



Dear Parents and Carers,

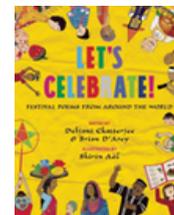
It has been a very exciting week of new experiences and rich learning at WBP. Our children have embraced a wide range of opportunities that have brought their Big Questions to life.

Hazel Class enjoyed a fantastic day at the London Seaside Centre linked to their Big Question, "What makes the Polar regions unique?" The children were thrilled to see some of the sea creatures they have been studying up close and learned more about how we can better protect their fragile habitats.



Redwood Class were delighted to welcome our local PC Rosaleen into school for the afternoon to support their Big Question, "What makes someone a hero in our community?" She spoke to the children about her role, answered their many questions and even let them sit in her police car, which was a definite highlight!

Magnolia Class had a wonderful time making a delicious vegetable stew together this week. As part of their Big Question, "Why do we celebrate?" the children explored how sharing food is an important part of many celebrations. They thoroughly enjoyed preparing, cooking and then taking home a portion of their dish.



Today, we all enjoyed Larch Class' sharing assembly. The children confidently showcased their learning from across the term, demonstrating their oracy skills, singing and musical talents. We were also very grateful to welcome Ms Abena Oppong-Asare, MP for Erith and Thamesmead, who joined us for breakfast club, attended the assembly and spent time with Year 6 discussing their concerns about the clean-up of the local lake. She also met with our school ambassadors, who asked thoughtful questions about her role, British values and the importance of democracy.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.  
Warm regards,

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



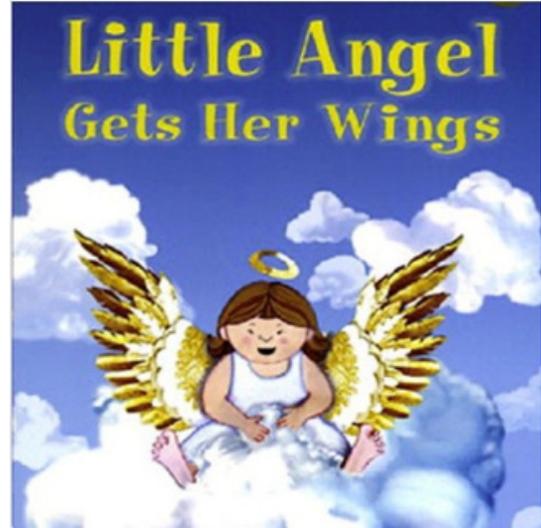
## Magnolia

This week in Magnolia, the children have been busy practising their Christmas songs ready for our Christmas trip.



## Year 1

Year 1 have been busy rehearsing their songs for our Christmas Nativity, Little Angel Gets Her Wings!



## Year 2

Year 2 have been practising their Nativity songs with great enthusiasm. The children have been learning the words and their confidence is growing each day. We are so proud of their hard work and can't wait for them to share their performance with you soon!



## Year 3

This term, our Year 3 children have been learning lots of new ukulele skills. They have practised holding the ukulele correctly, strumming and picking the strings, and changing between different chords. They have also worked on keeping a steady rhythm and playing together as a group.





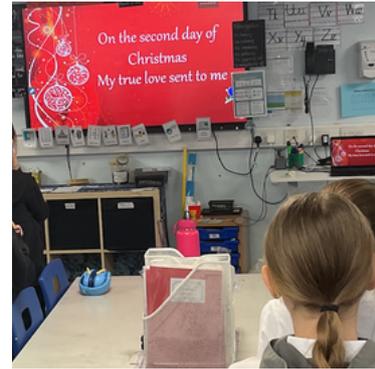
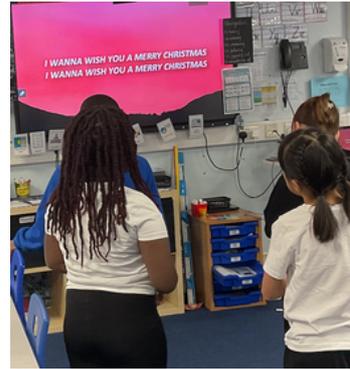
## Year 4

In Almond class, the children are learning to play traditional Egyptian songs on the ukulele, building rhythm, cultural understanding, and musical confidence.



## Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been getting into the festive spirit by learning a range of Christmas songs. The children have been practising melody, rhythm, and singing with confidence. They are really enjoying the music and are already sounding wonderfully Christmassy!



## Year 6

In year 6 we have begun rehearsing for our Carol Concert. Here we are singing Feliz Navidad.



## OUR CORE VALUE FOR AUTUMN TERM 1 IS INTEGRITY

**REAL integrity**

is doing the

*right thing*

knowing that

**NOBODY'S**

going to know

if you did it

or **NOT.**

Oprah Winfrey



**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 - 98% ★	Yew - 91%
Hornbeam - 94%	Redwood - 96% ★
Almond- 97% ★	Hazel-98% ★
Larch- 92%	
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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>



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### EMOTIONAL BASED SCHOOL AVOIDANCE (EBSA) PARENT/CARER SUPPORT GROUP

To take place on: **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 10 – 11.30am**

Venue: **Bexleyheath Central Library in the Dickens Room.**



*Bexley Educational Psychologists are providing parent/carers the space to share their experiences, hear from others and gain support as part of a network for those supporting children and young people who are experiencing anxiety-related difficulties around attending school (including Emotional Based School Avoidance).*

If you are interested in joining this group, please email:  
[parentebساسupport@bexley.gov.uk](mailto:parentebساسupport@bexley.gov.uk)



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## Upcoming Events



### Autumn 2

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

DEC <b>11</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b> Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform and have the option of Christmas dinner at lunchtime.	
DEC <b>11</b>	<b>WBP Winter Wonderland</b> Join us for face painting, Christmas crafts, meet Santa and lots more!	
DEC <b>17</b>	<b>EYFS &amp; KS1 Nativity</b> Join us to watch the show at 14:30pm	
DEC <b>18</b>	<b>KS2 Christmas Songs</b> Come and watch KS2 sing their Christmas songs on the playground at the end of the school day.	
DEC <b>19</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>	