



# WILLOWS NEWS



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Dear Parents and Carers

I have just returned from extended leave, having travelled to New Zealand to visit my mother, who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, and my sister, both of whom I haven't seen for a considerable length of time. Leaving them was difficult, but arriving back among friends at The Willows and seeing the pupils allowed me to see that I was in the right place.

Upon my returning to the school, I couldn't help but notice how friendly and polite the children were and how settled and warm the atmosphere was. It is easy not to notice these things when one is in the thick of it. The pupils are happy and learning.

This half term seems to be passing at a lightening pace, so there are a couple of things you need to know in advance, before the end of Spring1

Firstly, In two weeks time, on the last day of this half term, there is a PTA disco event where the children can come to school disco ready in Mufti clothes, and secondly, school will finish at 13:00pm on that Friday – More information about the disco will follow next week.

Have an enjoyable and safe weekend

Paul Gregory Hunt  
Head of School

## International Primary Curriculum – The Earth: Our Home



Maple class have been learning about flowers in IPC.

We have looked at the structure of a flower. We then used playdough to try and create a flower using our new knowledge.



## Mathematics - Multiplication

Elm Class have been trying so hard with multiplication this week, they have been able to demonstrate their understanding by using pictures, and counters! Great Work, Elm!



## IPC – Lets Plant it

In Ash Class we were exploring the school grounds in search of Evergreen and Deciduous trees. We collected leaf samples from Evergreen trees.

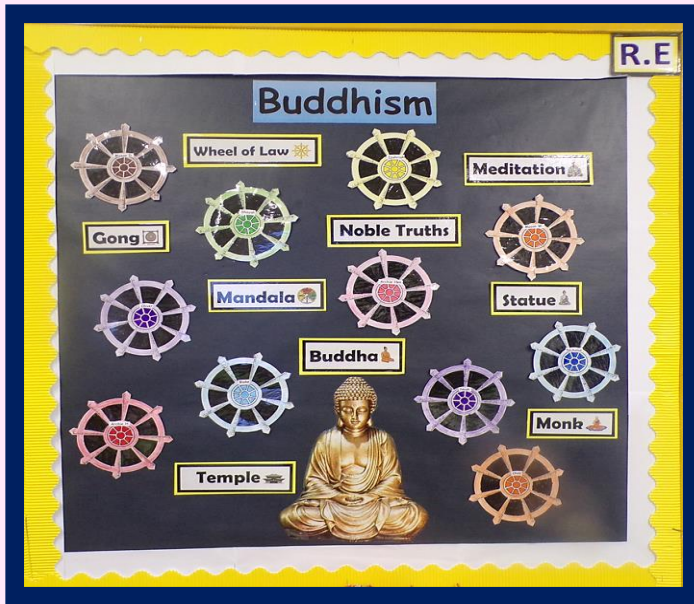


## PE - Dance

This week during our dance lesson, Ms Anna, provided our children with fun packed, high energy session and got everyone moving! Mr Nahum will now be teaching Africa dance on Wednesday.



## Religious Education - Buddhism



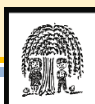
This week, Pine class focused on Buddhism as part of their Religious Education curriculum.

The Buddhist eightfold path, known as the Noble Eightfold Path, are the specific instructions the Buddha gave.

This is our display showing the Dharma Wheel and the things we have been learning about.

## Mathematics – Money and Percentage

Beech class solved problems involving money and percentages. They were able to pay for items on discount after working out the cost.



## Literacy

This week, Oak class has been engaging in book talk, discussing their perceptions of the illustrations from our chapter book.

We have been discussing emotion, darkness and their thoughts on what the author may be thinking in regards to chosen images. Oak class demonstrated very thoughtful responses.



### Spring Term

First Day of Term	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Half Term	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Last Day of Term	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 1:30pm Early Finish
School Holiday Dates	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2024

WORD  
of the  
WEEK

**amiable**

friendly

e.g. Harry has many friends  
because he has an amiable  
personality.



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## Healthy Lunch

We are a healthy eating school. The children can bring in their own packed lunch or are welcome to have a free hot school lunch with salad bar and pudding. However please be aware, the children need to choose to have either school lunch or a packed lunch but not both.

We are a NUT FREE ZONE.

## New Joiners

We have been so pleased at how well our new pupils have settled and adapted to the schools routines and rituals. They are engaging well with their learning and continuing to build positive relationships with their classroom staff and their peers.

In addition, we are delighted to welcome two new members of teaching staff to our school: Miss Bremner (otherwise known as Miss Grace) is the class teacher for Ash, and Mr Kanma is the new teacher in Lime Class. Welcome Aboard!

During the course of the next week, parents whose children are in these classes will receive a call from their child's teacher, by way of introduction.

