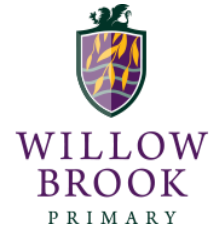


Weekly Update

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Dear Willow Brook Families,

I hope this message finds you well. As we approach the upcoming half-term break, I want to extend my sincere gratitude for your unwavering support, both in person and within the wider community. Your ongoing encouragement means the world to us and plays a vital role in our mission to provide the best possible experience for every child at Willow Brook. We truly value the positive feedback and kind words you share about our school, which further strengthens our sense of community and shared purpose.

Thank you for being such fantastic partners in our journey of nurturing and educating our children.

Throughout this term, our wonderful students have consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication and achievement. Whether it's through their imaginative projects showcasing creativity, collaborative efforts in group activities, or thoughtful discussions demonstrating critical thinking skills, our children continually embody our core values.

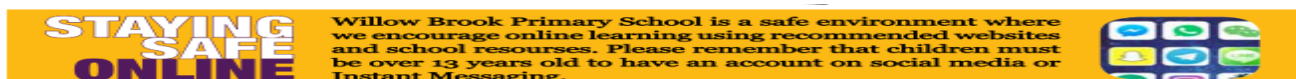
Their remarkable performances during external visits stand as a testament to their hard work and enthusiasm. For instance, during our recent trip to the British Library, students eagerly engaged with exhibits, demonstrating their curiosity and passion for learning. The substantial number of visitors who have had the pleasure of coming to our school, reflects the widespread recognition of the enriching learning environment we cultivate together. Our children consistently exemplify our core values of creativity, collaboration, and critical thinking, warmly welcoming newcomers and proudly sharing the essence of our school community.

As we approach the break, I hope you all have some fantastic plans lined up. And don't forget to check out the upcoming dates for exciting opportunities for our wonderful children.

Wishing you all a fantastic half-term break filled with relaxation and fun!

With warmest regards,

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A Message from our Nursery Team!

Our Nursery children are consistently engaged in joyful and enriching learning experiences as they immerse themselves in play and exploration. These photos capture the essence of their dynamic and hands-on approach to learning, where every activity becomes an opportunity for discovery and growth.

These pictures serve as a timeless reminder of the vibrant learning environment we strive to create. Each day, our little learners embark on new adventures, whether it's delving into the wonders of nature, experimenting with art materials, or engaging in imaginative play.

As we reflect on the recent activities, it's worth noting that our curriculum is thoughtfully designed to embrace cultural celebrations and diverse topics. This week, for instance, our focus has shifted to the 'Lunar New Year,' allowing our children to explore and appreciate different traditions and customs. Through such experiences, we aim to foster not only academic growth but also cultural understanding and empathy.

In essence, our Nursery program is a testament to the belief that learning should be joyful, meaningful, and inclusive. We take pride in nurturing curious minds and fostering a love for learning that extends far beyond the classroom walls.

Many thanks,

Nursery Team



Who's been Sleeping in My Bed?

Reception embarked on an enchanting journey into the world of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' this half term, immersing themselves fully in the beloved tale. Bringing the story to life, our little ones enthusiastically took on the roles of the Bears, eagerly exclaiming, 'Who's been sitting in my chair?' as they explored both indoor and outdoor settings.

In our literacy adventures, we delved into instructional writing, crafting detailed lists of ingredients essential for concocting the perfect porridge. Meanwhile, in mathematics, we dived into the concept of capacity, honing our skills with balancing scales to precisely measure out our ingredients, ensuring our porridge was just right.

As the culmination of our delightful half term unfolded, we savoured the sensory experience of tasting our homemade porridge, engaging all five senses in lively discussion. It was a truly magical and memorable journey of learning and discovery.

Warm regards,

The Reception Team!



Sporting Heroes!

These exceptional children recently showcased their talent and teamwork at the Waltham Forest netball competition, where they not only dominated their group but also emerged as the highest-scoring team in the entire tournament. Though they narrowly missed out on the finals, their performance was nothing short of remarkable.

Their exemplary teamwork and skill, honed through prior learning and dedication, were evident throughout the competition. Their success serves as a testament to their hard work and determination.

This experience has provided invaluable preparation for the upcoming Basketball National Finals in June, where we have no doubt they will continue to shine and make us proud.



This past week, twelve of our Year 1 and Year 2 students showcased their athletic prowess in exhilarating running, jumping, and throwing events, competing against Riverley in our hub games. From the precision of javelin throws to the grace of long jumps and the agility of shuttle runs, our young athletes gave it their all.

I'm thrilled to announce that we have not one, but two winning teams! Our Year 1 girls' team and Year 2 boys' team have secured their spots in the Griffin National Finals this June. Their dedication, teamwork, and outstanding performance have truly shone through, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements.



	Key Dates
Mon 05 – 26 February	Local library visits - All year groups. More info to follow.
Mon 12 February	Half Term Week
Mon 19 February	Children back to school
Wed 21 February	Year 5 SOAS – Guildhall trip
Wed 21 February	Year 3 trip - Waltham Forest Islamic Association Mosque
Mon 26 February	Year 5 Imperial – Guildhall trip
Tues 27 February	Girls Football Tournament – Selected children
Wed 28 February	School Photos
Thurs 29 February	School Photos
Fri 01 March	Founders Day – non uniform
Mon 04 - 08 March	Griffin Science Symposium
Thurs 07 March	World Book Day – more information to follow
Thurs 07 March	Year 3 Tate – Roman Ampitheatre trip
Monday 11 March	EYFS Fire Brigade Visit
Thurs 14 March	Year 3 National – Roman Ampitheatre trip
Mon 18 March	Maths Week
Thurs 21 March	Year 3 Hayward – Roman Ampitheatre trip
Fri 22 March	Activity clubs finish
Thurs 28 March	Last day of term – 2pm finish, no Tea Time club.