



# Willow Tree Primary School

'Small school, big heart...nurturing potential, inspiring confidence'

## Upcoming Events

- 31.1.23 Anxiety parent work-shop @ 9.30am
- 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th Feb Parents Evening
- 10.2.23 Y6 Museum Trip
- 10.2.23 Break up at 3.15pm
- 21.2.23 Pupil back to school

Date: Friday 27th January 2023

## Highlight of the week...

As part of Year 3's Science unit, How Humans Work, the pupils have been visited by an Optician last week and a Dentist this week.

During these sessions the children learned about the important role our eyes and teeth have, had a chance to learn more about these job roles and had fun exploring equipment linked to these body parts.



The Optician and Dentist were blown away with the children's questions and their knowledge about how their body worked!

## Attendance

Reception	92%
Year 1	92.8%
Year 2	97.4%
Year 3	93.4%
Year 4	91.1%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	96.7%
Whole School	93.7%

Well done to **Year 5** for winning the weekly attendance, with an impressive **98.1%**  
Keep up the good work!!

## School Closure

As stated in the letter you received yesterday, due to strike action school will be **closed to all pupils on Wednesday 1st February**. A Free School Meal packed lunch will be available for eligible pupils NOT in school between the hours of 12 and 1 and can be collected from the school reception. We apologise for the disruption to you and to your child's education and understand that this situation may be frustrating. We remain committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

## British Values

This half term our British Values focus is Democracy. We aim to promote this British Value by demonstrating how democracy works by discussion, decision-making and voting. For example;

- Encouraging children to know their views count and their opinions are important.
- Providing opportunities for the children to vote between choices of activities
- Giving children opportunities to take on leadership roles within school



These are just examples of how we promote Democracy within school. Talk to your children about their experiences of Democracy in school.



## What an achievement!

Congratulations to Stephen in Year 6 who won two trophies for football.



Remember to send your child in on Friday with any awards they have received outside of school.

We can celebrate them in our Friday assembly.

## Let's go Zero by 2030.

Schools will play a critical role in helping the UK cut carbon emission levels. In fact, they have the power to prevent 625,000 tonnes of CO2 from entering the atmosphere. Young people are already calling for climate action. They know it will bring them cleaner, fairer communities now, as well as a safer future.

Here at Vantage Academy Trust we have begun to reduce our carbon emissions by changing all our lighting in school to LED lights. These last over 20 times longer (up to 63,000 hours of use) meaning it won't need to be replaced as often, which will reduce our carbon footprint.

This week our Eco-Committee Members and Year 4 visited Gillmoss Recycling Discovery Centre and learned more about how we can recycle, reduce and reuse in school.



## Reading with your child

Sharing a book with a child is fun! It's a time for closeness, laughing and talking together – and it can also give children a flying start in life and help them become lifelong readers.

If you're not feeling confident about reading aloud or sharing books, don't worry – there's no right or wrong way to enjoy a story together. Don't worry if you don't have a lot of time in your busy day, either – just a few minutes can make a huge difference. But if you'd like some tips, here are a few pointers to help you out.

Here are some more tips to help you enjoy Storytime together:

- Ask your child to choose what they'd like to read. They'll feel more interested in the story if they've picked it out themselves. (And don't worry if they keep returning to the same story, either!)
- Sit close together. You could encourage your child to hold the book themselves and turn the pages, too.
- Take a look at the pictures. You don't just have to read the words on the page. Maybe there's something funny in the pictures that you can giggle about together, or perhaps your child enjoys guessing what will happen next.
- Ask questions and talk about the book. Picture books can be a great way to talk through your child's fears and worries, or to help them deal with their emotions.



Have fun! There's no right or wrong way to share a story!

## Get in Touch...

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