

Willowbank Weekly



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Don't forget to order school dinners by tomorrow!

Learner of the Week

Well done to the following children for being presented with a Learner of the Week certificate:

Tobey M - Starling
Lacy-May C - Robin
Ruby L – Siskin
Dylan C – Linnet
Harry F – Dove
Lucy D – Goldfinch
Lily O - Avocet
Rowan S - Heron
Ruby B - Kingfisher
Jennifer P - Buzzard
Ashleigh B – Hawk



Cold weather

Please ensure that all children have a coat, hat, scarf and gloves during this very cold snap we are currently experiencing.

Residential

Wildside – If you have not yet sent back the SOE3a form please do so as soon as possible. If you require a copy of the kit list please ask at the office.

Heatree – A kit list will be sent home soon.

SATs Meetings

We would like to invite you to a meeting with the Year 2 team on Monday 12th March and the Year 6 team on Thursday 15th March. This meeting will provide an opportunity to talk about the logistics of the SATs, including ways in which you can support your children. It will also give you a chance to ask any questions you may have.

If you are unable to come to the meeting, we would be happy to send some information home - please email the office to ask for a copy of the information.

World Book Day

We are looking forward to World Book Day, tomorrow. Everyone will be dressing up as a book character. We will send home World Book Day tokens on Thursday - look out for them in book bags.

Thank you for your support with costumes - we hope that the children have a fantastic day.



School uniform

We are actively seeking a new supplier of uniform; we are looking at a couple of local suppliers. We will keep you informed.



Fundraising for NSPCC - Non-school uniform day Thursday March 29th.

We are pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the leading children's charity, who will be delivering their "Speak Out. Stay safe Programme" on Tuesday 27th March. This is a nationwide programme for every primary aged child in the UK. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they will be presenting an assembly to the children in our school, as well as a workshop for Years 5 and 6.

A letter providing more details will be sent home nearer the time.

In order to support the excellent work of the NSPCC, we would like to hold a non-uniform day on the last day of term (Thursday 29th March) and would like to suggest a contribution of £1 to wear clothes from home to school on this day.



Music

Caroline Clapp has some spaces available for Piano lessons. If you are interested please contact her directly on 07411243058.

Gardening club

Have you noticed the lovely pops of colour in and around the main entrance? This is thanks to the efforts of gardening club! Please note that for this current group, there will be no session in the last week of term before Easter.



Foundation

This week we have continued to talk about our visit from Simon James. We have had a go at being an Illustrator and author ourselves, using the skills he talked about. We have developed the skills of using water colour paints to add color to our illustrations, bringing them alive. Some children have even had a go at writing the start of a simple story independently using the words 'Once upon a time...' and sharing them with peers in the class.

We have talked about money looking at the different coins. We are starting to get more familiar with the different coins and how to make amounts like 13 using our learning from last week of one 10p and three 1ps.

We have loved talking about birds this week and this learning has continued in forest school, where children have made binoculars and bird food. We also listened to a book by Simon James called The Bird Watchers.

We look forward to seeing World Book Day outfits along with favourite books to share with peers in class tomorrow.



Years 1 & 2

This week Years 1 and 2 have excitedly begun their theme lessons. Year 2 have been exploring what animals and plants need to survive whilst Year 1 have been observing the weather and looking at a range of weather symbols. During English, Year 2 has been writing their class version of Jack and the Beanstalk by choosing their own characters to replace Jack, the giant and Jack's mum. Year 1 has been finding out about a range of interesting animals so that they can write their own information about them using adjectives, 'and' and 'because'. During Maths, Year 2 have been completing missing numbers in calculations and Year 1 children have been learning more about subtraction and numbers facts for 10 and 20



Years 3 & 4

The children have been learning about the features of the persuasive model text. They have been practising expanding different reasons and writing in paragraphs. They are already getting better at using persuasive language.

In maths, we continue to focus on fractions and shape. We are carrying out an investigation to help us to identify different equivalent fractions.

In Theme, the children were amazed at how the shell on the eggs changed when they had been submerged in different liquids. They are finding out about different animals by applying their reading skills to understand different non-fiction texts.

Congratulations to Kingfisher Class who are the winners of the 'Most Words Read' competition for this week.

We look forward to seeing the different book characters for World Book Day, tomorrow.



Years 5 & 6

We have been planning and drafting non-chronological reports about animals - thinking about how to develop our technical vocabulary and sentence constructions, as well as how to use labelled diagrams and pictures to convey information.

In Theme, we have learnt about classification - we have used branching databases to identify new amphibious species and used Textese to create our own branching databases. Also, we have thought about how animal and plant reproduction and about life cycles.

Diary Dates

March		
Thursday 1st	ALL DAY	World Book Day
Friday 9th	3.30pm	CCC Young Enterprise recipe book stall
Monday 12th	3.30pm – 3.50pm	KS1 SATs meeting
Thursday 15th	3.30pm – 3.50pm	KS2 SATs meeting
Wednesday 21st	6.00pm	Drama club Production
Monday 26th	2.00pm	Year 3 & 4 performance dress rehearsal
Tuesday 27th	6.00pm	Year 3 & 4 performance
Wednesday 28th	6.00pm	Year 3 & 4 performance
Thursday 29th	ALL DAY	NSPCC Non-uniform day
Thursday 29th		Last day of term
April		
Monday 16th	ALL DAY	NON PUPIL DAY
Tuesday 17th		First day of Summer term
Monday 23rd-Wednesday 25th		Year 4 residential to Wildside
May		
W/B 7th		KS1 SATs start
W/B 14th		KS2 SATs
W/B 28th		HALF TERM

June		
W/B 11th		Year 1 Phonics screening
July		
Monday 2nd (Friday 6th reserve day)	All day	Sports day
Wednesday 4th	6.00pm	Years 5&6 Production
Thursday 5th	6.00pm	Years 5&6 Production
Monday 9th-Wednesday 11th		Year 6 residential to Heatree
Wednesday 25th	1.15pm	Year 6 leavers assembly
Wednesday 25th		LAST DAY OF TERM

KidZone Club will be returning on the **28th Feb.**

Open to all **year 1 - year 6 children.**

New time: 6:15pm - 7:30pm.

Join us for fun, friends, laughter, craft, songs, games and bible stories

Held in St Andrew's School Hall run by St Andrew's Church.

For more info: email Carrie@standrewscullompton.com