

Willow Tree Primary School

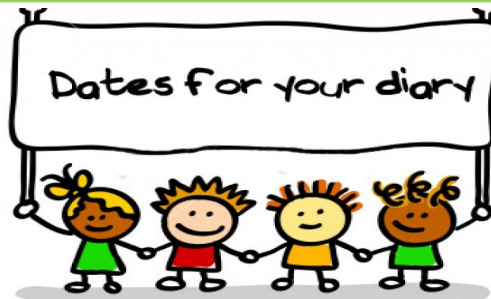
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Bring a Bag - Thursday 16th December

Christmas Parties - Friday 17th December (come in party clothes)

Break up - Friday 17th December (one hour earlier than usual pick up time)

Return to School - Tuesday 4th January

Gifts for Staff

Some parents have asked us what the rules are around children bringing end of term cards etc for staff should they wish to. For parents and children who want to do this there are two options:

- ***There is a wish list of books which the teachers have set up for each year group.*** These are books the teachers would love to have in their class libraries. Parents/carers are able to choose from the list, order and pay the bookshop direct. The books are delivered directly to school and we will be able to put a bookplate in the book saying it is from your child.
- ***Should you want to buy a book from the teachers' wishlist then you should follow this link*** and the instructions you will find there. The Bookshop are fantastic and for every book bought from the list they will give us money towards more books for school.



<https://www.littleriponbookshop.co.uk/willow>

Should you choose to do this for school we would like to thank you very much in advance.

If your child is wants to bring something for the staff in their class, then please bring this only on the final day of term. It should be in a carrier bag and clearly labelled.

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Get Caught Reading Competition!

Over the Christmas holidays, pupils are invited to enter the **Get Caught Reading** competition organised by Mr Perkins.

All you need to do is send in a photo of your child reading a book in an unusual place!

*The closing date for the competition is **Tuesday 4th January 2022.***

See the letter that was sent today for more details (also available on the school website)

Use your imagination and be creative!



Lateness

Please make sure your child arrives on time for school. Children miss important learning time when they are late for school.

When your child arrives via the office, staff must escort them to their classrooms. We are currently short staffed in the office and ensuring your child enters via the classroom with the rest of their class would be gratefully appreciated.



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Clubs

The Before and After School Club Programme is now live on our website:

<https://www.willowtree.n-yorks.sch.uk/parents/clubs-and-activities>

New clubs for this term are Tennis, Dance, Nature, French and Mandarin

If you are interested in your child joining a club please do not delay in signing them up! Clubs with a low uptake will unfortunately not be able to go ahead



Willow Tree's Christmas Turkey

Make sure you read the PTA's newsletter for details of their Dress A Teacher As A Turkey Day!



The catch-up flu immunisation clinic will take place on Monday morning for all children whose parents have previously provided their consent.

Design a Christmas Stocking Competition

Don't forget to bring your entry for the Design a Christmas Stocking Competition to the office by the deadline on Monday .



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Reminders

Thursday - Please send your child with a bag on Thursday next week for them to bring home all their work, Christmas cards and anything else.

Friday - Christmas parties will take place next Friday morning. Children are to wear their party clothes to school and bring their own snack - ***this must be nut-free.***

Christmas Performances will be available to view online from Friday for Foundation Stage and Year 3 parents. Links will be sent by email next week.



Parking

Please be considerate towards local residents, pedestrians and other road users when parking near school.

We have had a complaint this week from a resident who was unable to get out of her drive because a parent had parked their car in front of it.

We are without a crossing patrol so please take care when driving near school and/or crossing the road with your child.

If you are interested in becoming our school crossing patrol please contact the office.



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Christmas Jumper Day 2021



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SPORTING INFLUENCE

Improving Social Skills Through Sport

This term, Mr McTernan has had great fun at Willow Tree on Tuesday mornings working with the children and teachers from two year groups.

Year 1 were first on the list and straight into PE sessions and made fabulous progress:

- Cherry class worked on Invasion Games and the principles of attack and defence. They used great communication to keep possession.
- Holly class showed off their net and wall skills as we looked at components that would help us play games like tennis, badminton and volleyball.
- Hornbeam class were creative gymnasts as they looked at putting together basic movements to create sequences.



Cherry class had lots of good ideas for our Invasion Games unit.

After half term, it was Year 5's turn:

- Elm class was introduced to Tag Rugby – we learnt to ball-carry, tackle, pass and score tries
- Rowan class worked on their football skills – keeping possession of the ball and thinking about team shape.
- Sycamore looked at different types of floor routines in gymnastics culminating in a rhythmic routine with a ball as a



Making use of the field for Y5 Football and Tag Rugby.

**For more information about
Sporting Influence and what we
do visit:**

www.sportinginfluence.com prop.

Have a great Christmas and Mr McTernan will see you in January!

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Champions of the Week

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| | | Spruce | Jack | Rowan | Lara |
| Ash | Joshua | Poplar | Everyone! | Sycamore | William |
| Chestnut | Toby | Apple | Everyone! | Elm | Eben |
| Holly | Timothy | Hawthorn | Maisie | Walnut | Bailey |
| Cherry | Maria | Larch | Edion | Acer | Ruby |
| Hornbeam | Abbey | Cedar | Mia | Silver Birch | Layla |
| Lime | Patricia | Maple | Christal | | |



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