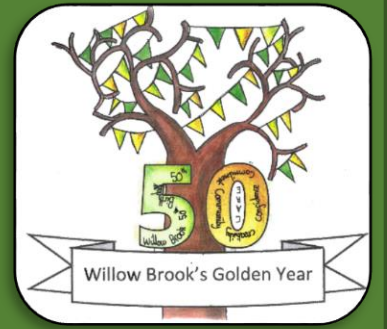


# Willow Brook News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

After a very busy week marking Willow Brook's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, I think we are ready for a half term break! Yesterday we welcomed back past teachers and pupils and it was a pleasure to show them round a place that had once been very special to them. The children sang and performed in our anniversary assembly, and thanks to Mrs Hollingshead, a team of bakers made enough cake for everyone in the school! I was most delighted to meet one little boy (now 57!) who spotted himself in the picture I shared in the Nottingham Evening Post... The children were most delighted to meet the little girl (now a little older!) who was trusted to hold Freddie the cat when the photographer came in the early 1980s and gathered all the school's animals to take a shot of predator and prey (and children!) all in one room! As soon as we get our official photographs of yesterday back, we would love to share our 50th display with you all.



In recent years, Willow Brook has supported the Children in Distress charity and sent shoe boxes filled with simple Christmas supplies and toys to children and the elderly in Romania. We have approached this in different ways in the past – working together to bring items and boxes and filling them at school, or asking families to contribute a box of their own. Having spoken to those who have been behind organising both, I've come to appreciate the logistics and difficulties involved. This year, we are sending out the information leaflet (attached) and would simply suggest that if you would like to support this wonderful cause we will happily collect and deliver your completed boxes. There is absolutely no obligation to take part. Shoe boxes will be collected from us on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

I hope that you have a very happy half term holiday. A fortnight will give us all time to recharge our batteries to get ready for what tends to be the busiest 7 weeks of the year! Please see our website for up and coming dates for your diary, but I'd like to highlight our Children in Need day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. We are planning a Camelot themed dressing up day, so we are hoping that the school will be filled princesses, knights and Merlins... Start planning your outfit! This year's Junior Production (Years 2 – 6) follows a similar theme and 'What a Knight' will be performed on the evenings of 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of December. Reception and Year 1 will be performing their nativity on the afternoon and evening of Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup>.

See you bright and early on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

With very kind regards,  
*Louise Ballard*