

Willow Tree Primary School



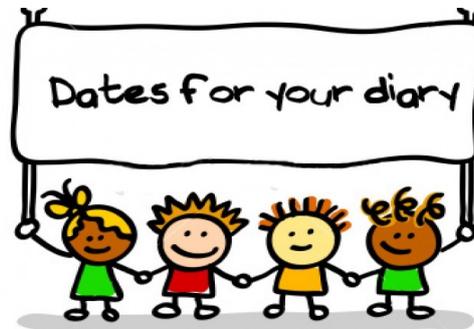
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Transition Meetings - **Thursday 14th July**

Sports Week - **Monday 18th July (children to wear PE Kit Mon - Thurs)**

Y6 Play - **Tuesday 19th July 6pm (Y6 Parents & Carers only)**

Sports Day - **Wednesday 20th July**

Break up - **Friday 22nd July (one hour earlier than normal collection time)**

INSET Day - **Monday 25th July**

New School Year - **Monday 5th September**

This year we will be saying goodbye to:

Mrs Hibbard who will be retiring after working at Woodlands and then Willow Tree since 2004

Mr Ryder who will become the Deputy Head at the school where he has been seconded since January

Miss McAuley who has accepted a teaching post at a school in Leeds

Miss Goswami, Mrs Hall, Miss Bucktrout and Miss Hewson who finish their contracts and move onto pastures new

Mr Langley who will be starting teacher training in September

Mrs Story who is moving onto pastures new.

We wish them all the best and will be saying a proper goodbye at the end of term.

We will be welcoming back Mrs Mahwinney (Miss Innes-Taylor) and Mrs Bailey after their Maternity leaves over the next two weeks as well.

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Walk to School Day

Well done to everyone who took part in last Friday's Walk to School Day. Willow Tree came in first place!

Zero Carbon Harrogate awarded us a "greatly deserved" first place certificate and said our 91% participation rate was "impressive"!



Early Collection

Please note that children can only be collected early if they have a medical appointment. Notice of the appointment must be given in advance.

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School Meal Prices

Unfortunately we have had to take the difficult decision to raise the School Meal Price in September. As you are aware the cost of living continues to rise rapidly at present and as you might expect the associated costs of meals are doing the same. We are committed to trying to support you all where we can but the cost of providing a hot school meal has risen to **£2.69** and we will need to pass this increase on to parents from September. Meals remain free for all children in Reception and Years 1 and 2.

Please don't forget you may be entitled to free school meals and I would strongly encourage parents to apply for these if they are entitled to do so. More information is available below and if you would like any support in doing this please contact the office. If your child gets a free meal anyway (in Reception, Years 1 and 2) please also apply for free meals.

For every child who is entitled to and applies for free school meals, our school funding is increased. Like everywhere budgets are tight, so if we are entitled to claim additional Government funding because of this we would like to claim it to support our children. ***Please help us to do that.***

How to Apply for Free School Meals

It is now easier for parents to apply for free school meals. The new application process means that all applications are made electronically. In just a few simple steps and a matter of minutes you will receive an instant decision on whether your application has been successful.

The new application process is now live and can be accessed immediately here: [Synergy - Enquiry \(northyorks.gov.uk\)](https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/synergy)

You can access the [attached step-by-step guide](#) to help you with your application. If you have any questions or need any further help, please contact the office:

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Book Wish List

Did you know that Willow Tree has a wish list of books set up with the Ripon Little Bookshop? This was set up during the pandemic when parents wanted to give a gift to staff at the end of term but we could not accept these into school because of quarantining. It was so successful we have kept it going.

The teachers have chosen books they would like to have in their classroom book corners to share with their class. We put a book plate into each book saying who it is from.

The list is held here and you can purchase a book online and they will deliver it to school.

<https://www.littleriponbookshop.co.uk/willow>

Please do consider this as a gift option - the look on the teachers' and children's faces when they receive a pile of sparkling new books is wonderful!

THE LITTLE RIPON BOOKSHOP



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Year 1

This week Year 1 enjoyed making milkshakes as part of our instruction writing.



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Sports Week

The last week of term is Sports Week. In addition to Sports Day the children will be participating in a variety of sporting activities throughout the week.

Children are therefore required to come to school in their PE kit every day except Friday, when they will need to wear their school uniform.

Transition

Children will visit their new classes next week. The children will visit their new classroom and teacher on Wednesday afternoon. A letter will be sent to all parents during the day on Wednesday explaining where they will go on Thursday and Friday. That will include their starting time for those two days. In case you aren't aware:

Year 1 start at 8.40 and finish at 3.05

Year 2 start at 8.50 and finish at 3.15

Year 3 start at 8.50 and finish at 3.15

Year 4 start at 8.40 and finish at 3.05

Year 5 start at 8.40 and finish at 3.05

Year 6 start at 8.50 and finish at 3.15

There will be a transition meeting for any parents who would like to come and find out about new routines, etc on Thursday 14th.

