



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a wonderfully busy and memorable week at Willow Bank!

We kicked off the week by celebrating **Anti-Bullying Week**, with children and staff proudly wearing **odd socks** to show that everyone is unique and deserves kindness and respect. It was heart-warming to see so many pupils embracing this message and reflecting on how they can be a good friend to others.



On Tuesday, the whole school came together to mark **Remembrance Day**. Our two-minute silence was beautifully signposted by **Nife and Kinfe**, who played The Last Post on the trumpet – a truly special moment that filled us all with pride.

It was also fantastic to see so many children receiving **Positive Notices** on Wednesday, recognising their hard work, kindness, and perseverance across the week.



Our pupils have continued to shine beyond the classroom too! **Year 2** had a fantastic time exploring history at the **Tower of London**, and **Year 4** enjoyed an inspiring visit to the **British Museum**, bringing their learning to life. Meanwhile, **Year 6** have been making lifelong memories at **PGL** – it's been wonderful to see their adventures shared on Facebook!

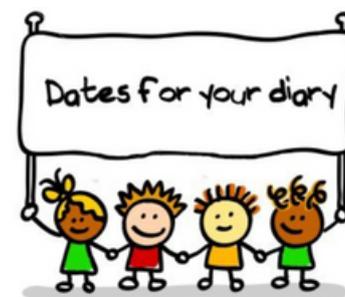
To end the week, **Year 5** delivered a brilliant **class assembly**, confidently sharing all they have learned about **The Benin Kingdom**. It was such a pleasure to see how engaged and knowledgeable they are about this fascinating part of history.

Next week:

- Tuesday 18th November - Y5 Sea Life Trip
- Wednesday 19th November - Year 1 Lesnes Abbey Trip
- Friday 21st November - Larch class assembly

Other Dates:

- Week beginning 8th December - Year 6 Bikeability Week (sign-up required)
- 11th December - Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day / WBP Winter Wonderland
- 17th December - EYFS/KS1 Nativity to parents
- 18th December - KS2 Christmas Songs Performance to parents
- 19th December - Last Day of Term



As always, thank you for your continued support in making Willow Bank such a vibrant, caring, and inspiring community for our children.

Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



Magnolia

This week, we have been using the interactive whiteboard to practise writing our numbers. The children have enjoyed coming up to the board to trace, write, and recognise numbers in a fun and interactive way!



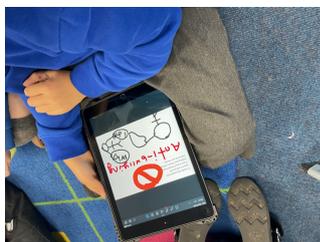
Year 1

In computing, Year 1 have been learning how to use the different features of the iPad, including understanding how to be safe online!



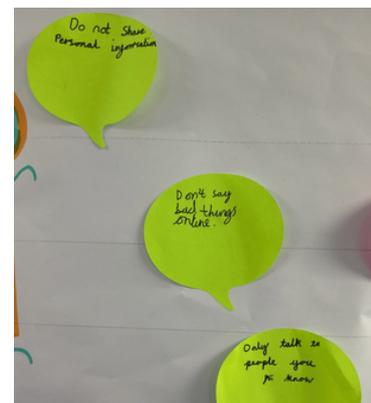
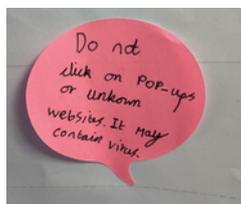
Year 2

In Computing this week, Year 2 learned about the different types of bullying, including verbal, physical, and online bullying. We talked about how bullying can make people feel, how to spot it, and most importantly what to do if it happens to us or someone we know. The children showed fantastic understanding during our discussions and used their iPads to design their very own anti-bullying posters.



