



Growth Mindset Mantra of the Month

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



Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to thank you all for the support you offered The Willows during our recent Ofsted inspection. The inspector told us that in her many years of inspecting schools, she has never known so many written parental responses about a school on Parent View. I'm always writing about how proud I am of your children, and I'd like you to know that they demonstrated their usual brilliance over the two days, and especially those children who had been 'quizzed' by the inspection team. I am really looking forward to receiving the inspection report and sharing it with you. It has to go through many levels of checking and at the earliest it will take a couple of weeks before it can be shared.

The inspection hasn't stopped us from cramming in a number of exciting events: we saw Year 3 going to Etruria Industrial Museum and Heritage Centre; Year 5 pupils had a 'wow' starter to their topic by visiting the Star Dome which came to The Willows; our girls' football team played really well in Birmingham at the Primary Stars Football tournament and many Year 5 pupils went to perform the song they had composed alongside the Camerata Orchestra at the County Showground.

To celebrate World Book Day we all dressed in our PJ's or came as a favourite book character. As a special treat the children drank hot chocolate (with marshmallows) in our darkened hall decorated with twinkly lights whilst they listened to a story. A calming end to the week.

Mrs S Thursfield
 Headteacher



Attendance and Punctuality

Whole school - 96% (we aim for 97%+)



Reception

RSC - 94.4%
 RKM - 93.8%
 RJT - 95.4%

KS1

1ES - 96.9%
 1RD - 96.3%
 1WG - **97.2%**

2AA - 96.7%
 2LD - 94.6%
 2SS - 96.8%

KS2

3EB - 95%
 3TC - 96.6%
 3HP - 96.5%
 4BB - 95%
 4KB - **97.8%**
 4PB - 96.3%

5JH - 94.7%
 5HR - 95.7%
 5LT - **97.8%**
 6CF - 95.5%
 6AJ - 96.9%
 6RW - 96.7%

To report your child's absence please e mail
attendance@willowsprimary.com by 9am.

Thank you



This week saw eight of our Year 6 girls heading off to represent Stoke City Football Club in the regional finals of a Premier League Primary Stars Football Tournament in Birmingham.

Every member of our team showed all the qualities we expect from our Willows pupils; the Stoke City staff (Rich, Alice and Simon) and Mrs Bradley were incredibly proud of them! The quality of the tournament was very high and our team showed resilience, determination and sportsmanship. As their confidence grew, the performance of the girls got better and better. They won two of their matches and drew their final match against a very strong team.

Unfortunately, we didn't quite make it to the national finals in Watford but have no doubt that these girls will continue their sporting quests with even more confidence after their once-in-a-lifetime experience. Our thanks go out to Stoke City FC Community team for your continued coaching and opportunities and to Miss Smalley for your fantastic organisation.





Stars of the Week



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

Nursery:

Badgers: Emily Thompson

Squirrels: Enzo Sgarito Goodwin

Foxes: Kayden Reynolds

Hedgehogs: Logan Jones

Rights and Respect Certificate: Dottie Williams



Reception:

RSC: Daisy Myatt

RKM: Alba Preece

RJT: Oskar Alvarez

Rights and Respect Certificates:

RSC: Kristen Smyth

RKM: Brogan Coates

RJT: Alice-May Randall-Rea

KS1:



1ES: Ethan Kewish

1RD: Tyra Peake

1WG: Riley Cartwright



2AA: Gabriela Jayde Ulanday **2LD:** Dakota-Rose Williams **2SS:** Lily Tilstone Shaw

Behaviour Shield and Norman Bear: Haani Hussain (1RD)

KS2:



3EB: Amina Mir

3HP: Simra Ansar and Padraic Rowland



4BB: Noah Woolley

4KB: Roha Waqas

4PB: Jaxson Wint

5JH: Lennon Lummis

5HR: Malak Elamin

5LT: Olivia Ford

6AJ: Ruta Klimaviciute

6CF: Anneesha Elagovan

6RW: Beatrice McDonald



Cross Country

St Joseph's muddy playing field was the location for this year's first X-country race. We are pleased to say that we didn't lose anybody in the mud - however, Flo's trainer did manage to escape from her foot...twice!

The girls headed off strongly on the tough course and ended up with Ruby coming a superb 4th and Olivia S in an impressive 8th! These positions were supported with great runs from their team-mates: Masa 18th; Olivia W 19th; Ella D 20th; Maia 21st; Flo 22nd; Holly W 25th and Amber 26th.

The boys followed on with a hard-fought battle for Luca who managed to finish in a fantastic 4th place! He was backed up with determined performances from: Jack Woolley 22nd; Henry D 24th; Ben S 32nd; Theo 36th; Morgan 37th and James 38th.



X-COUNTRY AT
ST JOSEPH'S



PIC•COLLAGE



Scoot to School Week

March 9-13th 2020

“Scoot to School week 2020”

we are encouraging children to scoot to school if they can during the week !