KS1 (New Years 1 and 2) will be in Jepson Hall at 5.30pm

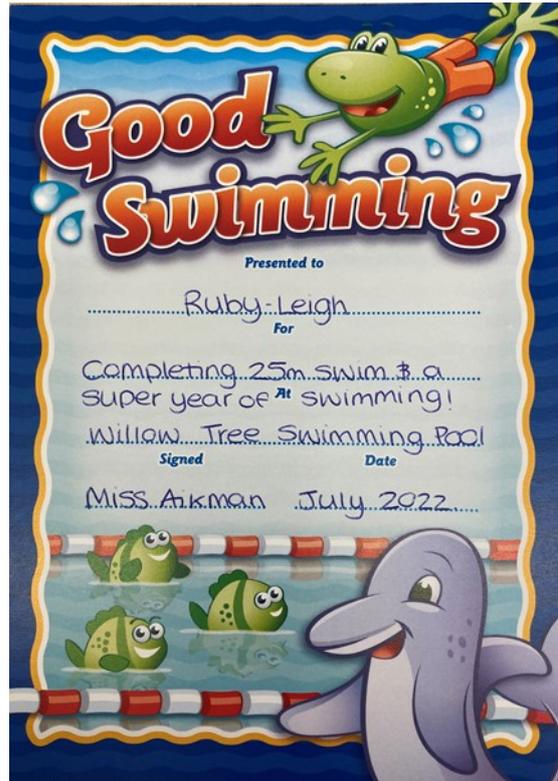
KS2 (New Years 3, 4, 5 and 6) will be in Drummond Hall at 6.15pm

Many (but not all) the teachers will be there and you will be able to see your child's new classroom.

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Sporting Achievements

Congratulations and well done to **Ruby-Leigh in Acer** who achieved her 25m swimming award



A special mention to **Leto in Rowan** for his success in martial arts last weekend.

He received his red belt on Saturday and is only 2 belts away from a black belt. He has been training for 3 years at Premier Martial Arts, who also teach self defence, personal development, respect, self-discipline, fitness and many other life skills.

Well done Leto!



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New Website for 4-7 year olds - Jessie and Friends

A new website has been launched based on the three-episode [Jessie & Friends](#) animated series, which aims to equip 4-7 year olds with the knowledge, skills and confidence they need to stay safer online. It is intended to be used by 4-7 year olds alongside their parents and carers.

The new interactive website encourages 4-7s to engage safely online by helping them to recognise worrying, upsetting or scary situations and reinforcing the key message that they should 'Tell A Grown Up' in these instances. The website is divided into sections for 4-5 and 6-7 year olds and features relevant and age-appropriate games for the chosen age bracket. Each game focuses on one of four topics:

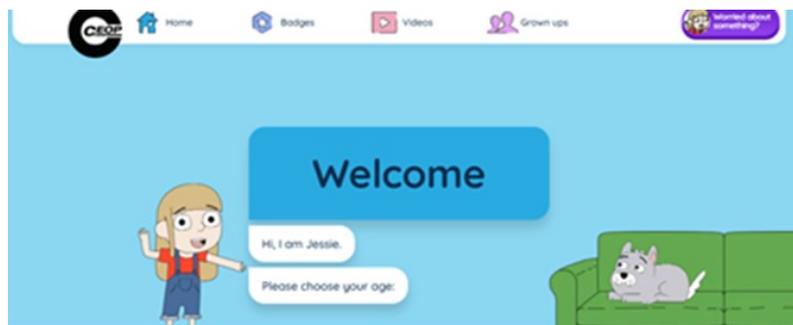
- watching videos
- chatting online
- sharing pictures
- gaming online

The Jessie & Friends episodes are also available to watch on the new website to enhance understanding. The website can be found here:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4-7/>

Parents and carers guide

The guide aims to support parents and carers in navigating the website alongside their child. It provides information on the background and purpose of the website, in addition to information about each of the games and conversation starters to use with children. You can access the Parents and Carers Guide here: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/4-7s-website/>



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Covid Cases

We are seeing an increasing number of Covid cases within school.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

The DfE guidance for schools is as follows:

If you choose to use a covid test

If your child tests positive they may return to school after 3 days as long as they do not have a temperature. For adults this is now 5 days.

If you do not choose to test

If your child has one of the main covid symptoms listed above together with a high temperature they should should not return to school until they are well and have no temperature.

You are advised to carefully follow the general guidance **Coronavirus: how to stay safe and help prevent the spread - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)** to limit the risk of further spread of COVID-19.

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Champions of the Week

		Spruce	Benjamin	Rowan	Isla
Ash	Jada	Poplar	Everyone!	Sycamore	Lily A
Chestnut	Violet	Apple	Erin	Elm	Hannah
Holly	Suzy	Hawthorn	Serenity	Walnut	Daniel O
Cherry	Alyisha	Larch	Mia F	Acer	Tommy
Hornbeam	Nana	Cedar	Lucas C	Silver Birch	Jacob B
Lime	Morgan	Maple	Jessica		



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