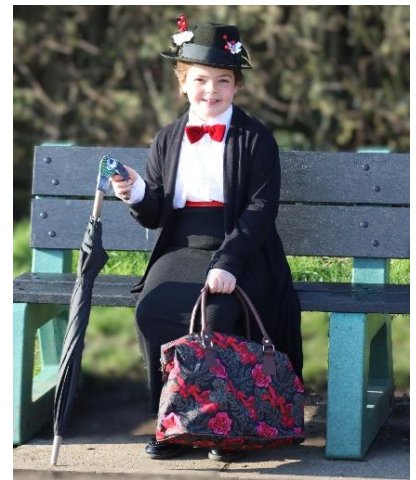


Dear Parents and Carers,

There is no doubt that this year's Willow Brook World Book Day was truly remarkable! Thank you so much for everything that you did to add to the joy. The costumes were so inventive, and this made the children very proud of themselves! The day included each class getting a present... a box filled with every book their teacher wished they could add to the classroom! There are now some eager readers devouring some exciting new titles! Our afternoon was filled with a book quiz, where children were mixed up for a treasure hunt, a geography 'Where's Wally' challenge and a 'name that book and author'. I was incredibly impressed by their literary knowledge!



### British Science Week

Since Monday, our whole school topic theme has been boosted by British Science Week. Miss Mistry explored different career paths for budding scientists and a whole school session on adventures in space. On Wednesday we followed the national theme of 'Curiosity – What's your Question?' by asking every child in school to ask their biggest 'how does that work?'. We added each idea to a giant display in the hall. Ideas ranged from 'If I flap my arms, why don't I fly?' and 'Why have humans not adapted to breathe under water?' to 'Why are sunsets colourful?' and 'Where is the end of the Universe?' This has sparked lots of lunchtime conversations reading the display and trying to unearth some clever theories!

## Red Nose Day

Next Friday (20<sup>th</sup> March) is Red Nose Day. Willow Brook is always proud to support this fundraiser, and this year the day has lots to offer. We will be exploring the national theme and stepping into the



Hundred Acre Wood with Winnie the Pooh and his friends. There's lots to learn from them about friendship, personality and community. Children are more than welcome to wear a Red Nose Day t-shirt or anything red instead of their uniform. Red Noses are always welcome - we'll be enjoying the *Design Yer Nose* project with Mr. Doodle. If you would like to support the charity in other ways, our Year 6 children will be collecting your spare change in red buckets at the start of the day.

## New Parent Governor

I am pleased to let you know that following a recent Parent Governor application process, Robyn Ingham has been duly nominated and elected to join the Willow Brook board. We welcome the many skills that were outlined on her form and know that she will be a great addition to the team.

## Sports Diary

Mr. Clarke has been busy over recent weeks getting children involved in festivals and matches. Our fabulous Year 6 indoor athletics team made it all the way to the regional finals and arrived back at school with bronze medals and lots of smiles! Football training has begun in earnest and whilst early season matches have not always gone our way, there's plenty of enthusiasm and optimism!



## Friends Disco

You will have seen from the recent Friends of Willow Brook Newsletter that a school disco has been added to the diary. This will be on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Parents Evening

Finally, we are looking forward to meeting you in school next week for Parents Evening meetings. You should have received a slip this evening with your confirmed appointment time today. We hope that you will enjoy seeing the children's work and talking with the Willow Brook staff.

Whatever your weekend brings, I hope it is a wonderfully positive one.

Louise Ballard

Date	Event	Details
18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening appointments	
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day	
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 and 2 attending local Time Travelling event during the school day	
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 attending Dance Festival at SWA during the morning	
27 <sup>th</sup> March	School breaks up for the Easter Holidays	
17 <sup>th</sup> April	School Disco organised by the Friends of Willow Brook	
11 <sup>th</sup> to 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs assessments.	