



WILLOW FARM NEWSLETTER



March 2026

Message below from our Head of School, Liam Bampton.
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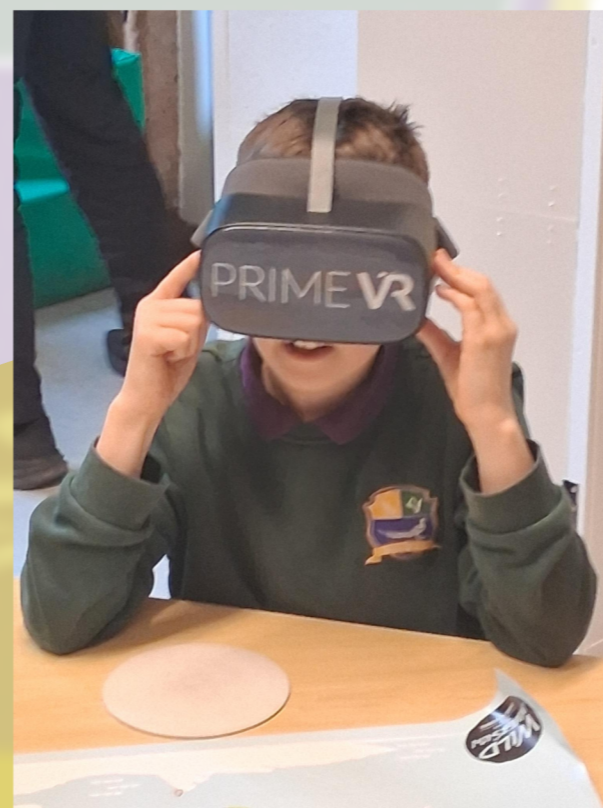
Please also don't forget to take a look at the newly revised Attendance Policy on the school website.



PrimeVR

We were all very excited to welcome Zoolab to Willow Farm this term and had a great time learning about a range of animals from land snails, scorpions and those of us who were brave enough, even got to hold a snake! We all enjoyed this hands-on session which helped

We then went on a virtual adventure which allowed us to enjoy close encounters with a wide range of animals from around the world. We walked side by side with lions and had great fun getting up close to gorillas. This was a real highlight for many of us.



Reminders

Inset days:

Monday 13th April

Tuesday 5th May

Summer term 1, will commence on Tuesday 14th April, see you then!



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Head of School Update – Spring Half Term Highlights

This half term has been filled with exciting opportunities, enriching experiences, and memorable moments for our students.

One of the standout highlights was welcoming Prime VR into school. Through this immersive experience, students were able to explore animals, habitats, and even journey through the solar system in a way that brought their learning vividly to life. It was wonderful to see their curiosity sparked and their engagement deepen through such innovative technology.

We were also delighted to host Zoolab, where students had the chance to get up close with a fascinating range of animals. These hands-on encounters not only supported their understanding of the natural world but also encouraged confidence and respect for living creatures.

Our students also took part in the inspiring Voice in a Million concert, showcasing their enthusiasm and love of music. In addition, it was fantastic to see teamwork and sportsmanship on display during our football match against Northern House.

Another much-loved development this half term has been the opportunity for students to enjoy our new playground. It has quickly become a vibrant space for play, creativity, and social interaction.

Looking ahead to next half term, we are excited to build on this momentum. We will be hosting our very first CultureDay, celebrating diversity and broadening our understanding of different traditions and communities. Students will also be exploring the theme of inventors and inventions, encouraging creativity and innovation in their learning.

We are particularly excited to be introducing our new STEM Lab next half term. This dedicated space will provide students with even more opportunities to engage in hands-on learning across science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, helping to develop their problem-solving skills and curiosity about the world around them.

We are also pleased to share that further developments to the playground are planned, continuing to enhance our outdoor provision for all students.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Liam Bampton
Head of School