



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a scorcher!



What a scorching week of weather it has been! Despite the extreme temperatures, the children have coped brilliantly, showing great resilience and adaptability. We have made changes to lunchtime routines to ensure they are not exposed to the heat for too long, and we thank you for your support in helping to keep everyone safe and comfortable.

A gentle reminder to please continue sending your child in with a **refillable water bottle**, a **sunhat**, and **sunscreen** each day. Staying hydrated and protected is especially important as the warm weather continues.



Summer Term Assessments

This week, children across the school have been working hard on their **summer term assessments** and we are very proud of their efforts and determination. Staff will be meeting in the coming days to discuss each child's progress and identify next steps for the remaining weeks of the term.

Scholastic Book Fair – Monday 23rd–Wednesday 25th June 3:20–3:45pm



We're excited to welcome back the Scholastic Book Fair from Monday to Wednesday next week (after school). It will be held on the playground from 3:20pm. All payments are card only. Every book purchased helps support the school, as we receive a percentage of the sales to invest in new books for our classrooms. Thank you in advance for your support!

Willow Bank Festival – Friday 4th July

Get ready for our third annual Willow Bank Festival on Friday 4th July, from 3:30–5:30pm. Expect an afternoon of face-painting, live music, food, a bouncy castle, entertainment, and stalls from local businesses and organisations.

As part of the celebration, children are invited to come to school wearing clothing that represents their family's culture or heritage. This is a wonderful way to celebrate our school community's diversity – more information can be found on the flyer included in this newsletter.





🏆 KS2 Sports Day – Friday 27th June, 9:30am

We are looking forward to our Key Stage 2 Sports Day, which will take place on Friday 27th June at 9:30am on the field. Families are warmly invited to come along and cheer the children on. With the sunshine forecast to continue, don't forget your sunhat and water bottle!



Parent Meeting Days – Thursday 5th and Friday 6th September

A letter has gone out today regarding our Parent Meeting Days, taking place on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th September. These meetings, with your child's teacher and TA, are an opportunity to strengthen the partnership between home and school from the very start of the new academic year. **Please note: Children will return to school on Monday 9th September.**



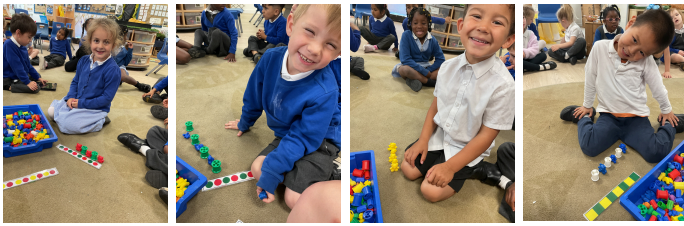
Thank you for your continued support. We wish you all a safe and sunny weekend.
Warm regards,

Mrs Oldfield and The Willow Bank Team



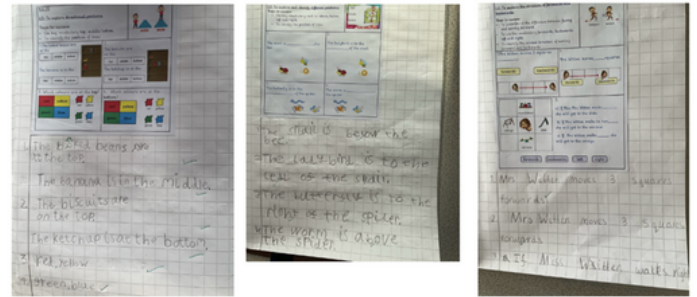
Year R

In Magnolia class, we have been exploring and creating our own repeating patterns. The children have used a variety of materials, ranging from classroom resources to everyday natural items. They even had the opportunity to form patterns using themselves—for example, arranging in a sequence of boy, girl, boy, girl. While pattern work has been a key focus in our maths lessons, it has also been wonderful to see the children independently applying their understanding during their play and within their continuous provision.



Year 1

This week, Year 1 has been exploring the exciting world of position and direction in maths. Through fun activities and games, children have been using key vocabulary like forwards, backwards, left, right, above, and below to describe and follow movements. They have been spotting objects in different places, building their spatial awareness and problem-solving skills. These activities make learning enjoyable and help our young learners develop confidence in using mathematical language in everyday situations.



