

# Willow Tree Primary School

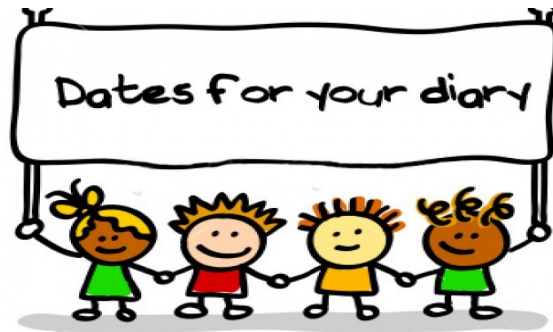
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SATs Week - **w/c Monday 9th May**

Walk to School Day - **Friday 13th May**

School Jubilee Celebration - **Friday 27th May**

Break Up - **Friday 27th May**

Return to School - **Monday 6th June**

Year 1/2 School Trip - **Wednesday 8th June** (pay asap via ParentPay)

Class Photos - **Thursday 16th June**

INSET Day - **Friday 24th June**

Break up - **Friday 22nd July (one hour earlier than normal collection time)**

INSET Day - **Monday 25th July**



Today we say goodbye to Mrs Bellwood in the school office who is leaving after 3 years to take up a new role in a school near Boroughbridge. Thank you for all your hard work Mrs Bellwood and we wish you well in your new school.

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# Covid

*We are currently experiencing an increased number of Covid cases within school.*

You are advised to carefully follow the general guidance **Coronavirus: how to stay safe and help prevent the spread - GOV.UK ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))** to limit the risk of further spread of COVID-19. This includes:

- Getting vaccinated (as appropriate according to age)
- Letting fresh air in if you meet with others indoors, or meeting outside where possible
- Continuing to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, especially where you come into contact with people you do not usually meet
- Staying at home if you are unwell

Washing your hands regularly and following advice to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'

Anyone who develops symptoms of COVID-19 should stay at home. The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea

feeling sick or being sick

The DFE have issued the following guidance for schools.

## **If you choose to use a covid test**

Should you choose to either use a test you currently have at home or buy an LFT test and your child tests positive they may return to school after 3 days as long as they do not have a temperature. For adults this is now 5 days.

## **If you do not choose to test**

If your child has one of the main covid symptoms listed above together with a high temperature they should not return to school until they are well and have no temperature.

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## Next Year Classes...

This is the time of year when we begin to make plans for classes for next year. Every Year parents come to see Mrs Davey after the new class lists have been published with concerns about friendships, where children have been placed together or apart, issues between families, etc. We cannot change classes at this late stage as we have worked really carefully to place children in particular groups that the teachers believe are best for them knowing them as they do in school. If you have very strong feelings about what is best for your child please let me know in writing now. For your information the teachers will always ensure that friendships are taken into account and the children themselves give us a list of friends before the process takes place. I am therefore not expecting parents to give me a list of their child's 'best friends' but to let me know if they have any genuine concerns or issues which we may not be aware of. If you have twins please could you let me know in writing whether you would like them placed together or separately. We DO NOT take requests for specific teachers or whether or not your child is placed in a mixed age class. We will not be making any changes to class lists after they are published in early July. All letters of concern should be received by **16th May** and whilst we will give every consideration to your request we must advise you that for various reasons it may be impossible to accommodate every request. Please email any concerns or issues to [admin@willowtree.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@willowtree.n-yorks.sch.uk) marked Next Year's Classes.



There are still places available in some of the afterschool clubs, including Y3/4 Art, Y3/4 Hands on Nature and Y5/6 Multisports. Please visit the school website for more information:

<https://www.willowtreeprimary.co.uk/parents-carers/clubs-activities/>

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We are a nut free school. Please do not send in snacks containing nuts or nut products, including Nutella. We have children in school with severe nut allergies. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Y3-6 Snacks

A reminder that school does not provide a snack for children in Key Stage 2. Please send your KS2 child with a snack for morning break to avoid them getting hungry during the morning.



## Breakfast Club

### SATs Week Breakfast Club—Week Beginning 9th May

Breakfast will be provided free of charge to all Y6 pupils in Drummond Hall at 8.30am next week (Monday to Thursday).

