



Dear Families

It has been another busy week at Willow Bank, with children engaging in lots of exciting activities in their classrooms.



Our focus value for this term is Kindness, and Mr Poole began the week by sharing the book *Kindness Grows* by Britta Teckentrup. The children really enjoyed listening to the story and it has been wonderful to see them showing kindness to one another across the school. Year 2 have also shared some fabulous writing with me that they have been working on in class, which I was delighted to read.

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their recent trip to the library in The Nest. Thank you very much to all the adults who accompanied them – without your support, visits like these would not be possible. 2026 is the National Year of Reading, and I am looking forward to sharing details of some exciting events we will be organising to celebrate reading throughout the year.

School
trip

Next week is shaping up to be just as busy, with Year 2 and Year 3 going on trips. Please ensure children are wearing comfortable shoes and have a coat. I look forward to sharing what they have learnt in next week's newsletter.

I have really enjoyed getting to know more of you as you collect and drop off your children at school. Please do not hesitate to come and introduce yourself – I am always happy to chat.



Yours sincerely,
Mrs Beresford and the WBP Team



Year R

Reception are learning about different Traditional Tales and this week has been all about The Little Red Hen. The children have spent time learning about food hygiene in the school kitchen, measuring out the different ingredients and finally baking some bread, just like The Little Red Hen! We even got to try some too!



Year 1

Year 1 went on a trip to our local library, The Nest. We had a tour of the library, story time and a question and answer session, we all really enjoyed our time there!



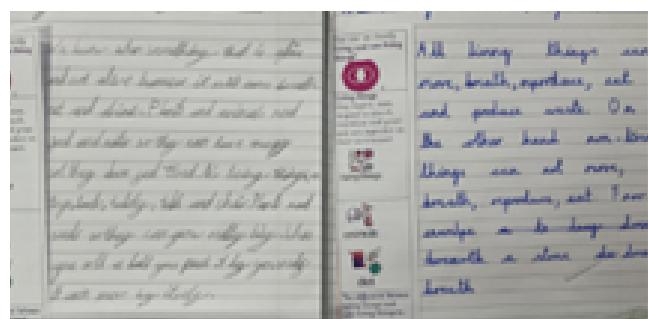
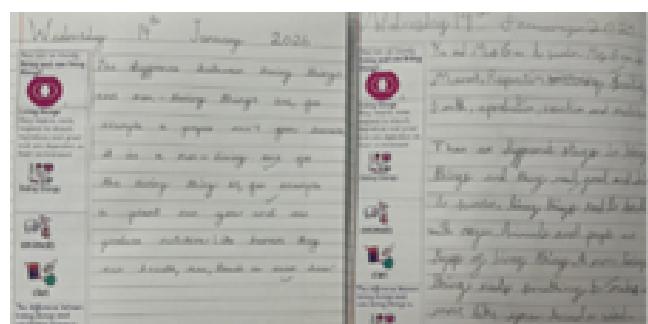
Year 2

Year 2 will be going on an exciting school trip to the London Docklands Museum! During the visit, children will explore a range of fascinating science-related artifacts and discover how science has helped shape life in London over time. The trip will support their learning through hands-on experiences, observation, and discussion, bringing classroom topics to life in a fun and engaging way.



Year 3

Year 3 are learning all about living things this term in science. They'll be exploring how plants and animals are classified, what makes something "living," and the different habitats where living things can be found. It's an exciting topic that helps children understand the world around them!





Year 4

Children learned about body organs, created model lungs using straws and balloons, and explained how the respiratory system helps us breathe and stay healthy during interactive hands-on classroom activities today.



Year 5

In science this term, Year 5 have been learning about the solar system, with a focus on the Sun's position at its centre. They explored how the Sun's gravity holds the planets in orbit and why it is so important for life on Earth. The children used scientific vocabulary confidently and showed great curiosity during discussions.

Venus



Is it hot out here, or is it just me?

A day on Venus lasts 243 Earth days. Venus is the hottest in the solar system

Mars

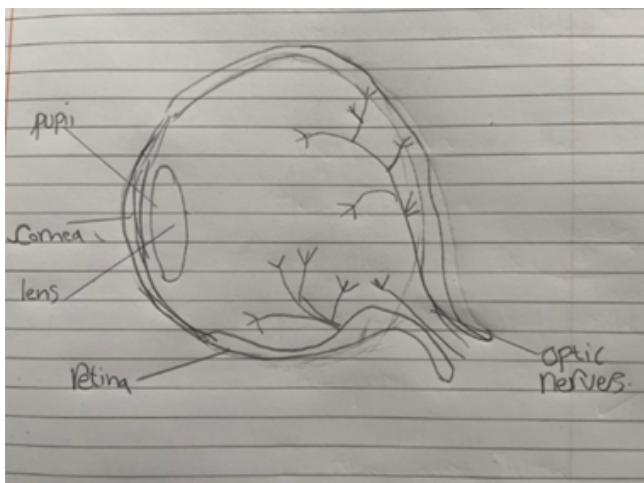


I have had lots of visitors!

A day on Mars is 687 days on Earth. There are signs of an ancient flood on Mars

Year 6

In year 6, our science topic is light. Last week we learned about how light travels from a light source and into the eye. This week, we looked in detail at the parts of the eye and how they help us to see.



Just a friendly reminder...

- Children are not permitted to bring items into school to give to others (e.g. toys, gifts, sweets, or cards). This helps prevent upset, distractions, damage and health or safety concerns. Thank you for your support.
- Please remember that we are a nut-free school. Nuts should not be included in packed lunches or snacks. We appreciate your continued support in keeping our children safe.



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 CORE VALUE FOR SPRING TERM 1 IS
KINDNESS



Our attendance target is to reach over 96%

Magnolia - 99%		Yew - 98.5%	
Hornbeam - 97%		Redwood - 96.5%	
Almond - 97.56		Hazel - 95%	
Larch - 97%			

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>

