



Growth Mindset Mantra of the Month

March - In a world where you can be anything, be kind.



Dear Parents/Carers

Waxing lyrical about our Science Week and Science Fair, where shall I begin? This week has been simply amazing. We were overwhelmed to see the number of entries for our science competitions, and the quality of them was second to none! They made a wonderful display in our main hall, which you will have enjoyed seeing at our magnificent Science Fair on Tuesday afternoon. Many parents and children became so engaged in the activities we provided that there wasn't sufficient time to see absolutely everything. The animal man remains as one of the stars of the show, but it was great to see external experts help us out and provide interesting experiments that make us question what a fascinating subject science is. Thanks must go to all of Team Willows for spending time at home fathoming out activities, and ensuring that things actually went to plan! However, very special thanks must be extended to Mrs Price, our Science Leader, who has worked tirelessly to ensure that this year's event has been even bigger and better than previous years (I didn't think this would be possible, but it was!). Seeing the children dress as a range of scientists on Tuesday was also brilliant: when a nursery pupil tells you he is a palaeontologist and what he does in that role makes all of the hard work and preparation worthwhile. These occasions wouldn't be so successful without your support. Completing additional tasks at home which contribute to these events can be time consuming, but when you witness the positive impact and excitement it provides for your children, and how much new information they learn, it is certainly a valuable experience and one to repeat.



Mrs S Thursfield
 Headteacher

Attendance and Punctuality

Whole school - 96.1% (we aim for 97%+)



Reception

RSC - 94.7%
 RKM - 94%
 RJT - 95.5%

KS1

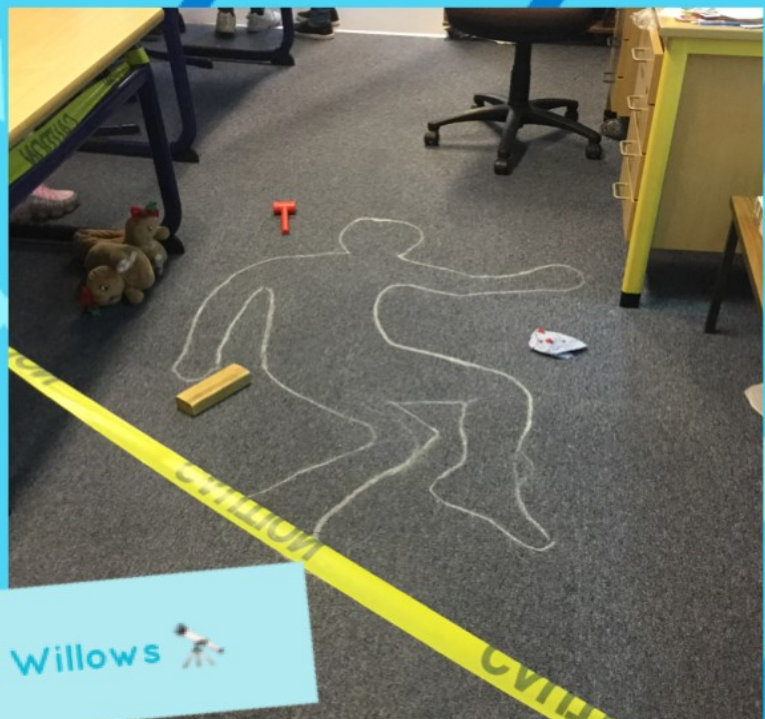
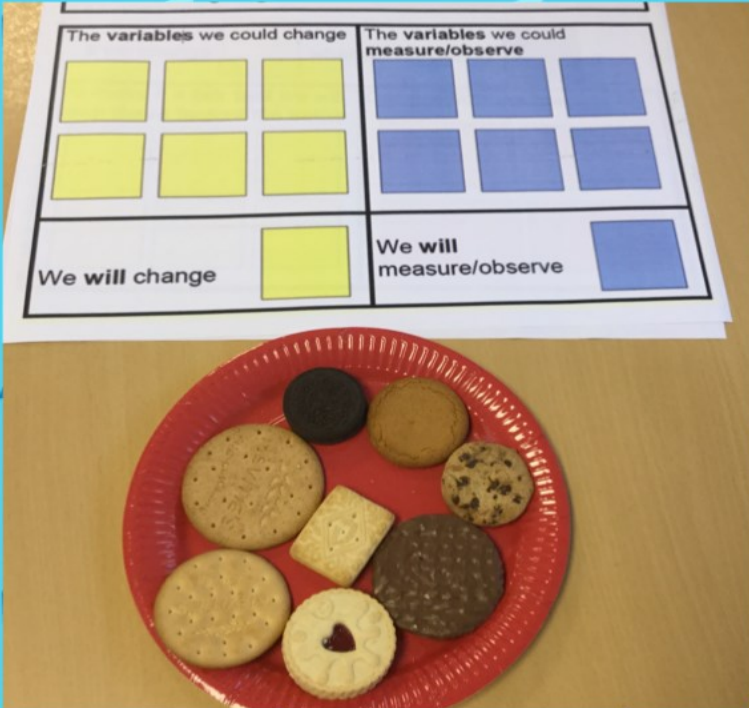
1ES - **97.1%** 2AA - 96.9%
 1RD - 96.5% 2LD - 94.6%
 1WG - **97.6%** 2SS - 96.8%

