



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we were delighted to host a special day showcasing how we use technology to support inclusion across our school, in partnership with LGfL and EdTech. Visitors toured lessons from Year 1 to Year 6 and saw technology in action: Magma Maths in Year 1, children in Year 3 using green screen to bring their writing to life, and Year 6 pupils creating GIFs to demonstrate reversible and irreversible changes in science. Our guests were particularly impressed by the children’s confidence in using accessibility features on their iPads to support their learning.



A big shoutout to all the teachers and pupils at Willow Bank School! I am impressed with how well embedded inclusion is here and how you’re doing so using the iPad!”

“Exceptional! I came not knowing the power and possibilities of having a digital approach to learning. I’m going away keen to continue to explore this in my work.”

We are incredibly proud of our staff and pupils for the way they showcased their learning and inclusive practice.

In other news, our Y5/6 boys’ football team took part in a tournament this week with other local schools in Thamesmead. The boys played with passion and determination, living out our values of respect and aspiration throughout every match. We are thrilled to share that they were crowned **champions of the tournament!** A huge thank you to Mrs Adeel and Miss Stupples for organising, supporting and accompanying the children.



This morning, Redwood Class led their autumn sharing assembly for parents and the rest of the school. It was wonderful to see how their confidence in public speaking is growing year on year and to hear them talk so clearly and proudly about their learning across all areas of the curriculum.

Key dates:

- Thursday 4th December – Y5 PGL Meeting for Parents at 3:30pm
- Friday 5th December – Almond Class Sharing Assembly at 9:00am
- Week beginning 8th December – Year 6 Bikeability Week
- Thursday 11th December – Christmas Jumper & Dinner Day / WBP Winter Wonderland
- Wednesday 17th December – EYFS/KS1 Nativity to parents at 2:30pm
- Thursday 18th December – KS2 Christmas Songs Performance to parents at 3:00pm
- Friday 19th December – Last Day of Term



Wishing you all lovely weekend.
Warm regards,
Mrs Oldfield and the WBP Team



Magnolia

During Cuddle a Teddy Week, children learnt about care, kindness, and responsibility by looking after their own special teddy. Through our Teddy Bear Hospital role-play, they explored the idea of real-life superheroes, such as doctors, nurses, and paramedics, who help people when they are hurt or unwell. Children compare these real helpers with fictional superheroes they know from stories, talking about how both real and make-believe heroes try to keep others safe. By caring for their teddy bears, taking on hospital roles, and practising gentle, helpful behaviour, children develop empathy, confidence, and an understanding of how they themselves can be everyday superheroes in the classroom and beyond.



Year 1

Year 1 have been talking about bullying and discussing safe adults they can talk to when they need to.

Who Can I Talk To?

At times, we can all feel worried or upset.

It is important to know who you can talk to and who you can trust.

Please draw a picture of yourself in the middle circle.

Take a few minutes to think about who you can speak to if you are feeling worried or upset.

Once you have done this, please draw a picture of those people into the circles around the picture of yourself. You can add their names as well if you would like.

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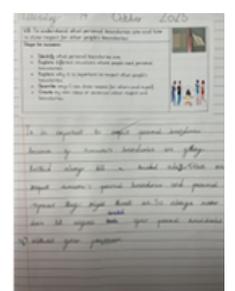
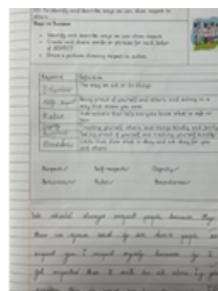
Year 2

In PSHE this week, Year 2 explored teamwork through a fun and challenging activity: making paper chains using only strips of paper; no glue, no scissors!



Year 3

This term in Personal Development lessons, Year 3 has been learning about respect and personal boundaries. They have been discussing how everyone has the right to feel safe, listened to, and comfortable. The children have been sharing ideas about giving others space, using kind words, and showing respect in the classroom and playground. They have also been exploring ways to help make our school a caring and respectful community.





Year 4

This week in PD, Almond Class learned about mutual respect. We discussed how our words and actions show kindness, listened to each other's ideas, and practiced respectful choices in different situations. The children shared thoughtful examples and are working hard to use mutual respect in the classroom and beyond.



Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about expressing identity and individuality, exploring the personal qualities that make each of us unique. Pupils reflected thoughtfully on what shapes who we are and practised sharing their identities with confidence, respect, and pride within our school community.