Year 3

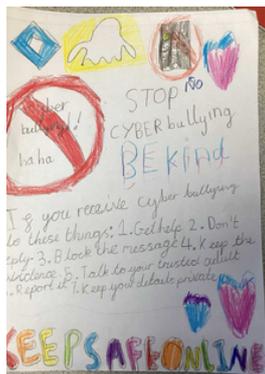
This week in Computing, Year 3 children have been learning about staying safe online as part of Anti-Bullying Week. We discussed what cyberbullying looks like, how it can make people feel, and what to do if it happens. The children shared their ideas on how to stay safe when chatting or gaming online and created their own Online Safety Posters to show how to spot the signs of cyberbullying and who to talk to if something makes them feel uncomfortable.





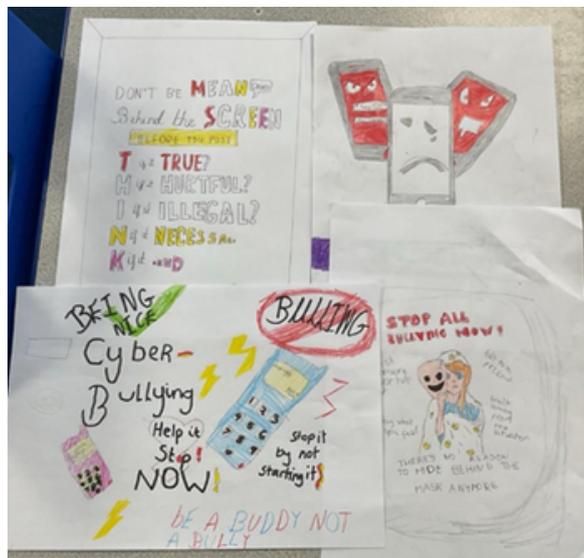
Year 4

In Almond Class we focused on staying safe online as part of Anti-Bullying Week, exploring the theme of cyberbullying. They learnt how to protect themselves on the internet, especially in games and chat rooms and created Anti-Cyberbullying Posters showing how to stay kind and safe online.



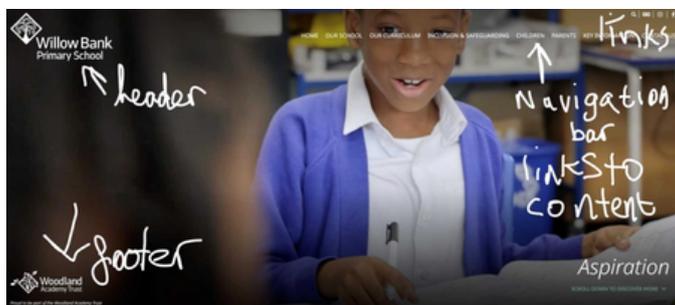
Year 5

This week in Year 5, we linked our Computing learning with Anti-Bullying Week by focusing on cyberbullying and online safety. Pupils explored how to stay safe when gaming or chatting online and created posters showing key signs, helpful tips, and who to speak to if worried.



Year 6

This half term we have been learning about features of a website before we build our own. Here, Marta has identified the header, the links, the navigation bar and the footer on the school webpage.



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 - 98% ★	Yew - 97% ★
Hornbeam - 97% ★	Redwood - 98% ★
Almond- 99% ★	Hazel-97% ★
Larch- 99% ★	
	

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>



Every last Thursday of the month



FAMILY HUB DELIVERED BY FAMILY WELLBEING INVITES YOU TO

Coffee Morning



THURSDAY 27th NOVEMBER
10am - 12noon
Family Hub, 105 West Street.
Erith. DA8 1AW

NOVEMBER TOPIC: BEHAVIOUR

Enjoy a warm drink, connect with others, and take part in relaxed discussions on topics that matter most – from parenting and wellbeing to local family support



IT'S A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN, SHARE, AND BUILD CONNECTIONS IN A SUPPORTIVE SPACE. OUR FAMILY WELLBEING KEYWORKERS WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE MORNING TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS, OFFER ADVICE, AND PROVIDE ONE-TO-ONE CONSULTATIONS ABOUT ANY SPECIFIC CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE.

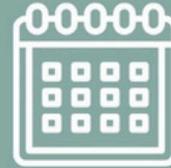
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Willow Bank
Primary School

Upcoming Events



Autumn 2

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

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



London South East Children's University November 2025 Challenges

Children in Need is a day of activities designed to raise money for the charity so that they can help children in lots of different ways, across the country! This year, Children in Need takes place on 14th October 2025 and all the activities are linked to this!



