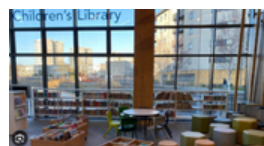




Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of what has been a busy and productive half term, we want to take a moment to celebrate all that has been achieved during this final week of Autumn 1.

Across the school, children have been publishing their writing outcomes – and what a joy it has been to see their creativity and hard work come to life! These wonderful pieces are now proudly displayed along our corridors. Please take a moment to enjoy the photographs shared in this newsletter, showcasing just how much pride our pupils take in their writing.



Magnolia Class had a fantastic trip to our local library, The Nest. The children listened to engaging stories and had the opportunity to select books to bring back to their classroom. Experiences like this play such an important role in nurturing a lifelong love of reading, and we are so grateful to The Nest for welcoming us so warmly.

This week we also welcomed an external safeguarding auditor – who is also an Ofsted inspector – to our school. We are incredibly proud to share that they were very impressed with the strong culture of safeguarding at Willow Bank. The auditor spent time speaking with staff, children, and leaders, visited classrooms, and observed playtimes to gain a full picture of school life. They were particularly complimentary about the maturity of our pupils and their excellent understanding of how they can keep themselves and others safe. This is a real testament to the children and the caring, vigilant ethos that runs throughout our school community.



Today, we joined schools across the country in supporting **Show Racism the Red Card Day** – an important campaign founded in 1996 that uses the influence of footballers to promote anti-racism education across the UK. Our children and staff wore red ribbons to show solidarity and to celebrate the importance of inclusion, respect, and equality for all.

Key Dates for Next Half Term

- **Friday 14th November** – Hazel Class
- **Friday 21st November** – Larch Class
- **Friday 28th November** – Redwood Class
- **Friday 5th December** – Almond Class

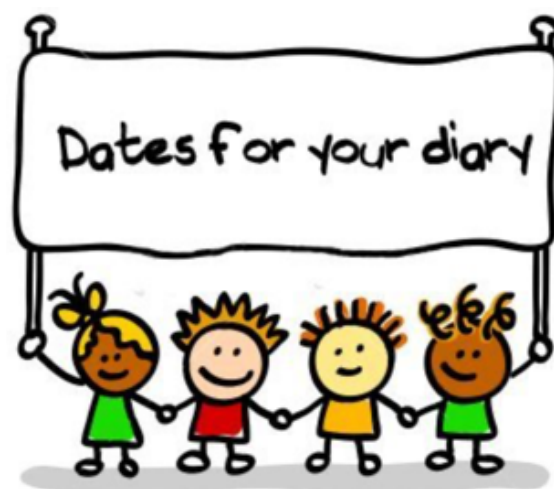
Other Dates

- **4th November** – New Reception 2026 Open Morning
- **6th November** – Reception Parents Coffee Morning
- **11th November** – Remembrance Day
- **Week beginning 10th November** – Anti-Bullying Week
- **13th November** – Anti-Bullying Parent Workshop
- **12th–14th November** – Year 6 PGL Residential
- **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

Finally, we would like to wish all our families a safe and happy half term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 3rd November**.
Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Mrs Oldfield and The WBP Team





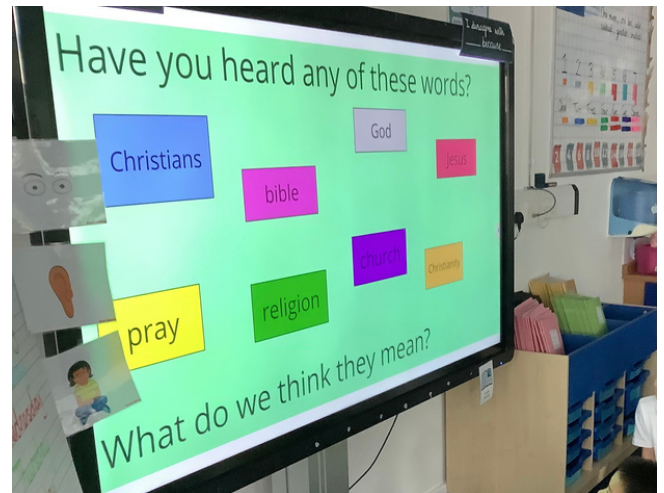
Magnolia

In Magnolia class, we created a dedicated area within the classroom to support meaningful discussion and exploration around differences, diversity, and inclusion. We transformed a corner into a themed 'treasure chest' space, filled with culturally relevant artifacts, books, dolls representing different ethnicities and abilities, clothing, and images reflecting a variety of backgrounds and experiences. Children were invited to explore the items and take part in circle time sessions where they could share their thoughts. This sparked insightful conversations; for example, one child said, "She wears that dress for a special celebration – like when we had Eid at my house," while another pointed to a doll in a wheelchair and said, "He's like my cousin – he plays football too!" The space encouraged children to recognise and celebrate differences, helping them build empathy and a sense of belonging within the classroom community.



