



# Willow Brook News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We reach the final day of our half term and, as long as the weather is kind, we are looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in style! Our day will be filled with bunting, patriotic song, royal activities and a splendid playground picnic!

Whilst the teachers sometimes raise an eyebrow when I get an idea, they cannot fail to agree that the past couple of weeks have been lively and full of unique moments! We were completely in awe of the children's Fourth Plinth sculptures and thank you for your collaboration and encouragement. Some of the statements made were explained with such conviction by the artists and left our adults speechless. I felt compelled to write to the National Gallery over the weekend and told them how inspired we had been... they have asked for more details!



Last week's trip to Young Voices finished this year's choir season off perfectly! Performing alongside 5,000 other young people was utterly brilliant. As soon as we got on the coach to come home, the children were asking if they could sign up for next year... we'll be there!



Thank you for your 'Walk to School Week' enthusiasm. Willow Brook was wonderfully quiet and children were motivated and proud of finding skateboards and scooters (as well as each other!)



and our days got off to an energetic start. A huge well done to those who tried the Park and Stride concept. I hear the Tavern car park was quite busy! If you are in the habit of driving to school, we hope that the experience set a new precedence and might be something you'd consider more often.



Whilst our term dates for the next academic year are yet to be approved by our governors, I am planning for our autumn term to begin on Monday September 5<sup>th</sup>. The first few days of the academic year are so important for children as they acclimatise to the systems of their new teachers and classrooms. We hope that you will do all that you can to avoid booking holidays at this time. May we also remind you that after half term the school day will revert to a 3.30pm finish for all classes.

And so to our last day of the half term... Come dressed in red, white and blue and look forward to a happy day. We will be announcing the winners of our Queen Elizabeth Portrait competition and taking part in The Knowledge (the Willow Brook London Quiz). Mrs. Hollingshead also spent her Tuesday with a team of bakers who have designed and made the Willow Brook Breaktime Royal Biscuit for everyone in school! Having been the taste tester (by Royal Appointment...) I can confirm that they are delicious! Every child in school will be bringing home their Platinum Jubilee commemorative coin (which I hope they will treasure) and a special book.

We hope that you enjoy a very special bank holiday. I will be in London waving to a Queen and enjoying all that our capital city has to offer. I have loved receiving emails from Willow Brook families who have been and found the Fourth Plinth and have sent photographs standing beside my favourite paintings in the Gallery! I hope that the children have thoroughly enjoyed all that our whole-school Jubilee topic has had to offer and remember what will become an important moment in history for a many years to come.

For more class news and more photos, please take a look at the school website.

We will see you bright and early on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.**

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