KS2

3EB - 95.1% 5JH - 94.6%
 3TC - 96.5% 5HR - 95.9%
 3HP - 96.5% 5LT - **97.7%**
 4BB - 95.5% 6CF - 95.4%
 4KB - **97.8%** 6AJ - **97%**
 4PB - 96.1% 6RW - 96.8%

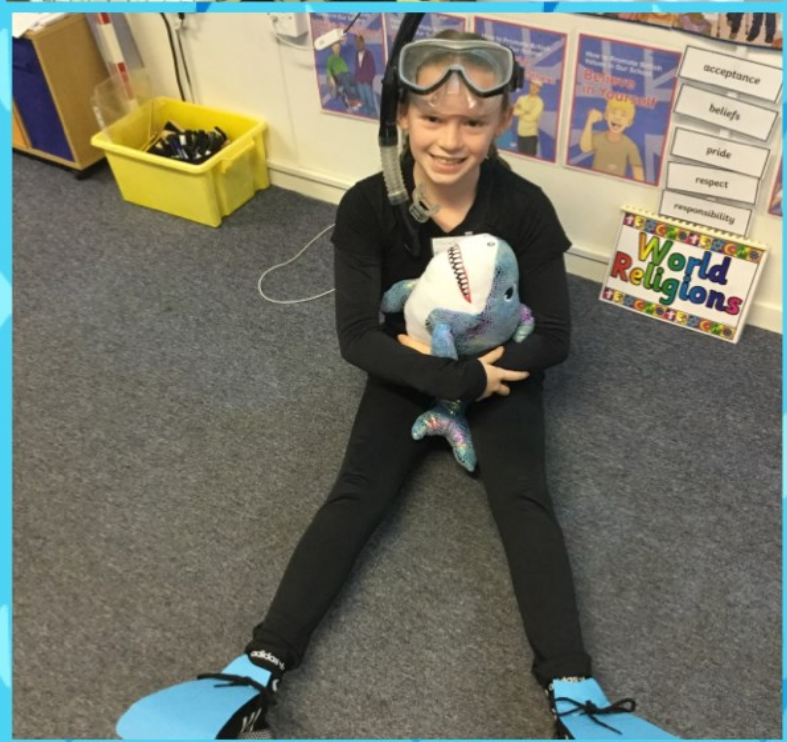
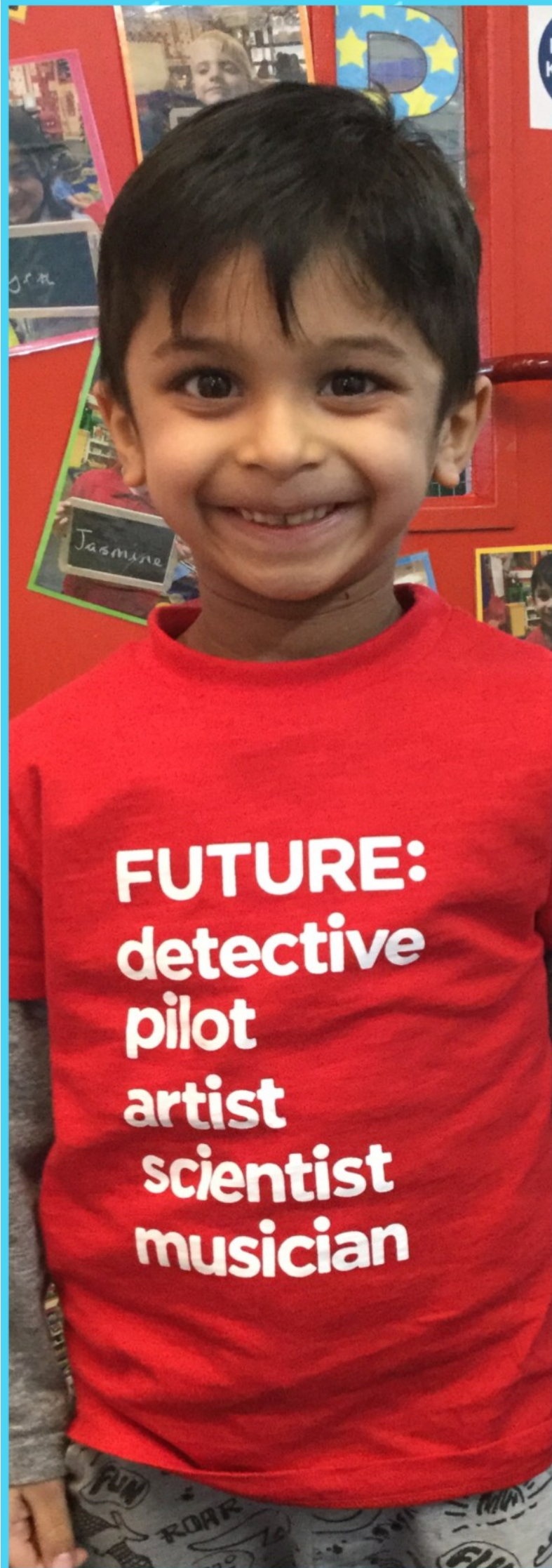
To report your child's absence you may e mail Mrs Burgess at jburgess11@willowsprimary.com or Mrs Wilson at kwilson@willowsprimary.com by 9am.