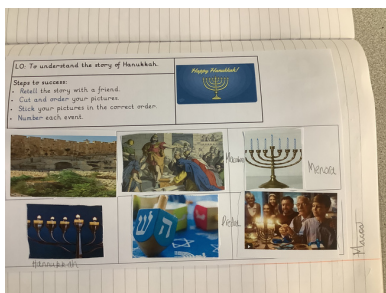
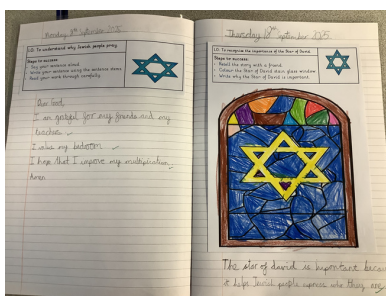
Year 1

This half term Year 1 have been exploring Christianity and what Christians believe. We have looked at some key vocabulary such as 'Bible' and 'prayer' and we have read the story of Noah's Ark.



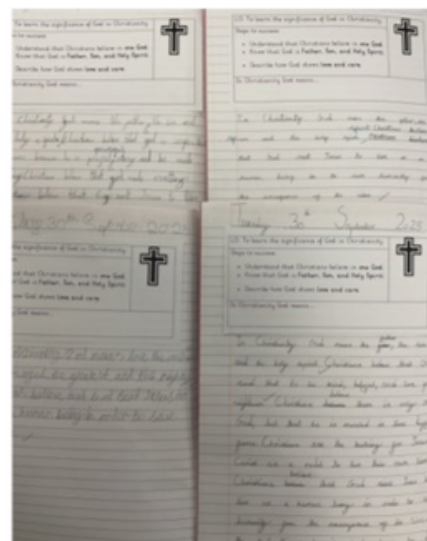
Year 2

Year 2 children have been learning about Judaism, exploring different religious objects and understanding the significance of the Star of David to Jewish people.



Year 3

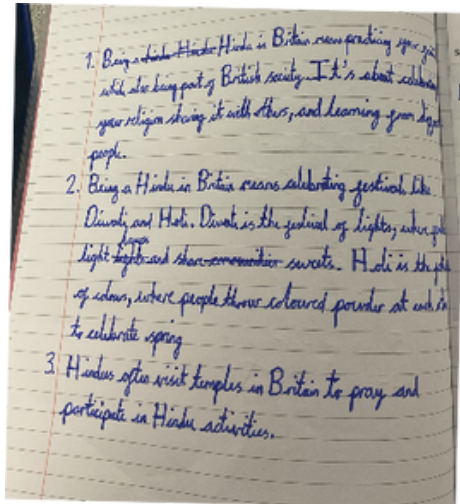
In RE, Year 3 have been studying the big question: "What do different people believe about God?" As part of this learning, pupils have explored the beliefs of Christians, Hindus and Muslims, considering the significance of God within each faith and reflecting on the similarities and differences between them.





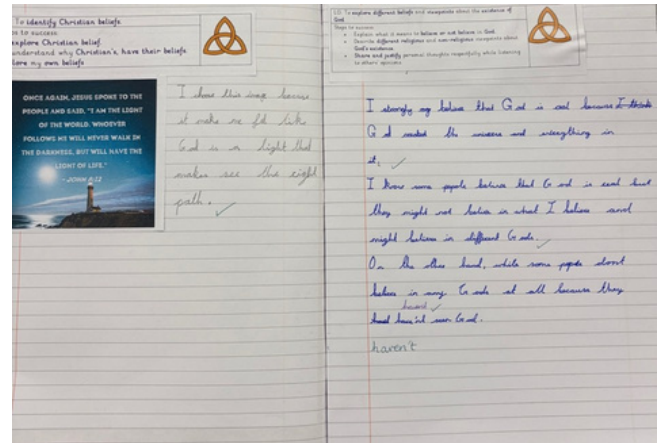
Year 4

In RE this term, we have been learning about what it's like to be a Hindu in Britain today. The children explored vibrant festivals such as Holi and Diwali, discovered how Hindus worship in temples, and learned about the many gods and goddesses they pray to. It's been a fascinating journey of culture and faith.