If scooting is not possible please try and choose a sustainable mode of travel such as walking, or even Park and Stride. Children are worst affected by air pollution during the school run. By doing your bit you will help to reduce air pollution around our school

[#scoottoschoolweek](#) [#doingourbit](#)



ACTIVE
TRAVEL



Doing
Our
Bit



Reading Champions



Reception

RSC - 64%
 RKM - 88%
 RJT - 71%

KS1

1ES - 87% 2AA - 75%
 1RD - 83% 2LD - 86%
 1WG - 87% 2SS - 86%

KS2

3EB - 85% 5JH - **100%**
 3TC - 90% 5HR - 97%
 3HP - 94% 5LT - **100%**
 4BB - 90% 6AJ - 85%
 4KB - **100%** 6CF - 94%
 4PB - 83% 6RW - 94%

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.

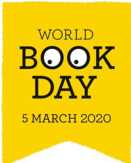


Reminder

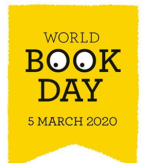


Class photos are being taken on Friday 13th March.
 All children will need to come to school in full uniform.

Thank you



Blog of the Week



Years 5 & 6 enjoying story time and hot chocolate on World Book Day!



WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL

ONLINE SAFETY PARENT TALK



Brought to you by Digital Awareness UK in
partnership with Vodafone UK

Tickets are on sale NOW for both March & Easter, so get booking as there are limited EarlyBird tickets available at £5.99 per bouncer www.BigBounceEvent.s.co.uk/Tickets

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Oak Park March Weekender
OAK PARK Active Living Centre
 Coppice Rd, Walsall Wood, Walsall WS9 9BH

Saturday 21st March
 5pm-6.30pm **Family Session** Toddlers -13yr
 + Adults can bounce with their Children
 7pm-8.30pm **Teenage Session** 11-15yr Only
Huge Wipeout/Ninja Inflatables
 + Live DJ+Lights+Tunes+

Sunday 22nd March
 9am-10.30am **SEN Family Session** Toddlers -13yr
 + Adults can join in with their Children
 Quieter more relaxed SEN session
 10.45am-12.15pm **Kids Session** Toddlers -13yr
 Adults to spectate/supervise
All your Favourite Inflatables

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Rugby - Sunday 5th April
 Queen's Diamond Jubilee Centre - Bruce Williams Way, Rugby CV22 5LJ

Burton - Mon 6th April
 Shobnall Leisure Complex - Shobnall Rd, Burton-on-Trent DE14 2BB

Bloxwich - Tues 7th April
 Bloxwich Active Living Centre, High Street, Bloxwich, Walsall WS3 2DA

Cannock - Wed 8th April
 Chase Leisure Centre - Stafford Road, Cannock, WS11 4AL

Solihull - Good Fri 10th April
 North Solihull Sports Centre - Conway Rd, Chelmsley Wood, B'ham. B37 5LA

Walsall Wood - Tues 14th April
 Oak Park Active Living Centre - Coppice Rd, Walsall Wood, Walsall WS9 9BH

Stourbridge - Wed 15th April
 Crystal Leisure Centre - Bell St, Stourbridge DYS 1AE

Daventry - Thurs 16th April
 Daventry Leisure Centre - Lodge Road, Daventry NN11 4FP

Tamworth - Fri 17th April
 Wilnecote Leisure Centre - Tinkers Green Road, Wilnecote B77 5LF

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Giant Indoor Inflatable Play Event

Dates - Venues on Reverse

Unlimited Play on a Huge Indoor Arena Full of Supervised Inflatables & Interactive Games
Ideal for Toddlers - 13 year olds
 Bouncy Castles - Slides - Free Fall Jump
 Obstacle Courses - Sports Games - Rodeo Ride
 Under 5's Zone - Speed Game - Disco Dome
 Total Wipeout Sweeper Game - nerf guns
 Helter Skelter - Wrecking Ball - Bungee
+++EasterEggHunt+++

3x 90minute Sessions

Childs Session 10.30am - 12 Kids Bounce Adults Spectate	Character Session 12.15 - 1.45pm Kids Bounce + Character Visit photo time Adults Spectate	Family Session 2pm - 3.30pm Kids & Adults Adults can Bounce with their Children
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Book Online www.BigBounceEvents.co.uk
 or Pay CASH or CARD on Entry : SPACES ARE LIMITED
 Children Must be Supervised by an Adult at all times
 One adult may be responsible for upto 5 children.
 Adults are NOT allowed on the equipment during Kids ONLY sessions
 Adults must have a wristband to BOUNCE - Refreshments available on site
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Diary Dates 2020

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

March

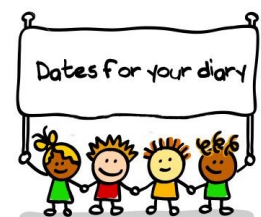
Monday 9th	Y4 parent meeting for Mount Cook residential at 3.15pm
Tuesday 10th	Dance Club performance at The Victoria Hall
Friday 13th	Academy Photographers - class photos
Monday 16th	Y4 planting workshop Y6 Bikeability 4BB Class Assembly at 2.30pm
Tuesday 17th	Y6 Bikeability 4KB Class Assembly at 2.30pm 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 at 2.30pm '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