Children do not have to eat the breakfast, but it is a time to socialise with friends and provide light relief before the tests begin.

We will endeavour to meet dietary requirements. Thank you to Morrisons for donating some of the breakfast items.



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## Jubilee Celebration



We plan to have lots of fun in school on the 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup> May celebrating the Queen's platinum Jubilee.

On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May children can **dress up** in red, white or blue to join our school party.

Please do not feel you need to buy something new for the occasion, you may already have these in your wardrobe! For example: red, white or blue jeans, leggings, tights, shorts, dress, t-shirt or jumper.

There will also be a '**Bake off**' held by the PTFA, look out for details and get planning your baking ideas. The cakes will be sold at the end of the day as part of 'WillowTreat Friday'.

We are very excited for the event and have planned lots of fun activities.



## Friday 13th May

Friday 13th May is Walk to School Day. We would like to encourage as many children as possible to walk, cycle, scooter or park and stride on this day.

On this occasion children will be allowed to wear their trainers to school.

## Class Photos

Class photos will be taken on **Thursday 16th June**. Information from Braiswick on their Privacy Policy, and Frequently Asked Questions, can be found at the link below:

<https://www.braiswick.co.uk/#faq>



## Uniform Sale

The PTFA are holding a preloved uniform sale after school on Monday 9th May.

The sale will be held from 3.05pm onwards on the school field. Please bring cash.



## Headlice

We have cases of headlice in several classes across the school. Please check your child's hair for headlice over the weekend and treat where necessary.

Information on treating headlice can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

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## Y3/4 Cross Country

Yesterday 26 Year 3 & 4 children went to Harrogate High School for a cross country competition. It was such a beautiful day with the sun was shining and the children representing Willow Tree so well. Everyone was in high spirits and all children did so well as they had to run 1200m (two WHOLE laps around the field).

The following children took part:

### Year 3

Elisie, Eliza, Poppy, Ella, Kayla, Nicola, Charlie, Oscar, Harry, Miles, Mason

### Year 4

Lucas, Mikus, Noy, Leo, Joshua, Lucas, Jack, Hattie, Daniel, Anna, Evelyn, Chloe, Mia, Emily and Autumn.

Miss Percy and Miss Duncan are so impressed with you all as you all tried your best, well done!



*The cross-country run was a run around Harrogate High's field twice. In the Year 4 race there were 105 competitors. It was a great opportunity to see friends from other schools too. Although it was a race, there was a lot of friendliness. It was a lot of fun! My favourite part was running past where the other Willow Tree competitors were standing because they were cheering me and all the other competitors on. The run was great but the walk to Harrogate High was tiring.*

**By Joshua A (Year 4 - Larch)**

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### **Willow Tree PE kit**

Indoor/ outdoor kit

- Bottle Green t-shirt
- Plain black shorts
- Black pumps/ trainers

For Key Stage 2

- Plain black joggers/leggings
- Plain black hoody or school PE hoody

Please note that if these are not plain then children will be unable to wear them.

All PE kits must be in a drawstring bag, preferably green

If your child does not have the correct PE kit as stated above then a text home will be made. Children are required to have a PE kit for health and safety reasons while being active.

### **Physical activity**

The government and health professionals have stated that all children should be active for at least 60 minutes every day, half of which they should do during school hours. Now more than ever, keeping active and maintaining good physical and mental health is an important part of every young person's daily routine.

Physical activity is defined when the heart rate is raised. This might include: walking or cycling to school, attending an active club, going swimming, a run around in the park or walking the dog. We would love to hear what physical activity your child does outside of school. Maybe send us a photo for the newsletter. Do they achieve their 60 minutes a day?

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## Champions of the Week

		Spruce	Lacey	Rowan	George
Ash	Joshua	Poplar	Leo	Sycamore	Julia
Chestnut	Noah	Apple	Leo	Elm	Wilfie
Holly	Emilia	Hawthorn	Clara	Walnut	Hannah
Cherry	Bailey	Larch	Grace	Acer	Charlotte
Hornbeam	Jack	Cedar	Brandon	Silver Birch	Theo
Lime	Ify	Maple	Anna		



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