



Dear Parents and Carers,
What a wonderfully festive week it has been here at Willow Bank!

This week, Magnolia Class enjoyed a very special visit to our local care home, where they sang Christmas songs to the residents. The children loved meeting everyone, and the residents were absolutely delighted by the festive cheer the children brought with them. It was a heart-warming experience for all involved.

We were also pleased to welcome our new School Business Associate, Ms Rogers, to the Willow Bank family. Ms Rogers will be on the gate every day, so please do take a moment to introduce yourselves and say hello. We are thrilled to have her join our team.

Yesterday, the whole school enjoyed a wonderful Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day. It was fantastic to see both children and staff looking so festive! In addition, we held our third annual Winter Wonderland event in the hall, complete with Santa's grotto. Thank you to everyone who came along—we hope you enjoyed exploring the stalls and soaking up the seasonal atmosphere.



A huge thank you to our newly formed PTFA, who worked incredibly hard to organise and run the event. As their first official event, it was a great success, and we are extremely grateful for the time and effort they put in.

Events Next Week – Final Week of the Autumn Term

As we approach the end of term, we have a number of exciting festive events to look forward to:

🎄 Wednesday 17th December – Nativity Performance

Magnolia, Yew and Hornbeam Classes will be performing their Nativity at **2:30pm** for parents and carers. Please ensure you have returned your slips to receive your tickets (**maximum of two per child**).

🎄 Wednesday 17th December – Nativity Performance

KS2 children will be singing Christmas songs on the playground from **3:00pm**, welcoming parents and carers at the end of the day. Do come along and join in the festivities!

🌟 Friday 19th December – WBP's Got Talent!

To finish the term with a flourish, children will be showcasing their talents—dancing, singing, magic tricks, science experiments, and much more—to entertain their friends and peers. It promises to be a fabulous celebration of our pupils' creativity and confidence.

Wishing you all a warm, relaxing, and festive weekend.
Mrs Oldfield and the Willow Bank Primary



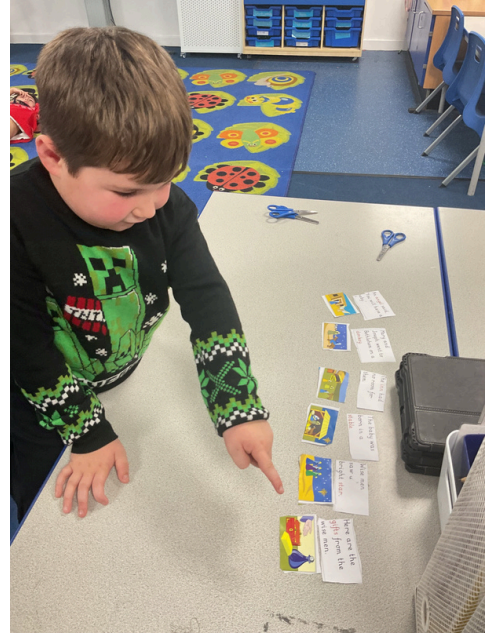
Year R

In Reception class, as part of our Religious Education (R.E.) learning, the children have been exploring the significance of Christmas. They engaged in a range of creative and reflective activities that helped bring the festive story to life. The children enjoyed making decorations and hanging them around the classroom, and we transformed our role-play area into Santa's workshop, allowing them to explore themes of giving and kindness in a hands-on way. To extend their learning beyond the classroom, the children also visited a local care home to sing Christmas songs, sharing joy and celebrating community. These activities support the R.E. curriculum by helping children understand the meaning of Christmas, the values of generosity and care for others, and the ways people express their beliefs and celebrate together.



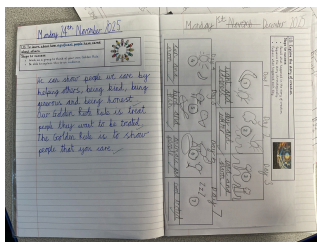
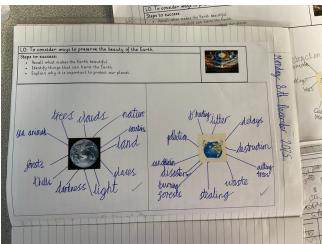
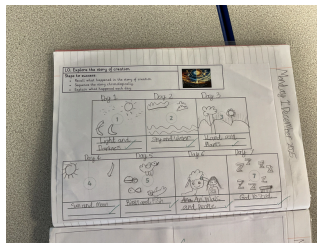
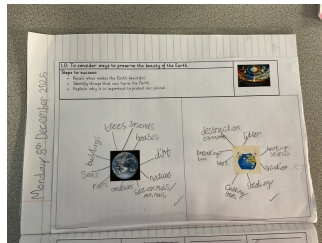
Year 1

This half term Year 1 have been learning about different religious festivals. We have been finding out about Diwali, Hannukah and we are currently exploring the Christmas Story which has helped us with our preparations for our Nativity!



