



# Willow Grove Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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**Spring Term 2025**  
**Newsletter 05**  
**7th February 2025**

*We will enjoy learning  
and have fun together!*

This week the children have enjoyed a wide variety of activities including reading, listening to and telling stories as part of National Story-telling week. Beech class read an impressive 12 stories in 5 days. In next week's newsletter we will be able to hear about some of their recommendations. On Thursday and Friday we had a dance teacher in school teaching the children some new moves. The children are thoroughly enjoying their lessons and dance is a great way for them to express themselves.

On Friday, Ms Longworth brought her two pet Horsefield tortoises into school. Some of the children in Ash class made a lovely, comfortable habitat for the tortoises to relax in, they also took care of the tortoises and helped to clean and feed them. Our children tell us that they love to learn practically, and caring for animals is a great way to engage in care, and show empathy for other living creatures.

Next week the children will be learning more about how to stay safe online, this is really important as there are a lot of things on the internet which are not appropriate for young minds. Please make sure that you supervise your children when they are using the internet and you have privacy settings on devices and age restrictions on content that they can access.

On Monday we will be sending out links for you to join Class DoJo. You will also receive a link to the Willow Grove DoJo Policy which will give you more information about Class DoJo, as well as some "Do's and Don'ts" whilst using the app.

Thank you for your ongoing support.  
*Miss Glover*

**Happy birthday to Jack, Chester, Ms Lewin,  
Ms Tracey!**



### Dates for your diary

10th-16th February-Safer Internet week

14th February-Non uniform day

17th-21st February-Half term week.

3rd March-Animals Take Over, visit to school for children.

5th March-School photograph day, photographer visiting school for individual photographs.



Safer Internet Day takes place on **Tuesday, 11 February** and is a chance to focus on the the online safety and wellbeing of children and young people. To find out more please visit:

[saferinternet.org.uk](http://saferinternet.org.uk)



**Safer Internet Day**  
11th February 2025

*"Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."*  
**John C. Maxwell**

### Attendance matters!

Please aim for 100% attendance.  
If your child is unwell then contact the school office on 01942 727 717 to report their absence.

**Ms Longworth and Mrs Lewin with the lovely tortoises Mango and Guava. The children were thrilled to meet them!**



*Did you know?*

Horsefield tortoises have a very long life expectancy. Reaching the age of over 60 years old is not unusual for a Horsefield tortoise. If you decide to purchase a Horsefield tortoise as a pet then you will need to think carefully about who will look after it in the event of the tortoise outliving you!



Children in the wonderful Beech class enjoying a reading challenge.

13 books in 5 days, what an achievement. Well done Beech class!

**Miss Glover recommends...**

If you are interested in learning more about tortoise care or you have a tortoise that you would like to take better care of then this book may be the one for you!

It is suitable for adults and children that care for a pet tortoise.

It has a checklist of ten daily jobs that can be carried out when caring for your pet.

Just simple, easy tick boxes to complete your daily tortoise care routine.

This 6x9 logbook has 120 pages with 115 daily routine pages with your 10-point checklist and 4 notes pages at the back of the book.

**Tortoise Care**



**Log book**

You can find this book online, including on Amazon.

**Willow Grove is a reading school!**