Thank you



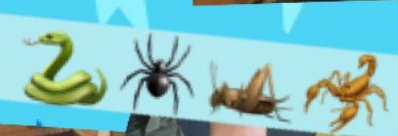
🐼 Science Day at The Willows 🏃







The Animal Man





Stars of the Week



Well done to the following children who have been chosen by staff this week!

Nursery:

Badgers: Rahema Waqas

Squirrels: Jacob Tainton

Foxes: Imogen Morris-Fletcher

Hedgehogs: Safah Kausar

Rights and Respect Certificate: Judia George



Reception:

RSC: Zara Chouhan

RKM: Ella Clarke

RJT: Maisie Watkins

Rights and Respect Certificates:

RSC: Lily-Mae Hopwood

RKM: Eliza Eccleston

RJT: Freddie Meredith

KS1:



1ES: Vinnie Copeland

1RD: Umar Mahmood

1WG: Adesimisola Adetu

2AA: Oscar Lavil-Hill

2LD: Lily Jenkins

2SS: Jerome Ani



Behaviour Shield and Norman Bear: Lois Maidment (1WG)

KS2:



3EB: Jacob Bloor

3HP: Angelie Reyes

3TC: The whole class

4BB: Elias Kufi

4KB: Jacob Welsh

4PB: Freddie Wood

5JH: Holly Fairhurst

5HR: Brie Bayley-Steele

5LT: Mattia Gallage

6AJ: Elliot Clewlow

6CF: Jack Bryant

6RW: Jonty Klinglefuss



Oh What a Night!

The Pentkull Panto saw many of The Willows Primary School family performing in front of sell-out crowds over four performances, during half term. The children entertained with their musical performances; joke telling; acting and dancing talents.

