



Dear Families

This has been another busy week in school, with lots going on. Around the school, there has been some fantastic learning taking place in classrooms. Year 4 have been writing poems, and Miss Stewart came and shared some of the poems they have written with me. They have worked incredibly hard and should be very proud of what they have achieved.



I really enjoyed listening to Larch Class's assembly during a practice in the week which focused on the Holocaust. Ms Mans was delighted that the Mayor of Greenwich was so complimentary about the written work pupils completed for the Holocaust Exhibition at the University of Greenwich. Thank you to all the parents who came along to see it and listen to some of the writing they produced - I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did.

I have also enjoyed seeing the continued learning in Year 5 about the solar system, with children creating digital presentations showing the different stages of the moon. Please look at the school's social media pages to see some of the other learning that has been taking place across the school.

Don't forget  
parents'  
evening!

Next week is Parents' Evening, which is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher and to look through a selection of their work books. If you experience any difficulties booking your slot, please come into the office, where we will be happy to help.

National Storytelling Week also takes place next week. Children will be listening to stories from a variety of adults and children throughout the week in class and we will be discussing their favourite stories that they enjoy reading or being read to them.



Yours sincerely

Mrs Beresford and the Willow Bank Team



## Year R

In PE, Magnolia have been learning how to control a football using little kicks and dribbling the ball using their feet. They have just begun to learn to pass the ball to their friends.



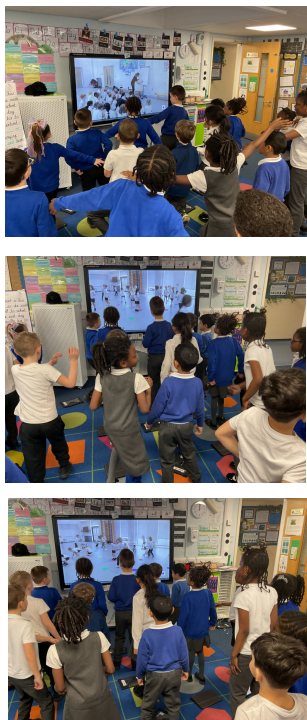
## Year 1

Year 1 have been enjoying our PE sessions with our PE coach. We have been practising our under arm throwing skills and also aiming at a target!



## Year 2

In Year 2, Children have been learning about motif and dance in a fun and energetic way where children explored movement, rhythm and simple routines. Students built coordination and confidence while expressing themselves creatively.



## Year 3

In Year 3 PE, the children are learning to play hockey indoors. They are developing their understanding of the rules and practising key skills such as bowling, batting, and catching. They are also playing tag rugby, focusing on passing, teamwork, and movement skills.







## Year 4

Almond Class children are learning to swim half the pool, showing great bravery by not holding the sides. Their confidence is growing each week and we are very proud of.



## Year 5

In PE this half term, Year 5 have been learning Dance Through the Ages, exploring movement styles from different time periods, and developing teamwork and skills in tag rugby. Pupils have shown great enthusiasm, coordination and sportsmanship in both activities.



## Year 6

In PE, Year 6 explored the importance of teamwork in sport. This week, the children focused on developing their skills through games of tag rugby.



## CAN YOU HELP?

### Kind Donation Request:

A small dolls house (with furniture/dolls) for our Speech & Language Team. Please contact the school office if you can help. Thank you!

## REMINDER.

This week 4th & 5th Feb is parents evening, please book via Arbor.

**PARENTS  
EVENING**



## EYFS & 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%

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| Magnolia - 97%  | Yew - 96%   |
| Hornbeam - 99%<br> | Redwood - 94.5%   |
| Almond - 97%  | Hazel - 93%   |
| 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.

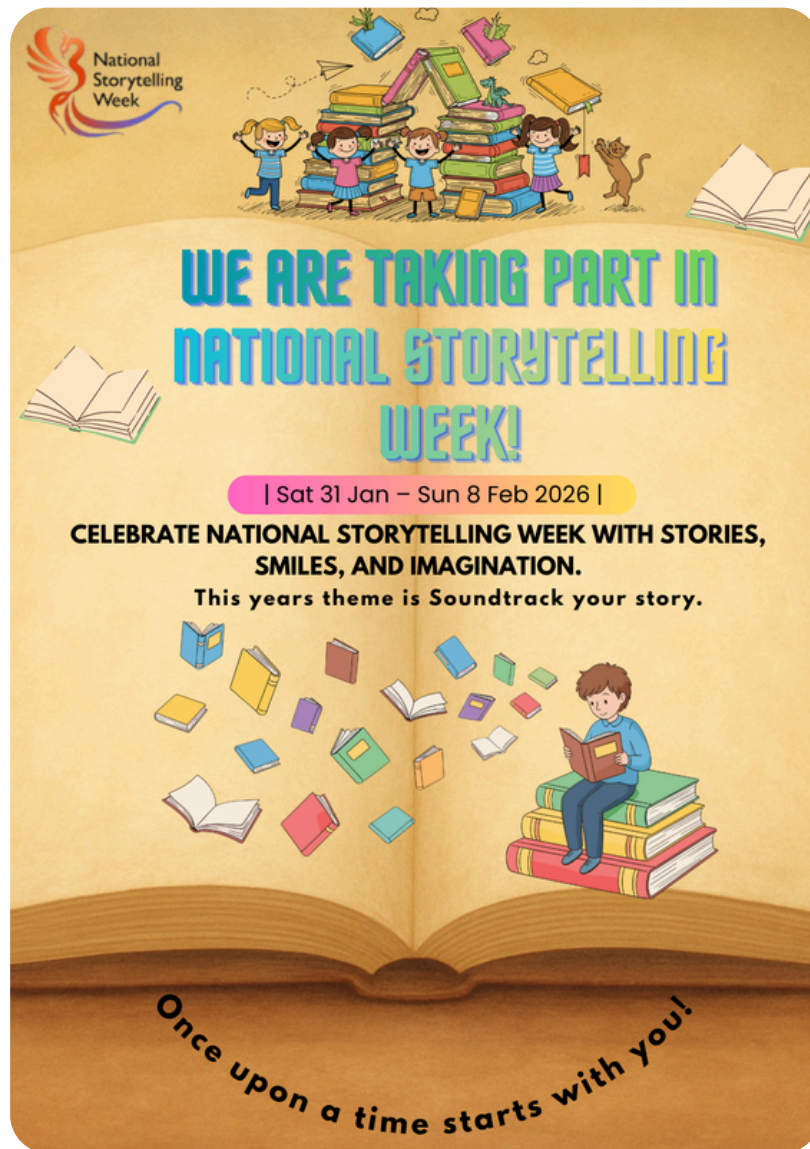
As a school we provide ongoing support for the children's wellbeing and mental health to which one of the methods is they can fill out a form while in school to express their worries. The form then gets placed in the 'Chance to chat' box where it will be addressed by the wellbeing team.

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>







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**February 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.

**16-20 Feb | 10am-3pm**

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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**

- UEFA and FA Qualified Coaches
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