You can choose to complete as many of these challenges as you wish - simply email your evidence (a photo is absolutely fine!) to Louise at Bexley.CU@Bexley.gov.uk and she will send you your stamp code!

<p>Pudsey Postcard</p> <p>Pudsey is encouraging everyone to colour in a postcard and write a message for him! You can follow this link for a postcard template: https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/primary-school/curriculum-linked-maths-resources/</p>	<p>25 Question Quiz!</p> <p>For this challenge, I would like you to complete Children in Need's "25 Question Quiz"! Simply download send Louise your answers! If you would like, you can download the quiz here: https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/challenge-yourself-to-25-inspiration/#block_e4632fad4e1ff3b22fb42168b7319de1</p>
<p>Challenge yourself to 25!</p> <p>To mark 2025, Children In Need want you to get sponsored to do 25 of anything: 25 kilometres on a bike, 25 cupcakes baked, a 25-minute football tournament.. whatever you like!</p> <p>Whether you're taking on a physical challenge, baking cakes, or choosing your own thing - you can be there for children across the UK, by helping to fund vital projects supported by BBC Children in Need.</p> <p>People like you make all the difference. Go on, Challenge Yourself.</p>	<p>Children in Need</p> <p>For this challenge, I would like you to imagine that you are explaining what Children in Need is to someone who has never heard of them. You can either create a fact sheet, a video or a presentation sharing information which should include...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What the charity does • Where they work (including at least one project close to Bexley) • How this changes people's lives! <p>The Children in Need website can help this :)</p>




SEN SESSIONS

Wednesday 29th January 2025
 Wednesday 26th February 2025
 Wednesday 26th March 2025
 Wednesday 30th April 2025
 Wednesday 28th May 2025
 Wednesday 25th June 2025
 Wednesday 30th July 2025
 Wednesday 27th August 2025
 Wednesday 24th September 2025
 Wednesday 22nd October 2025
 Wednesday 26th November 2025
 Wednesday 17th December 2025

4:00PM - 6:00PM
£3.50 per child
Book online

www.kassiopi-cove.co.uk - kassiopicove@gmail.com - 01322 342717

BEAS Monthly Parent & Child Support Sessions
in association with

Little Nest Blackfen SEND Stay & Play Sessions

venue address: 4-5 Wellington Parade, Blackfen, DA15 9NB

Do you have a preschool-aged child with either a suspected or confirmed diagnosis of Autism? Are you feeling overwhelmed, isolated, or in need of advice? If the answer to the above is 'Yes', then why not bring your child along to our monthly Parent & Child Support Sessions?

Sessions are jointly supported by members of the Bexley Early Autism Service [BEAS] team and by Little Nest's Area Manager/Lead SENDCo. Team members are available throughout each session for an informal chat and to share advice and strategies, to help you gain a greater understanding of your child's needs.

Pre-book* your child's place now by clicking on the link below:-

<https://www.enchantedwood-land.co.uk/send-stay-play-sessions>

*A booking fee of £2.50 applies

See you there!



If you would like to learn more about BEAS, please click on the link below, which will take you to the BEAS page of the Bexley Local Offer:-

<https://www.bexleylocaloffer.uk/Services/2299>

BEAS Monthly Parent Support

in conjunction with Kassiope Cove Indoor Soft Play Centre SEN Sessions

Do you have a preschool-aged child with either a suspected or confirmed diagnosis of Autism? Are you feeling overwhelmed, isolated, or in need of advice? If the answer to the above is 'Yes', then why not bring your child along to Kassiope Cove's monthly SEN sessions?

The sessions are attended by a member of the Bexley Early Autism Service [BEAS] team, who is available for an informal chat and to share advice and strategies to help you gain a greater understanding of your child's needs.

To book your child's place, please click on the link below:-

<https://kassiopi-cove.co.uk/sen-sessions>

You will find the dates of monthly SEN sessions contained within the link.

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