Aladdin was set in The Eastern Quarter of Stoke on Trent where Aladdin worked in a laundrette with his Mum Dame Widow Twankey and brother Wisny Washey. He was hopelessly in love with Princess Jasmine, however her father, The Sultan, refused to let them marry. Abbey-Nazar, the panto baddie, appeared offering Aladdin riches but of course it was too good to be true. With the help from the genie of the lamp and The Servant of the Ring, Aladdin eventually saw his dream come true of marrying the Princess.

For me the highlights of the panto were watching the children perform the superbly choreographed dance routines to Kung Fu Panda, Spice up your Life by the Spice Girls and Bad Guy by Billy Elish. From KS1 pupils to Year 6, it was obvious the time and dedication they had all put into learning the challenging dance routines. Every younger member of the talented cast also delivered a joke with gusto and panache, which were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

The incredible script was written and directed by Mrs J Whittaker-Vyse our T&A in Y3. The costumes were amazingly created by Mrs K Jones, one of our support staff in Y5. The whole evening was magnificent. Looking forward to next year's community production!

Mrs J Bridgett - Y4 class teacher



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Reading Champions

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Reception

RSC - 96%

RKM - 71%

RJT - 66%

KS1

1ES - 67%

1RD - 86%

1WG - 97%

2AA - 92%

2LD - 87%

2SS - 89%

KS2

3EB - 85%

3TC - 90%

3HP - 91%

4BB - 90%

4KB - 100%

4PB - 77%

5JH - 94%

5HR - 97%

5LT - 87%

6AJ - 85%

6CF - 73%

6RW - 93%

Children must read at least 5 times a week at home to become a reading champion - reading to an adult in school is not counted in this total.



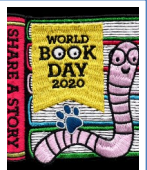
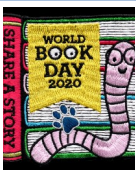
Blog of the Week

RKM Science Week



World Book Day

Thursday 5th March



To celebrate our love of reading all children can dress in the following:

Nursery and Reception - characters from traditional tales OR pyjamas

Y1-Y6 - pyjamas/onesies

We would also like children to bring a book from home that they no longer want to do a book swap with friends. During the day the children will enjoy a stories and a hot chocolate drink.



The Book Fair will also be in school from Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th March, 3-4pm.

Potters 'Arf Marathon

Children can take part in FREE Potters 'Arf Junior Race

Did you know there's a free children's section in the Hanley Economic Building Society Potters 'Arf Marathon on Sunday, June 14?

The 1,000-metre junior race is for youngsters aged six to 15 years. It starts outside Marks & Spencer at 10.50am. The route covers Parliament Row, Old Hall Street, Cheapside, a return to Parliament Row, Stafford Street, Lamb Street and then finishes by the Sir Stanley Mathews Statue.

It's an amazing part of the iconic 'Arf - giving children the chance to take part and maybe be inspired to tackle the full event when they're older!

Junior entrants can sign up online now at

<https://www.entryhub.co.uk/potters20>

Adult runners, walkers and relay teams can also sign up now for the main event.

All participants receive a t-shirt, goody bag and special Potters 'Arf medal!

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For more information, visit <http://www.potters-arf.co.uk>



Diary Dates 2020

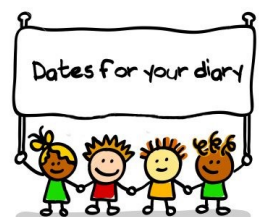
Please note that dates can also be found on the school website under 'Calendar'

