

# Headteacher's Newsletter 2025-26 Issue 22 17/05/26

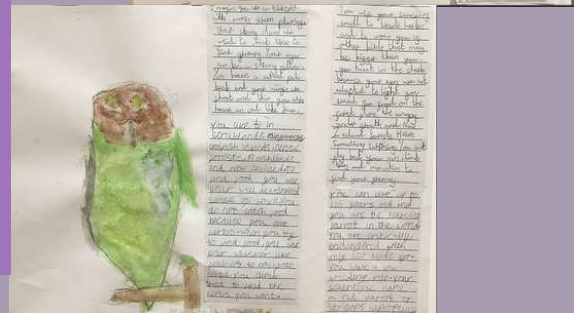


Our children recently enjoyed a visit from the Bedfordshire Fire Service to find out about the important work they do and how they support the community and keep us all safe. The children showed excellent manners and asked some great questions to make the most of the visit! We look forward to visits from other key services in our community. Also look out for further information about a special visit from the Mayor after half-term.



## Reminder about the upcoming Phonics Check

Children in Year 1 are working hard towards the phonics check that will take place in the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June. There is still time to make a real difference at home by practicing with your child. Please see Miss Shafeie if you need any clarification of your child's gaps. Children in Year 2 who didn't pass last year will also retake the check. An example check can be found on page 2 to give you a clear idea of the expectation of the test. Have a practice at home!



To celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, we used some funds raised from Tuck Shop to create a bird spotting area for the playground. Thank you to all who contributed and to the PTA and Mr Kavanagh for putting the area together. A special thanks to Belle in Florence Price Class and her Mum Sarah for painting the area in a very aptly named 'Willow' shade of paint! The children are looking forward to bird spotting being a regular playtime activity!

There has been some great writing progress in Year 3! Well done Miss Wiggett and Florence Price Class! We are starting a new writing approach after half-term called 'I Am A Clever Writer' which we think will help us to achieve even higher standards! We don't settle for anything less than excellence at Willow Grove and even when things are going well, we constantly evaluate and explore ways to be even better! There will be further information about this for parents in your Year Group workshops in September but we think you'll be impressed with what we have planned! There will be a real push on improving handwriting after half-term with a special handwriting week to introduce the new approach! We can't wait to showcase the difference this will make!



In honour of Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday  
This space is our promise -  
to notice, to nurture, to protect  
For every creature that passes through,  
and every child who stops to watch,  
we choose to care for the natural world.




# Screening check: answer sheet

First name	
Last name	

**Screening check responses:** Please tick the appropriate box for each word. The use of the comment box is optional.

Section 1			
Word	Correct	Incorrect	Comment
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bep			
zat			
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shob			
farn			
chesh			
trun			
glork			
remp			
deeps			
chip			
hill			
jars			
shack			
twin			
crack			
tuft			
ports			

Section 2			
Word	Correct	Incorrect	Comment
jer			
drave			
teap			
phibe			
slimp			
craint			
splet			
strave			
boy			
scoop			
foam			
white			
swept			
dreams			
scrap			
strike			
elbow			
taylor			
sequins			
whirling			

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