



Willow Class Newsletter Summer 2 2026

I hope you all had a lovely half-term break, I can't believe we are entering the final half-term of the year! I would like to say a huge thank you for the kind support last half term when I was unwell. A massive thank you to Mrs Horner, Mrs Smith and all the staff that cared for my lovely class while I was absent. I am going to be in school as much as I can over this half-term, I am beginning a phased return and I will be available on email whenever needed.

Here is what we are getting up to this half term:

Curriculum- please see the curriculum plan on our class page on the school website to explain what the children will be learning in this half-term. Our theme for this half-term will be 'We're all going on a summer holiday!' We will also be learning about minibeasts and the history of trains and transport.

PE- the children's PE this half-term will continue to be on a Tuesday so please send children into school in PE kit on this day.

We will begin swimming lessons this half-term, the children will need to bring their swimming kit in a bag on a **Monday** and **Friday**, the children will need:

- swim shorts/trunks for boys and a one-piece swimming costume for girls
- all children must wear a swimming hat with their name clearly marked on the front in sharpie so they can be easily identified in the water, hats are available to purchase from the school office if needed
- a towel

Children do not need to bring anything else into school for swimming please.

Half the class will swim at a time and then swap over both days. If you have any questions or concerns about swimming please let me know.

Phonics- this half term we will consolidate our learning and practise applying these sounds to our reading and spelling as well as learning lots



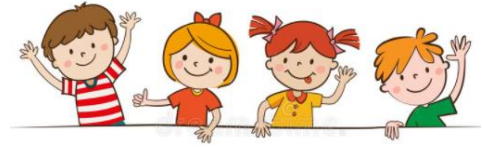
more tricky words. Please keep looking back in the children's homework books to revise the previously taught sounds as it is important that they can retain these. The first week of this half term we will be completing week 5 of Summer 1 half term as it was so short we ran out of time to complete it! The children will have a new reading book this Friday, please ensure it is returned on the Monday as usual.

Homework- please ensure children's homework books are in their book bags on a Thursday so I can mark them and put the new sheet in ready to take home on a Friday. Just a reminder that I only look at these on a Thursday so please do not rush to do anything in them over the weekend. I would rather the weekend was used to read their book. Please also ensure that these are written in using a writing pencil (not a colouring pencil or felt tips) as it is really hard to read what has been written.

Teddy Bear's Picnic- Please do not tell the children about this just yet! Each year I like to end the school year with a teddy bear's picnic and games on the field at Rougham Sport's Hall. We will walk the children down at 11.30am on Friday 20th July and I would like to invite you all to come along and join us. At around 1.15pm you are welcome to take your children straight home or they can walk back to school with us for pick up at the normal time. I will email nearer the time with full details.

Needham Lake trip- I am very excited for our trip to Needham Lake on Thursday 18th June! On this day the children will need to wear their usual school uniform on their top half but can wear joggers or leggings and comfortable shoes, please no shorts to avoid bites and stings. If the weather is good please apply suncream in the morning and we will ensure the children are in the shade as much as possible on the day. The children will need a small rucksack with a water bottle inside please, nothing too large as they will have to carry it themselves all day.

Transition- transition into year 1 is just as important to us as the children's transition into school was... almost a whole year ago! Over this half-term we will visit the year 1 classroom and use the space when they have their PE session, we will be holding story time sessions each week where they will go into Pine class with Mrs Martin and Mrs Hitchcock and we have a whole-school move up morning on Thursday 9th July where they will spend the whole morning with their new teacher. We hope



to make this as smooth for the children as possible, if you have any questions or concerns about this please do let me know.

Student- we will continue to have our student Miss Warne with us throughout June, in this time she will take on a little bit of teaching and may see the children in and out at the start and finish of the school day as she is nearing the end of her teacher training.

Dates- Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th June- Father's Day Breakfast before school, Friday 19th June- non-uniform in exchange for a tombola prize for the summer fair, Friday 3rd July- summer fair 3.30pm, Tuesday 14th July- KSI summer concert afternoon performance, Wednesday 15th July- KSI summer concert afternoon performance. Friday 20th July- teddy bear's picnic at Rougham Sport's Hall.

Please feel free to ask me any questions directly or send an email via the school office if there is anything you would like to know.

Kind regards,
Mrs Sturgeon and the Willow Class Team.