



# WILLOWS NEWS

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Dear Carers and Parents,

This has been another whirlwind week! I trust for those parents of children in Years 5 and 6, the coffee morning was helpful in informing you of the lay of the land when it comes to transition. Finding a school sooner rather than later is very important if you wish to avoid having a school allocated without your preference having been registered, something that happens every year. Mrs Hales-Owen is our transition co-ordinator and she is happy to support you on your journey in finding a suitable school for your child.

Today, all the girls in the school met as a team and will be meeting every week with Miss Locke. In a school with so many boys, it is important that they feel happy and safe, and that their voices are heard.

Finally, enrichment classes started today, lessons chosen by the children who wish to have a deeper experience learning in a subject they are interested in.

Enjoy the weather, because it looks like it is about to go south imminently! Good for the garden but not much fun for us! Mr Gregory-Hunt

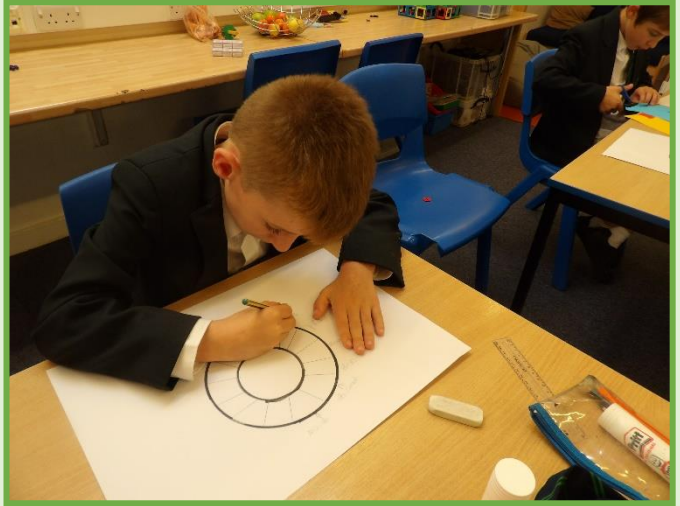
## Chestnut - ART

Chestnut class enjoyed adventuring around the school to identify and categorise different colours, shapes and lines for their art lesson. They also got to create their own short performance based on the book they have been reading in literacy, and performed this to each other!



## Ash Class - ART

This week in Ash Class we were learning about primary colours in Art. The class designed their own colour wheel using card.



## Elm Class - ART

In class on Thursday, Elm class painted our own portraits! This was a fun and creative way to develop fine motor skills. Our finished portraits are going to go up on display in our classroom!



## Beech Class Speech and Language

Beech class have been working on their communication skills during morning speech and language. They worked collaboratively to complete a puzzle.



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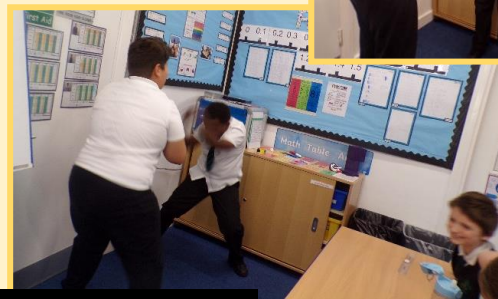
By Oliver Axtell-Kent

This week, the school council met along with Mrs Downie. We discussed Article 19 - the right to be safe. We talked about how we feel safe in our school, discussed issues that were happening with football at playtime and talked about who we can go to if we are feeling unsafe. We also spoke about bullying and what this means. Finally, Mrs Downie gave us our new school council badges.



## Oak Class - Literacy

This week Oak class embraced the opportunity to do some role-play as part of their literacy.



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## Pine Class - RE

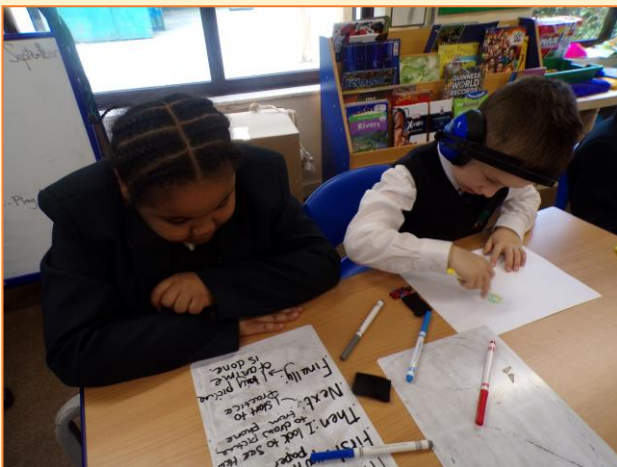
### Exploring Hindu Mandirs

This week, Pine Class embarked on an exciting journey through Hindu culture as part of their Religious Education lessons. The students explored the significance of Hindu Mandirs (temples) and even got hands-on by assembling their very own puzzle versions of these sacred spaces! Along the way, we discovered fascinating facts about the number of Mandirs around the world and their cultural importance.



### Lime Class

Lime class have been writing their own instructional text. They used adverbs to link their sentences.



### Maple Class

In literacy, Maple class have enjoyed taking part in role-play based on the book "Where the Wild Things Are?"



# Term Dates 2024/2025

## Autumn Term

First Day of Term	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024
Staff only - INSET day	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024
First Day of Term for Students	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
Half Term	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 - Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024
Last Day of Term	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 1:30pm Early Finish
School Holiday Dates	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024 – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025

## Coffee Morning

This week, Mrs Downie and Mrs Hales-Owen met with parents during coffee morning to discuss secondary phase transition. It was great to see such a huge turnout, and the feedback given was that it was very informative. If you were unable to attend and would like some information about transition, please call the school office and ask for Mrs Hales-Owen, our Transition Lead, to call you back.



WORD  
of the  
WEEK

**entertaining**  
provides amusement or enjoyment

e.g. The music concert was very entertaining.

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