

# Weekly Update

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Dear Willow Brook Families,

I hope this message finds you well. Our students have once again had a bustling week filled with engaging activities and exciting experiences.

Year 5 students, in particular, enjoyed their time at the swimming pool, making a splash and having a great time in the water. It's always wonderful to see them embracing new challenges and enjoying their learning experiences.

Today, we celebrated National Number Day, adding a fun mathematical flair to our week. The children enthusiastically participated in various activities that showcased the joy of numbers, making learning both educational and enjoyable.

Beyond academics, our little ones are thriving and developing valuable life skills through their interactions with our school pets. From Billy the dog to Lawrence and Connor the rabbits, and our finned friends Yasmina, Motia, Parween, Monica, and Jenny, to the slow and steady African snails, Mocha, Eeyore, and Ronnie – our students are learning the importance of care, kindness, and responsibility.

Caring for animals teaches children the act of kindness and imparts the understanding that some things are more vulnerable and need our attention and care. It's heartening to witness the love and dedication our students show towards our furry and scaly friends.

Stay tuned as we have exciting news – more pets will be joining our school community soon! We look forward to expanding our little family and providing more opportunities for learning and growth.

Thank you for your continued support, and have a wonderful weekend!

Warm regards,

Lucie Dawn

Head of School

**STAYING  
SAFE  
ONLINE**

Willow Brook Primary School is a safe environment where we encourage online learning using recommended websites and school resources. Please remember that children must be over 13 years old to have an account on social media or Instant Messaging.



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## Art at Willow Brook

The school has been buzzing with creativity as students enthusiastically dive into exciting new art projects. In their exploration of the Ancient Romans unit, Year 3 students delved into the world of clay, mastering the use of tools to craft intricately designed coil pots that are nothing short of beautiful.

Over in Year 4, a cultural journey led them to the vibrant realm of Mola textiles from Panama. After conceptualising their unique designs, the students have skilfully translated their ideas into reality by carefully stitching them onto fabric. The corridors are alive with the colours and textures of these diverse artistic endeavours, showcasing the incredible talent and dedication of our budding artists.

Jenny



## STEM Article

Since 2018, Willow Brook has proudly been associated with the BETT Show, a global event promoting technology in education. Located at the Excel Centre in Docklands, just a short drive from Willow Brook, the show draws over 30,000 visitors worldwide. Our school consistently attracts attention due to its proximity to the event.

In 2024, Mr. Allen represented Kahoot! at the BETT Show, having been invited by the Kahoot! team. Kahoot! is widely embraced at Willow Brook, used across subjects such as Computing and Music. Eilert Hanoa, Kahoot!'s CEO, Sean D'arcy, Vice President of School and Home Learning, and other members of the team took time from their BETT Show schedule to observe our students engage with new Kahoot! features.

Students showcased their skills in a new game mode called "Robot Run." Year 4 collaborated to escape a virtual robot using questions about Our Digital World. Year 6 practiced spellings with classic Kahoot! followed by revision using Robot Run. Year 5 engaged in a Geography quiz about the United Kingdom and Europe. The Year 6 Code Club explored multiple game modes for additional spelling practice.

The Kahoot! team was impressed by the enthusiasm expressed by Willow Brook students for using Kahoot! and how it enhances the learning experience.

On the final day of BETT, the Micro:bit Foundation team, who also present at the show, visited Willow Brook to observe the utilization of their donation of 30 free micro:bits for teaching programming. Accompanied by a representative from the Office for Schools and Colleges in Sao Paulo, Brazil, the visitors witnessed Year 6 students creating a version of the classic Space Invaders game. The use of advanced programming techniques, typically taught in Year 7 and beyond, showcased the students' engagement and progress.

Overall, Willow Brook continues to be a hub for educational innovation and technology, attracting attention and recognition at events like the BETT Show.

Allen Tsui

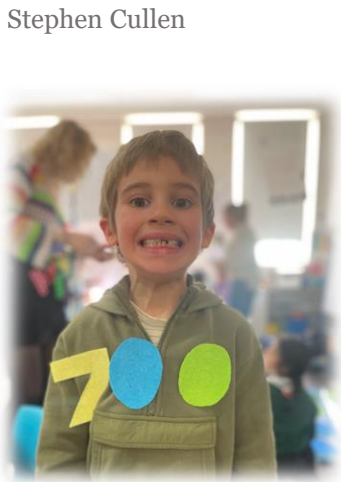


## Number Day

Our School buzzed with excitement as students celebrated 'Number Day' with an array of engaging and creative activities. From setting up pop-up shops to crafting multiplication mosaics, the children immersed themselves in the world of number in lots of different ways. Outside the classroom, the playground was transformed into a colourful canvas adorned with numbers, showcasing our enthusiasm for maths. It was a day filled with creativity, learning, and teamwork, epitomizing the school's commitment to promoting STEM wherever we can. Through these fun and meaningful activities, we really showed again how our core values are deeply rooted in our math education. We continue to foster a love for numbers and problem-solving among our aspiring mathematicians. We look forward to celebrating this proud tradition with you again next year!

Kind Regards

Stephen Cullen



	<b>Key Dates</b>
<b>Mon 05 – 26 February</b>	Local library visits - All year groups. More info to follow.
<b>Mon 05 February</b>	EYFS Birdwatching
<b>Tues 06 February</b>	KS1 Birdwatching
<b>Wed 07 February</b>	Y3 & 4 Birdwatching
<b>Thurs 08 February</b>	Y4 & 5 Birdwatching
<b>Mon 12 February</b>	<b>Half Term Week</b>
<b>Wed 21 February</b>	Year 5 SOAS – Guildhall trip
<b>Wed 21 February</b>	Year 3 trip - Waltham Forest Islamic Association Mosque
<b>Mon 26 February</b>	Year 5 Imperial – Guildhall trip
<b>Mon 26 February</b>	<b>Maths Week</b>
<b>Wed 28 February</b>	School Photos
<b>Thurs 29 February</b>	School Photos
<b>Fri 01 March</b>	Founders Day – non uniform
<b>Thurs 07 March</b>	Year 3 Tate – Roman Ampitheatre trip
<b>Thurs 14 March</b>	Year 3 National – Roman Ampitheatre trip
<b>Thurs 21 March</b>	Year 3 Hayward – Roman Ampitheatre trip
<b>Fri 22 March</b>	Activity clubs finish
<b>Thurs 28 March</b>	<b>Last day of term – 2pm finish, no Tea Time club.</b>