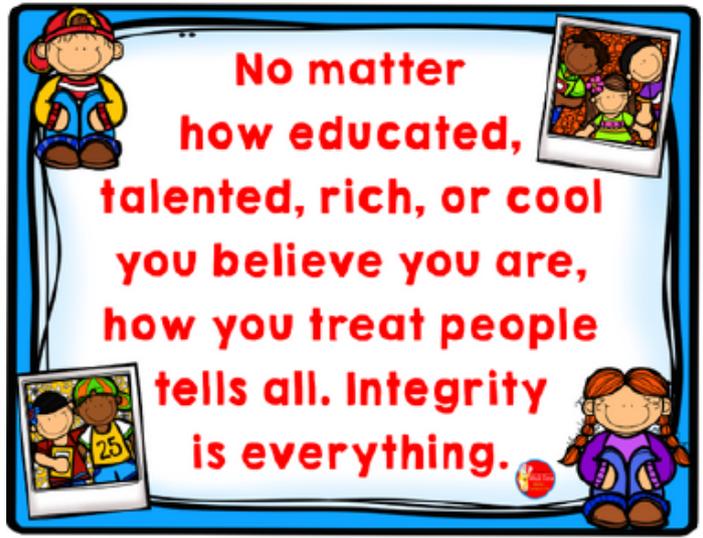


Year 6

In Year 6 we have been thinking about boundaries, why they are needed, how they may change for the different people in your life and how to set them clearly and firmly.



OUR CORE VALUE FOR AUTUMN TERM 1 IS INTEGRITY





KSI 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 - 94%	Yew - 96% ★
Hornbeam - 97% ★	Redwood - 99% ★
Almond- 99% ★	Hazel-96% ★
Larch- 93%	
	

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>



Please order The Christmas Lunch via Pantry so that your child does not miss out.

THESE DAYS — Christmas Lunch

AT THE PANTRY — Thursday December 11th

ROAST TURKEY OR BEETROOT & SQUASH WELLINGTON
with
ROAST POTATOES, YORKSHIRE PUDDING, CARROTS AND SEASONAL VEGETABLES
and for dessert
GINGERBREAD COOKIE



Upcoming Events



Autumn 2

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

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



London South East Children's University December 2025 Challenges

We have had a lot of new children join Children's University in the past few months, so the December challenges are a mixture of new challenges and also challenges that have popped up in previous challenges across the years! Did you know that you can do any challenge at any time of year and you can find all the challenges Louise has ever sent on our Google Drive, via: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/114ET0Vg3MN3RK9IRniHXqhAm0ZSejRw?usp=drive_link

So do have a look to see if there are any you would like to do!

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>Natural Christmas decoration</p> <p>For this challenge, I would like you create a decoration for your home using natural materials, such as pine cones, leaves or twigs.</p> <p>Please remember to choose your materials with care and respect!</p>	<p>Review a Christmas film</p> <p>One of my favourite things to do at Christmas is watch Christmas movies! This challenge is to write a review on your favourite film! There is a link to a template you can download:</p> <p>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1fRN4yx3z_exUjXWD1XxveQ46wb8GntH9sZON-3ruq0/edit?usp=drive_link</p>
<p>ootiboo's All Star 2025 competition</p>  <p>ootiboo are one of our Learning Destinations and they currently have an "All Star 2025" competition, which involves creating a star-themed craft. Use any medium you like: paper, fabric, clay, recycled materials, paint, collage... the more imaginative the better!</p> <p>For this challenge, we would like to make an entry and submit it by 23rd December 2025 (the closing date!). You can find out more via: https://play.ootiboo.com/projects/all-star-competition-2025</p>	<p>Pawprint's Christmas Post challenge</p> <p>All of the Pawprint challenges will earn you stamps for your Children's University passport and this challenge links to their "Christmas Post" challenge! You can download the free challenge pack here:</p> <p>https://pawprintfamily.com/product/christmas-post-challenge-pack/</p> <p>Please remember that you need to complete at least 4 different activities to earn your 1hr stamp.</p> 



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Tea & Talk Parent Carer Support Group

Join us for a cuppa and an informal chat about anything SEND. Members and non-members are welcome



The last Tea and Talk of the year will be a chance for you to take a breath and catch up with us before the Christmas rush! Come and join us for some Christmas treats and share the mental load.

It will just be the Bexley Voice team for this session, to listen and to answer any queries. (1-1's with professionals will return, as normal, in January 26.) See our website for our 2026 dates.

We look forward to seeing you!



Tuesday 9th December 2025

The Danson Youth Centre
Brampton Road
Bexleyheath
DA7 4EZ

9:30am-12:30pm

- Come to all or part of the morning
- No need to book just come along
- Speak directly to the Bexley Voice Team

Scan the QR code for more information about Tea & Talk:



www.bexleyvoice.org.uk