



Willow Brook News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There's no doubt... it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! As I start this newsletter, the children are enjoying a sack full of games, activities and surprises delivered this morning by Father Christmas! The Friends of Willow Brook have done another fabulous job of sending a sack full of fun and games that adds to a festive day. Their thought and attention to detail has, once again, given every child (and teacher!) a super party experience.

I also want to thank the Friends team for organising the Christmas Fair last Friday. Thanks to their efforts and your support, over £900 was raised towards our outdoor classroom project. I have a feeling that we are very close to affording our wooden reading den, which is marvellous. Friends will be back to business and meeting in January – please do get in touch with Nick if you would like to get involved by emailing friendsofwillowbrook00@gmail.com

This afternoon we had our traditional carols by candles together in the hall. Year 6 took the lead by reading the Christmas story and in the glow of the candles, there's something very heart warming and special. This year we added an art afternoon to illustrate each chapter and included some of the pictures in our assembly. As you will see from these examples by Elliana, Hinson, Jack, Lily and Elliott, the children produced some beautiful work.



Our Christmas Productions

Christmas hasn't been Christmas over the past two years without the Willow Brook productions. It was a joy to rehearse, sing and feel the nervous excitement under the bright lights once again.

Our Juniors did an amazing job bringing a fairy-tale world to life in Porridge. There was confidence and creativity in abundance and an impromptu appearance from our very own pantomime dame, 'Ma Litchfield', on Thursday evening didn't disappoint!

And then it was the turn of our youngest children to take to the stage for the very first time. They did the warmest performance of the nativity and their pride (and volume!) was a joy to watch.

I will upload all of the photos I have to the school website as soon as I can, and I would like to thank Solomun's dad, who has kindly added his pictures to mine.

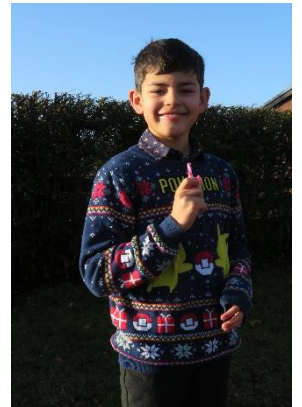


Christmas Dinner

There is always a great atmosphere on Christmas Dinner day, and this year was no exception. Tasty food served up by every member of staff with Christmas jumpers to brighten the occasion! Our meal always ends with a rendition of Feliz Navidad, accompanied by bells, tambourines and dancing!



The only thing that remains is to end our term with the Salvation Army and carols in the playground this afternoon. Thank you to all who donated their Christmas Jumper Day £1 to them. We currently have £150 ready to give in return for their music and joy.

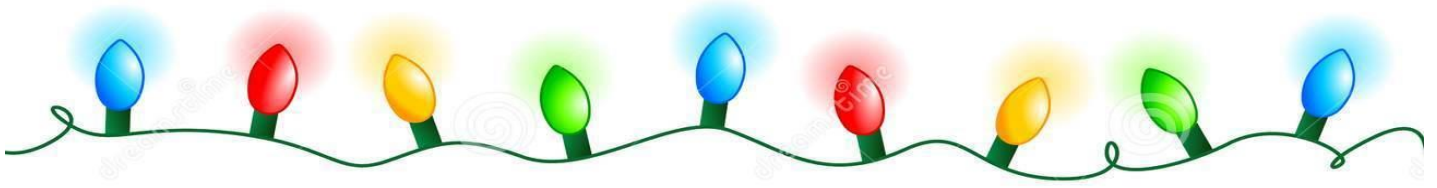


It has been a long and demanding half term and there are many tired children (and adults!) who are ready to recharge their batteries. Our new EYFS class are settled after their first term and growing in Willow Brook confidence with each new school experience. We are very proud of them all.

It only remains for me to pass on the staff's best wishes to you all for health and happiness in the coming fortnight and throughout the new year. We look forward to seeing you bright and early on Wednesday 4th January when the spring term begins.

Kind regards,

Louise Ballard



Hi everyone,

As we wrap up 2022, I wanted to say a big thank you to everyone who has supported Friends of Willow Brook this year. As you may know, we exist as a charity to support our school community to make our children's time at Willow Brook even more enjoyable. This month we hosted a very successful Christmas Fair. Together we spread some festive cheer AND raised a fantastic £940.57! Money from this event will go towards kitting out the school's new outdoor classroom for all our children to enjoy. As another feel-good moment, yesterday we delivered Santa sacks to each classroom for a day of festive fun. This has lovingly become a Willow Brook tradition and a big thank you goes to the wonderful Sarah Fletcher who took the lead and created a joyful array of Christmas crafts, games, Santa hats and jingle bells for all classes to enjoy.

We look forward to organising more fun activities for everyone in the new year – until then, have a wonderful Christmas time with your loved ones and huge thanks to all Willow Brook families for your support.

Nick Pearson

Chair, Friends of Willow Brook