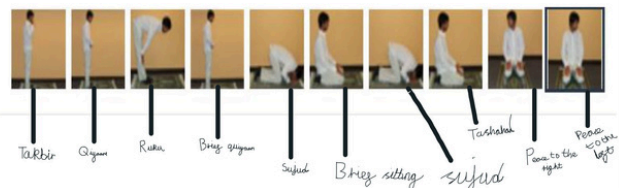
Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about the Christian story of Creation and the importance of caring for and preserving the Earth. Children wrote down what could benefit the earth as well as what could harm the earth and reflected on each others responses.



Year 3

This term, Year 3 children are learning about different religions and how people pray and worship. They are exploring the unique practices of each faith and understanding the values and traditions that are important to people around the world.



Muslims Pray to God in a Special Place.



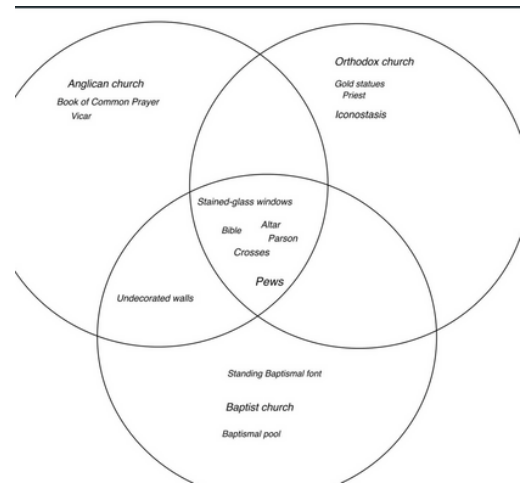
Year 4

In Year 4, they have been looking at the life of Ghandi and his work within Hinduism and its worldwide impact. They created keynote presentations based on their learning about him including his peaceful protests and imprisonment.



Year 5

This term in RE, Year 5 study several different religions. They explore and compare a range of places of worship, learning about their key features and their purpose. Pupils consider why places of worship are important within communities and how beliefs and practices shape people's lives. Through discussion and reflection, they develop understanding of similarities and differences between religions.

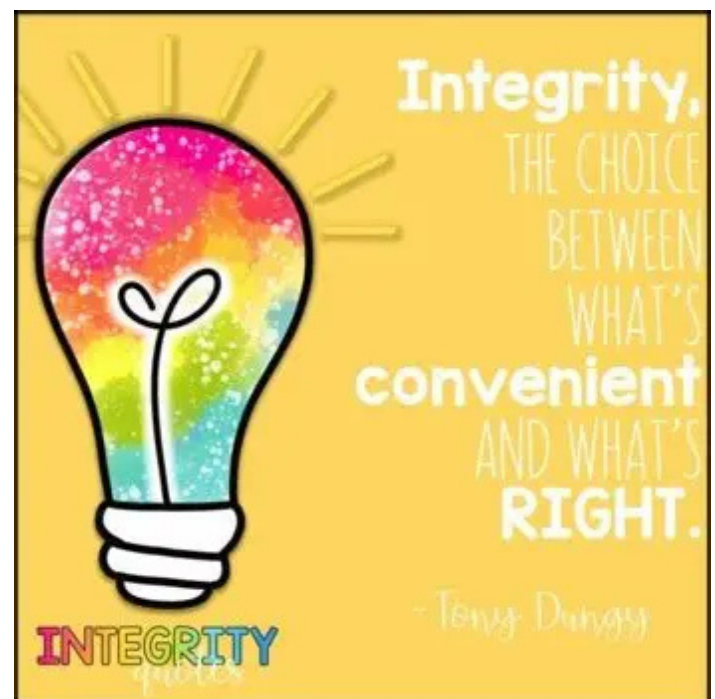


Year 6

In year 6 we have been thinking about the importance of community. We examined this painting of the Last Supper by Sieger Koda as we thought about who Jesus chose to spend his time with during his lifetime.



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 - 92%	Yew - 98% ★
Hornbeam - 100% ★	Redwood - 90%
Almond - 98% ★	Hazel - 95%
Larch - 98% ★	
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School Reminder

Children should not arrive earlier than 8.20am for Breakfast club, this runs 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>



Willow Bank
Primary School

Upcoming Events



Autumn 2

DEC
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EYFS & KS1 Nativity

Join us to watch the show at 14:30pm



DEC
18

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