March

Monday 2nd	3EB Etruria Canal Museum visit
Tuesday 3rd	Book Fair 3-4pm
Wednesday 4th	3HP Etruria Canal Museum visit Book Fair 3-4pm
Thursday 5th	World Book Day - whole school pyjama day Book Fair 3-4pm
Friday 6th	3TC Etruria Canal Museum visit Book Fair 3-4pm
Monday 9th	Y4 parent meeting for Mount Cook residential at 3.15pm
Friday 13th	Academy Photographers - class photos
Monday 16th	Y4 planting workshop Y6 Bikeability 4BB Class Assembly
Tuesday 17th	Y6 Bikeability 4KB Class Assembly Y4 parent meeting Times Table Check 3.15-3.45pm (crèche available)
Wednesday 18th	Reception and Y6 Bikeability
Thursday 19th	Reception Mothers' Day coffee morning PTFA Mothers' Day shop
Friday 20th	Drama Club performance 'Ye-Ha' at 1.30pm
Monday 23rd	'Time To Read' - RKM and half of RJT at 2pm
Tuesday 24th	4PB Class Assembly 'Time To Read' - RSC and half of RJT at 2pm
Wednesday 25th	Reception and Y6 Bikeability Recorder Festival, Victoria Hall 12.30-1.30pm 'Time To Read' - Nursery Badgers and Nursery Hedgehogs at 2pm
Thursday 26th	'Time To Read' - Nursery Squirrels and Nursery Foxes at 2pm
Tuesday 31st	Y4 Residential to Mount Cook Reception Adventure Farm trip (tbc) Town Swimming Gala 1.30pm

April

Wednesday 1st	PTFA Easter raffle Y5 Bikeability
Thursday 2nd	Nursery Easter Bonnet Parade a.m Y5 Bikeability Parent Consultations for all year groups PTFA Easter raffle
Friday 3rd	BREAK UP FOR EASTER
Monday 20th	SCHOOL OPENS
Tuesday 21st	Y3 Fire and Flint residential (return 22.04.20) Y4 Visit Afternoon for parents
Thursday 23rd	Y4 Bikeability
Friday 24th	Y4 Bikeability
Monday 27th	Y3 Visit Afternoon for parents
Tuesday 28th	Nursery visit to Tatton Park



May

Friday 1st May	Y4 careers visit to Dilhorne Education Centre
Thursday 7th	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR POLICE ELECTIONS
Friday 8th	SCHOOL CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY – VE DAY
Monday 11th	Y6 SATs week
Monday 18th	Y2 SATs week
	Y5 and Y6 Careers and Aspirations Day
Friday 22nd	ECO Day
	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

June

Monday 1st	SCHOOL OPENS
	PTFA non-uniform day for Summer Fayre
Tuesday 2nd	Nursery and Reception Sports Day 9.15am
	KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm
Wednesday 3rd	Y3/4 Sports Day 9.15am
Thursday 4th	Y5/6 Sports Day 9.15am
Friday 5th	Academy Photographers - Leavers/Sports teams
Monday 8th	Y6 France trip
	Y1 Phonics Screen
	Y4 Multiplication Check
Tuesday 9th	Reception trip to Conkers (tbc)
	3TC Class Assembly 9.05am
Wednesday 10th	3HP Class Assembly 9.05am
Thursday 11th	3EB Class Assembly 9.05am
Monday 15th	Y5/6 Sports Day 9.15am (1 st reserve date)
Tuesday 16th	Nursery and Reception Sports Day 9.15am (1 st reserve date)
	KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm (1 st reserve date)
Wednesday 17th	Y3/4 Sports Day 9.15am (1 st reserve date)
Thursday 18th	Fathers' Day Breakfast shop
Friday 19th	Fathers' Day Breakfast shop
Monday 22nd	PTFA non-uniform day for Summer Fayre
Wednesday 24th	Music Extravaganza 1.30pm
Thursday 25th	Northwood (Town)
Monday 29th	Nursery and Reception Sports Day 9.15am (2 nd reserve date)
	KS1 Sports Day 1.30pm (2 nd reserve date)
	City Songbirds at the Victoria Hall
Tuesday 30th	Y3/4 Sports Day 9.15am (2 nd reserve date)

July

Wednesday 1st	Y5/6 Sports Day 9.15am (2 nd reserve date)
Saturday 4th	Summer Fayre
Monday 6th	BUMP UP Week
Tuesday 14th	End of year discos
Thursday 16th	Y6 Leavers' disco
Friday 17th	Leavers' Assembly
	BREAK UP FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

