

# Willow Tree Primary School

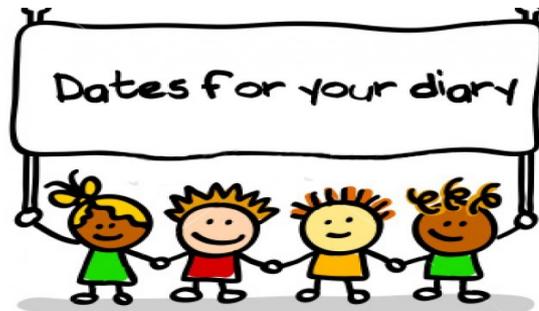
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Monday 4th September - Inset Day  
Tuesday 5th September - Inset Day  
Wednesday 6th September - Back to School

Term dates can be found here:

<https://www.willowtreeprimary.co.uk/parents-carers/term-dates/>



Today we say goodbye to Mrs Davey after 15 years as the Headteacher of Willow Tree. Mrs Davey first knew she wanted to be a teacher at the age of 5 and for over 30 years she has dedicated her life to teaching and inspiring hundreds of children.

We wish her a long and happy well-deserved retirement and will miss her greatly.

Mrs Davey would like to thank the person(s) who nominated her for the Your Harrogate Gift Card, and all the parents, carers and children who have given her cards and gifts. It is very kind and very much appreciated.

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We also say goodbye to Mr Sneddon and Miss Evans together with teaching assistants Miss Smith, Miss Brown and Miss Taylor.

Thank you for all your hard work and we wish you all the best for the future!

### Book Wish List

Did you know that Willow Tree has a wish list of books set up with the Ripon Little Bookshop?

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

## Thank You



A huge thank you to our PTFA volunteers who work so hard to raise funds for school and to put on events for the children all year round. This week alone they have arranged parties for all the children, ice lollies at sports day and refreshments for parents/carer, Y6 hoodies and autograph books. Thank you!

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## Sports Day

Despite the unpredictable weather we managed a morning of sporting activities for sports day which the children all enjoyed. Children worked together in mixed teams and supported each other in many different sporting activities.



## Judo

Year 1 and 2 enjoyed a visit from a Judo coach this week as part of Sports Week.



## Walk to School Day



Thank you everyone for your dedication being Zero Heroes and showing your commitment and participation in Walk to School Day.

Willow Tree has been awarded the Gold Award from Zero Carbon Harrogate!

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# 50 Things to do in the Summer Holidays

## by Cedar Class

1. Read a book
2. Play video games
3. Go outside and be in nature
4. Go fruit picking e.g. blackberries
5. Play a game
6. Ride a bike
7. Climb a tree
8. Go to the park
9. Go to the beach
10. Play with friends
11. Explore a new place
12. Go camping
13. Bird spotting
14. Baking
15. Go wild swimming safely e.g. the Lido at the River Nidd
16. Look at the flowers in the Valley Gardens
17. Fishing
18. Do something you enjoy
19. Gymnastics
20. Painting
21. Drawing
22. Colouring
23. Go to a farm
24. Do the reading challenge at the library
25. Shopping



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### **Good Luck**

Another school year has flown by in what feels like a blink of an eye and it's the time for change.

We would like to wish all of the children leaving for high school good luck for the future in their new schools and classes.

### **Summer Parties**

We hope that the children all enjoyed their summer parties this year! Rascals Entertainment came along and put on a great party for each year group topped off with an ice lolly to cool down afterwards!

The year 6 leavers enjoyed their own event complete with water fight, mocktails, candy floss and music to go out with a bang!

A lovely end to all their hard work this year!

### **Sports Day**

It was so lovely to see so many parents/family/ friends at sports day this year despite the dodgy weather! We were lucky enough to have a dry morning to get to see the children take part in their teams in all the events.

Thank you to all of you who came to see us on the PTFA refreshments stall and bought sandwiches, drinks and snacks. Also thank you to the lovely ladies who volunteered their time to come along and help us out! It was much appreciated and meant we could all have some time away from the stall to go and say hi to our children too!

We had a great day and raised just over £600 – Thank you!

### **Thank You**

We would like to thank everyone who has made this year's fundraising so successful.

Final figures still need to be put together but it looks like this year we have raised approximately **£31,500!!**



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These funds have been put towards the playground appeal, summer parties for all the children, Christmas panto for the school, sports day ice lollies, prizes for competitions and starters and leavers events and gifts.

It wouldn't be possible without the generosity of parents, businesses, and various charitable funds; donating money, raffle prizes, uniform, their time and of course giving such great support to events such as the summer fair. Your support is essential, and we could not do anything without it!

### **Goodbye Mrs Davey!**

We would like to say a massive thank you to Mrs Davey for her unwavering support for the PTFA and being supportive of pretty much everything we propose.

We would like to wish her a long, happy, and healthy retirement.

### **Enjoy the Summer!**

We will be holding our first PTFA meeting early in the new school year so please do consider coming along to see what we have planned for the year and with suggestions and ideas of new events and fundraising! We welcome all parents/carers/friends of the school who would like to get involved in whatever capacity they can!

We are also always available on our Facebook page and email address if you'd like to get in touch.

Look out for the date!

We hope everyone has a great summer break and we will see you all in September.



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