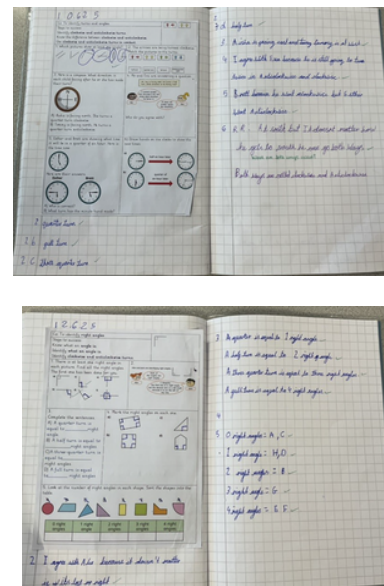
Year 2

Year 2 have been busy learning all about time! The children explored how to tell the time to the hour and half past using mini clocks. They enjoyed moving the hands to show different times and solving fun time-related challenges. It was a hands-on, engaging way to build their understanding, and they did a fantastic job developing this important life skill!



Year 3

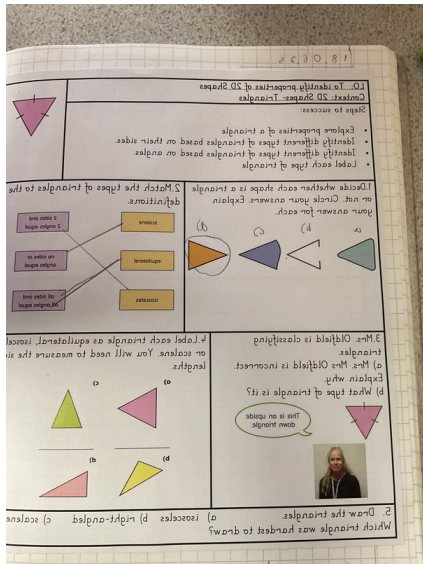
In Year 3, the children have been learning about angles. After identifying different turns, we started identifying right, acute, and obtuse angles in various shapes and real-life objects. It's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and growing confidence with this topic!





Year 4

The children have been learning to identify and describe 2D and 3D shapes, exploring their properties such as the number of sides, faces, edges, and vertices. They've been busy sorting and classifying shapes.



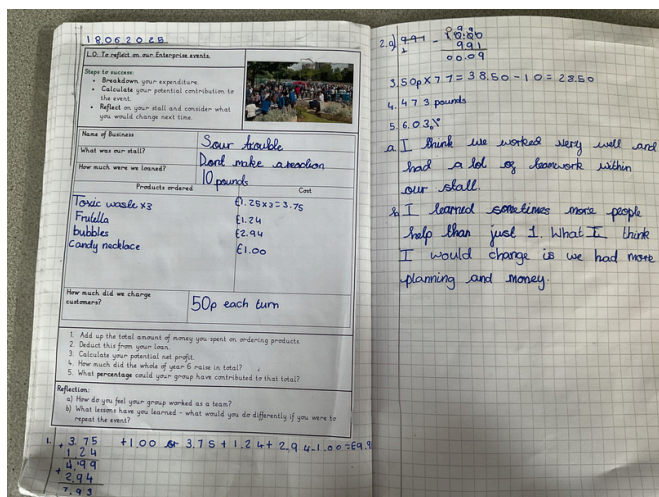
Year 5

This term, Year 5 children are learning all about decimals. They have been exploring how decimals relate to fractions and whole numbers and have been solving a variety of problems involving money, measurements, and number lines. Through practical activities and problem-solving tasks, they are developing a strong understanding of place value and how decimals are used in everyday life.

