

# Headteacher's Newsletter 2025-26 Issue 4 12/10/25



## ♥ Show Racism the Red Card - Friday 17th October

On Friday 17th October, we will be supporting Show Racism the Red Card by wearing red for the day (non-school uniform). Donations can be made through Arbor - the office will email once this is set up.

As a school, we believe it's important to be actively anti-racist, not just to avoid or "not tolerate" racism. There is a big difference — being anti-racist means standing up for fairness, equality and respect for everyone.

All children will take part in age-appropriate activities and discussions to help them understand what it means to be actively anti-racist and to celebrate the diversity within our school community.

## Black History Month

Work will continue to take place in assemblies and in classrooms to celebrate Black History Month. Over the next couple of weeks in assemblies, the following BBC resources will be used: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/articles/zxjmbk>

In this collection of short videos Nigel Clarke celebrates the contribution of six extraordinary people to British history. The collection is presented on this page in chronological order, beginning with Olaudah Equiano (1745 - 1797) and ending with Malorie Blackman (born 1962).

The six have been chosen to represent a variety of historical periods. Two - Baroness Floella Benjamin and Malorie Blackman - are part of the current generation; Betty Campbell and Laurie Cunningham belong to the period 'within living memory'; while Olaudah Equiano and Mary Seacole are figures from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries respectively. They have also been chosen to offer a broad range of occupations and achievements.



**Olaudah Equiano (1745 - 1797)**

Celebrating the life of the anti-slavery campaigner Olaudah Equiano, once an enslaved person himself.



**Mary Seacole (1805 - 1881)**

Celebrating the life of Mary Seacole who journeyed to the Crimean War and cared for British soldiers there.



**Betty Campbell (1934 - 2017)**

Celebrating the life of Betty Campbell, a pioneering headteacher and campaigner for Black History Month.



**Floella Benjamin (born 1949)**

Exploring the life and work of actress, writer, TV presenter and politician Baroness Floella Benjamin.



**Laurie Cunningham (1956 - 1989)**

Celebrating the life of superstar Laurie Cunningham, one of the very first black footballers to play for England.



**Malorie Blackman (born 1962)**

Exploring the life and work of writer Malorie Blackman, who has published more than 60 books for children.

## Family Cook Book

We would like to create a Willow Grove Cook Book to share with all families! We think that this would be a lovely way to celebrate our many different cultures and ethnicities in our community. If you would like to feature in the book please send over your favourite family recipe and a short description of why it is so important to you (the recipe may have been passed down through the generations or just be a weekly favourite in your house where great memories have been made)!



## Important Dates

Please find all of our current dates here:

<https://www.willowgrove.school/parents/term-dates/>

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