gabriella G Monday 11:04am
- GG One thing i learned about london is the queen lives in buckingtin palace
- Gabriella G Monday 11:10am
- GG One thing i learned about london is the tower of london is near the river thams
- Gabriella G Monday 11:14am
- GG One thing i know about london is people guard the crown jewels
- Gabriella G Monday 11:23am

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- MD One fact I have learnt about london, london mayor is famous he's name is Sadiq Khan
- Mary D Monday 11:12am
- MD He's the london mayor
- Mary D Monday 11:21am

Year 3

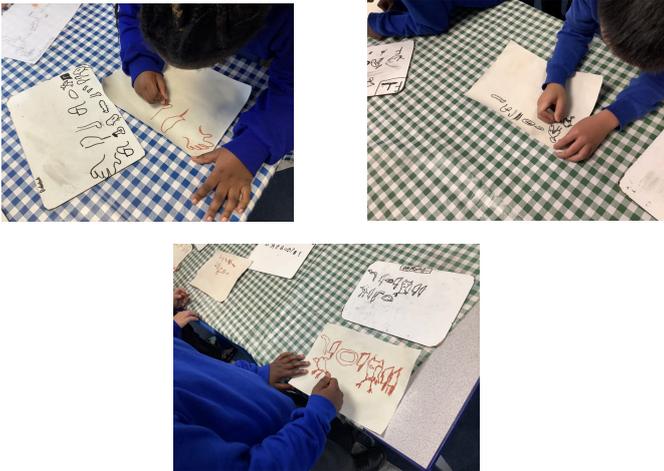
Year 3 enjoyed an exciting hook lesson this term, creating their own versions of Iron Man using cardboard and foil. They worked together to build their superheroes and wrote about what makes them special. It was a fun, creative way to show that heroes are built by working together!





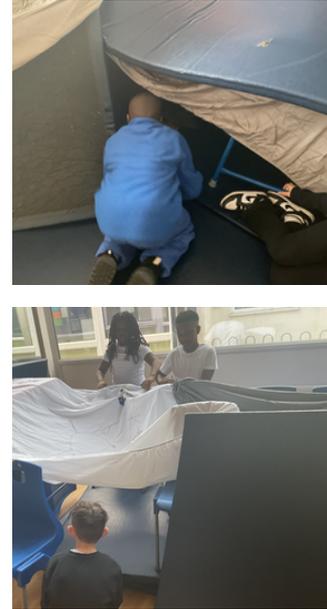
Year 4

As part of our Cinderella of the Nile topic, the children enjoyed an exciting hook day where they became Ancient Egyptian scribes. They explored life along the River Nile and discovered how the Egyptians used hieroglyphics to record stories and important events. Using the ancient symbols, the children created their own names on papyrus, experiencing what it was like to write as a true Egyptian scribe thousands of years ago.



Year 5

For our hook lesson, the children became Arctic explorers for the day! Using benches, chairs, sheets and mats, they worked in teams to design and build tents that could withstand the icy conditions. There was plenty of problem-solving, teamwork and laughter as they tested out their shelters – a fantastic, hands-on start to our new geography unit!



Year 6

In year 6 we have been learning about the holocaust. We have been reading Anne frank's diary and creating diaries of our own from the perspective of a Jewish child. We were shocked to learn that Jewish people were forced to wear stars to identify them as Jews.



OUR CORE VALUE FOR AUTUMN TERM 1 IS INTEGRITY





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 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 - 99% ★	Yew - 94%
Hornbeam - 96% ★	Redwood - 99% ★
Almond - 99% ★	Hazel - 90%
Larch - 98% ★	
	

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>



Family Sign Session

National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS Family Sign Language Curriculum)



2025

Greenwich Sensory Service, Bexley Hearing Support Advice Team and Lewisham Sensory Team are inviting you to come and join our "Family Sign - Introduction to BSL" sessions, which will take place on the 4th Wednesday of every month.

This event is **FREE** for Parent(s), Carers and Relatives of Deaf and Multi-sensory children.



This programme will give you the opportunity to extend your knowledge and skills in using in BSL and developing positive communication skills.

Danson Youth Centre, Brampton Rd, Bexleyheath DA7 4EZ

Tina Dhunday, Deaf Instructor - narinder.dhunday@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

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Primary School

Upcoming Events



Autumn 2

PLEASE SEE YOUR CHILD'S YEAR GROUP OVERVIEW FOR TRIPS AND OTHER DATES

NOV
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Odd Socks Day

To kick off Anti-Bullying Week we will celebrate our uniqueness by wearing odd socks!



NOV
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Anti- Bullying Workshop

Join Mr Ali & Miss White - coffee & biscuits provided.



NOV
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Children in Need

Wear something yellow or spotty for a donation of £1



DEC
11

Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform and have the option of Christmas dinner at lunchtime.



DEC
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WBP Winter Wonderland

Join us for face painting, Christmas crafts, meet Santa and lots more!



DEC
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EYFS & KS1 Nativity

Join us to watch the show at 14:30pm



DEC
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KS2 Christmas Songs

Come and watch KS2 sing their Christmas songs on the playground at the end of the school day.



DEC
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Last day of term





Bexley Voice Support • Inform • Signpost • Empower

Tea & Talk Parent Carer Support Group

Join us for a cuppa and an informal chat about anything SEND. Members and non-members are welcome

9:30am - Discussion with the Bexley Voice Team
We will have a discussion about general safety in the home, including using specialist equipment to ensure the safety of your children and young people with additional needs.

10:30am - Becky Selwood, London Fire Brigade
Becky Selwood from the London Fire Brigade will join us to talk about fire safety in the home.

1-1 Appointments available with:

- Kate Courtney, Designated Clinical Officer SEND for any health related queries such as SALT, OT or diagnosis
- Sarah Tammadge, Highly Specialised Speech and Language Therapist from Oxleas
- Danny Graham, Benefits Advisor from DWP
- Felicity Packard from Carers' Support Bexley
- Kian Riverol from Imago Young Carers

Case Officer Team 1-1 bookings:

- Various appointments will be available with Case Officers and a Case Officer Manager from the Bexley Statutory Assessment Service.

www.bexleyvoice.org.uk

Tuesday 11th November 2025

The Danson Youth Centre
Brampton Road
Bexleyheath
DA7 4EZ

9:30am-12:30pm

- Come to all or part of the morning
- No need to book just come along
- Speak directly to the Bexley Voice Team

Advance booking only necessary for 1-1 sessions

To request a 1-1 slot go to: <https://bexleyvoice.org.uk/saltsalar/item/33845827> or scan the QR code for more information:

Tea & Talk - parent and carer support group

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09:30 to 12:30

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New Ways November 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you	4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel	6 Try out a new way of being physically active	7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire	1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month	2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way
10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea	11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	12 Find out something new about someone you care about	13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax	14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about	8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"
17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself	18 Connect with someone from a different generation	19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site	20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before	21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them	15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."	16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective
24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently	25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way	26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show	27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it	28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card	22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love
					29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen	30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times

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