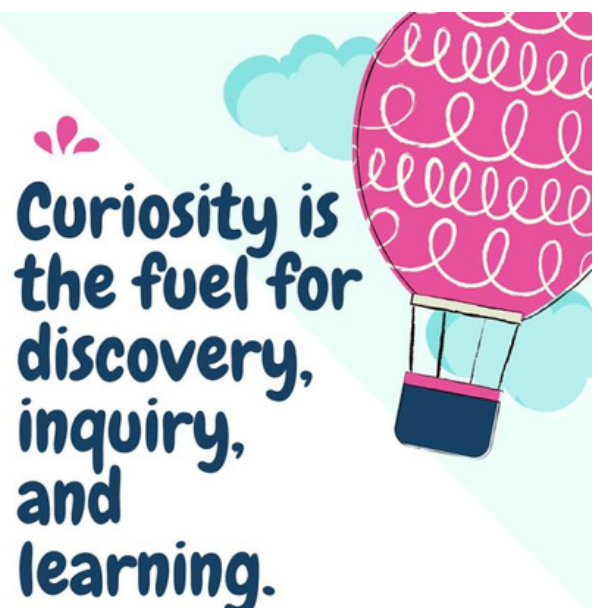


Year 6

Year 6 have been reflecting on the success of Enterprise Week. They have considered their expenditure and profit as well as reflecting on how they could make even more of a profit in the future!



OUR CORE VALUE FOR SUMMER TERM 1 IS CURIOSITY





KS1 & EYFS 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 - 93%		Yew - 95%
Hornbeam - 95%		Redwood - 97%
		Almond - 96%
Hazel - 95%		Walnut - 94%
Larch - 97%		Sycamore - 95%

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>





**Willow Bank
Primary School**

Upcoming Events

Summer 2

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

JUNE 19	Book Fair On the playground for a week	
JUNE 19	Class Photos Please ensure children are in their school uniform	
JULY 4	Transition Morning Children will meet their new teacher	
JULY 4	Summer Festival Children are invited to wear their cultural clothes, join us after school with friends & family for music, food and games.	
JULY 10	WBP Spelling Bee Children will take part in our annual spelling bee, be sure to help them practice at home!	
JULY 17	Reception Graduation (am) & Y6 Performance (pm) to parents	
JULY 21	Class Parties Children can bring shop bought treats (ingredients labelled) in	
JULY 21	Year 6 leavers disco	

Meet 45 local services and organisations supporting children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities

- SEN Support and education
- Health and emotional wellbeing
- Social care and family support
- Leisure, activities and clubs

BEXLEY SEND MARKETPLACE

Monday 6th October

**Civic Offices
Bexleyheath DA6 7AT**

10am—11am — Professionals only
11am—2pm — Open to everyone

No need to book, just come along!

For more information:
Email: localoffer@bexley.gov.uk
www.bexleylocaloffer.uk

Scan the QR code for event information







What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS**
YouTube Kids is not immune to inappropriate content. YouTube Kids has been reported to have inappropriate content in its recommendations, and some parents have reported that their children have found inappropriate content on the app.
- BE WARY OF ADVERTISING**
Like its parent YouTube, YouTube Kids contains advertising. Some of this advertising is targeted to children, which is a concern for parents and educators.
- DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE**
YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The app uses a variety of techniques to keep children watching, including autoplay, recommendations, and a 'Watch next' button.
- SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED**
YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, but these can be circumvented. Some parents have reported that their children have been able to access inappropriate content on the app.
- AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION**
There is a risk of children being misled by AI-generated content. YouTube Kids has been reported to have AI-generated content in its recommendations, which can be misleading.
- DATA COLLECTION RISK**
YouTube Kids collects data on children's viewing habits, which can be used for targeted advertising. This data collection is a concern for parents and educators.

Advice for Parents & Educators

- PARENTAL CONTROLS**
YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content your child can see. These include content filters, watch time limits, and a 'Watch next' button.
- SET TIME LIMITS**
The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a time limit for how long your child can watch YouTube Kids.
- CHECK WATCH HISTORY**
YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Watch history' button at the top right of the home screen, you can see what videos they've been watching, and how much of each.
- WATCH TOGETHER**
It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. Sit with them to watch videos, and use the opportunity to talk to them about the content they are watching.

Meet Our Expert
Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, writer, and speaker. She has written for The Guardian, The New York Times, The Verge, and many other leading tech publications.

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