



# Willow Brook News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a few words to thank you all so much for your World Book Day enthusiasm! The children (and the adults...) had a wonderfully happy day filled with dressing up, stories, books and joy... It's what primary school is all about. It was such a pleasure to welcome parents and grandparents back into the building to share the experience with us as well. You added so much to our day and we hope that it will be the first of many opportunities and invites for you in the summer term.

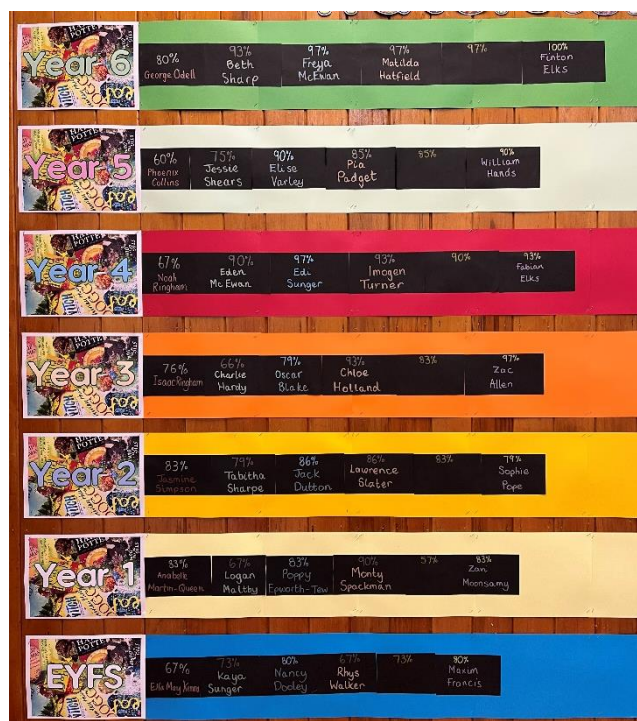
The Waterstones Reading Race is gaining speed! Last week, EVERY child in Year 6 read AT LEAST 3 times at home and recorded this in their reading record. 100%! They were so proud! It is no surprise that they are devouring books at school too, and this is having a strong impact on their writing. Year 4 are not far behind! Getting into good routines and making sure that sharing a book is a part of your child's evening is (and I quote) *'the single most important indicator of a child's future success.'* If you need any advice, tips or, indeed, books, Parents Evening is the perfect moment to ask.

...Which leads me nicely on to the fact that Parents Evenings take place in school next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. By now you should have received confirmation of your appointment. Please remember that school will not be open between 3.30 and 4pm. As well as needing to clean desks and surfaces for your wellbeing, we need to settle our children safely into the after-school club and give teachers a quick comfort break in the midst of a very long day for them. We appreciate your patience and co-operation with this. If you have opted for a phone appointment, remember that the number will be displayed as 'withheld'. If you miss the teacher's call, they will try again at the next available slot.

I'll leave you with a few photos from yesterday – there are many more in the school website for you to see.

Have a great weekend,

Louise Ballard



## Mr Clarke's Sports Report

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, the boys played Costock Primary School in a friendly match. What a fantastic start we made - scoring within the first minute through George D! We continued to build on our strong start by soon making it 2-0... George again! The boys were enjoying the game, playing some nice attacking football and despite some Costock pressure, we found ourselves 2-0 up at half time. Costock kept pushing, but following a swift counter- attack, George O. finished high into the top corner when put through, to make it 3-0. Before long, he finished in similar style to make it 4-0. Full time: Costock 0 Willow Brook 4. A well-deserved win with 4 delightful team goals, but special praise to the defence and goalkeeper who defended well to help us keep that all important clean sheet.

Well done to the boys, a very positive result that we can build on. I'm looking forward to the next match.