Year 5

This term, Year 5 have been exploring the concept of God. They have discussed why some people believe in God and why others may not, developing their understanding of different faiths and worldviews. The children have also reflected on their own beliefs and expressed their ideas with thoughtfulness and respect during class discussions.



Year 6

In year 6 we explored 'Fruits of the Spirit' - a Christian concept that can be celebrated by both religious groups and humanists alike. Some are even reflected in our school's core values!



OUR CORE VALUE FOR AUTUMN TERM 1 IS RESPECT

"RESPECT IS TREATING OTHERS THE WAY YOU WANT TO BE TREATED."



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 - 97% ★	Yew - 97% ★
Hornbeam - 96% ★	Redwood - 98% 🏆
Almond - 96% ★	Hazel - 97% ★
Larch - 96% ★	
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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>



What's on this October in South Thamesmead



Join us for a month full of activities. Peabody, in partnership with Groundwork London and local community groups are offering **free** activities across the South Thamesmead Garden Estate. Scan the **QR code** to find out more and booking details.



Boxercise

Champions 4 Change and Wellbeing CIC present a fun action-packed exercise session, especially for those with Type 2 Diabetes.

Bow Arts Gardening

Beautify your local area with autumn plants and techniques from Bow Arts Gardening Saturdays.

Yoga & Movement

An inclusive outdoor yoga, stretching and movement session, with a focus on older people and those with accessibility issues.

Guided Foraging Walks

What resources can you find in your neighbourhood? Discover hidden treasures with Bow Arts.

Dr Bike

Free bike repairs. A Cycle Mechanic from Cycle Confident will be onsite with a pop-up workshop.

Potion Poetry in Nature

Part creative workshop, part messy free-play. This event helps children engage with the local surroundings in an imaginative, hands-on way.

Well-being Walks

For all ages. Combined with mindfulness activities - and a treasure hunt. Psychotherapist Hilary Dixon will be your guide.

Canoe Taster Sessions

Join the Sharks for taster sessions. Inclusive canoeing, especially for people who wouldn't usually consider water sports.

Guided Bike Rides

Get more confident riding a bike and enjoy the outdoors. Participants must be able to ride, but all skill-levels are accommodated. Cycle Confident provide the bikes.

Nature Explorer Activity Day

Join the North West Kent Countryside Partnership (NWKCP) with their nature activity stall. Urban wildlife tours run every hour.

Wildlife Halloween Crafts

NWKCP will get you ready for the spooky season, with a scavenger hunt and a stall with activities and crafts.

Dusk to Dark Wildlife Walk

Join NWKCP in the evening and discover nocturnal birds and wildlife, plus spot night time insects with UV torches.

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October Half Term FOOTBALL COURSE

**BOYS AND GIRLS
5-13 years
All abilities**

**£50 per week
or £15 a day**

- Woodland Academy Trust Discount
- Sibling discount (non trust members)

Please Bring: Packed Lunch, Drinks, Trainers & Shinpads.
Rewards include: Certificates, Medals & Trophies.
Coach Qualifications: UEFA and FA Qualified Coaches;
FA Child Protection; Safeguarding & First Aid Training.

27-31 Oct | 10am-3pm

Northumberland Heath Primary School,
Wheelock Close, Erith,
DA8 1JE
(Brook Street entrance)

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Running of the day

10-10.30am
Arrival and registration

10.30-10.45am
Warm up games

10.45-12 noon
Technique and skill based learning

12 noon-1pm
Lunch time

1.00-1.30pm
Morning recap

1.30-2.45pm
Themed tournament

3pm
Home time

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What to bring

Packed lunch
Lots of drink
Comfortable clothing
Football boots, Astro turfs,
Trainers (No metal studs or blades)
Shinpads

Rewards

Little Achievers attendance certificate
Medals
Trophies

Coaches qualifications

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