



WILLOWS NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your Monday was a peaceful one and that you were able to say goodbye to Queen Elizabeth in a way that brought closure, if you are a royalist. If you are not a royalist, I hope you had a good bank holiday. I was able to catch my two second glance as she made her way to Windsor from central London and wave my goodbye. So now it's God save the King.

Meanwhile, the week at school has been a settled one and the children were focused on their learning. It was good to see a number of creative activities linked to topic work, as this is always excellent for developing thinking skills and creating better neuronal development in the brain. The pupils also started writing in their exercise books this week and the standard of what is being produced is very good, so well done pupils.

I would like to let you know that the school is planning several days towards the end of Autumn 1 for all our parents and carers to meet with teachers and talk about how your child is settling into the new school year, talk about their current attainment and look at samples of work from the children's books.

Ash class start their horse riding on Monday and Pine class the Monday after, with the two classes attending on alternate weeks. I know the children enjoy this activity and that being around horses, grooming them and riding them can be very therapeutic.

As usual, take care and I'll touch base again next week.

Paul Gregory-Hunt (Head of School)

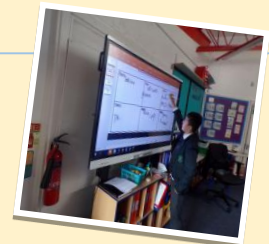
Maths – Cookery



In Lime class, Lexi had a wonderful time measuring ingredients for her mini cupcake recipe which was all part of her maths lesson.

Lexi also needed to use her reading skills to read the recipe as well as measure out all of the ingredients. She read the scales carefully to make the perfect little cakes!

IPC – SCIENCE



This week Ash class began their new topic for IPC "What's it made of?" The children brainstormed together to name the different kinds of materials. They then worked on the interactive whiteboard to add things that could be made from the materials. Ash were able to think of many items made from plastic, wood and metal. As the unit progresses, we will gain more knowledge about rubber, glass and fabric products.



Term Dates 2022/2023

Autumn Term	
First Day of Term (Staff Training Days)	Monday 5 th September 2022
Inset Days (Staff Only)	Monday 5 th September 2022
	Tuesday 6 th September 2022
First Day of Term (for students)	Wednesday 7 th September 2022
Half Term	Monday 24 th October 2022 - Friday 28 th October 2022
Last Day of Term	Friday 16 th December 2022
	1:30pm Early Finish
School Holiday Dates	Monday 19 th December 2022 – Monday 2 nd January 2023

WORD
of the
WEEK

saunter

walking at a
relaxed speed

e.g. Whilst waiting for their
flight, they went for a saunter
around the airport.



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IPC - Brainwaves

In Pine class, we became little scientists by observing our own self-made brain! We used different colours of play-doh to form the six parts of the human brain!



English and Art

Maple class have been doing some fantastic painting this week. They used autumnal colours and spring colours to paint leaves and flowers.

These beautiful paintings are to go up on our English display for our class book of the term, 'If All the World Were...'

IPC and English

The Head teacher has hired us as detectives to visit other classes to see what learning is happening. We went to 'look for learning' and see what learning might look like in different classrooms. We also interviewed Miss Jones who shared her thoughts about the different learning styles.



In English, Alfie was able to create a timeline about the Stone Age based on our new class text, *UG*.



Music Club



English – The Midnight Fox

This week Oak class commenced with their curriculum learning. As part of their literacy lesson, the children were put in pairs to exchange ideas and opinions about the initial chapters in their class book, "The Midnight Fox" by Betsy Byars.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform plays a key role in **promoting pride, self-confidence, and a feeling of belonging** here at The Willows.

Please ensure your child is in full school uniform:
Black shoes, white shirt and tie, jumper, trousers/skirt or trousers for girls and a blazer.

