



# WILLOWS NEWS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Welcome back!** It's been an energetic and eventful first week of the new half term. We began with an Inset day on Monday, followed by the launch of exciting new topics and learning activities across the school.

**Uniform Reminder** The children looked exceptionally smart on Tuesday—thank you! However, today we noticed quite a few missing ties. A gentle reminder that all children should be wearing their blazers, and as the weather turns colder, coats will become increasingly important. We appreciate your continued support in helping us maintain high standards.

### Looking Ahead: A Meaningful Week

Next week is particularly full of important events and opportunities for reflection and celebration:

**Monday – 'A Soldier's Tale' Workshops** Some classes will take part in engaging workshops exploring the story of a soldier's experience. This leads into our **Remembrance Observance** on:

**Tuesday, 11th November at 11am** We will observe two minutes of silence to honour all those who have served and sacrificed to protect our freedoms and way of life.

**Wednesday – Odd Socks Day** As part of **Anti-Bullying Week**, children are invited to wear odd socks on Wednesday. This simple yet powerful gesture celebrates individuality and promotes kindness and acceptance.

**Friday – Mufti Day for Children in Need** Children are invited to wear yellow or something yellow and bring a coin donation to support **Children in Need**. Let's come together to make a difference!

We hope you all enjoy a restful weekend, and we look forward to seeing the children refreshed and ready for another inspiring week on Monday.

Warm regards,

Mr Gregory-Hunt (Head of School)

## Lime Class – Dance

This week, Lime class took part in dance lessons based on the theme of 'The Lion King'. We explored different movements and incorporated them into our routine



## Pine Class - English



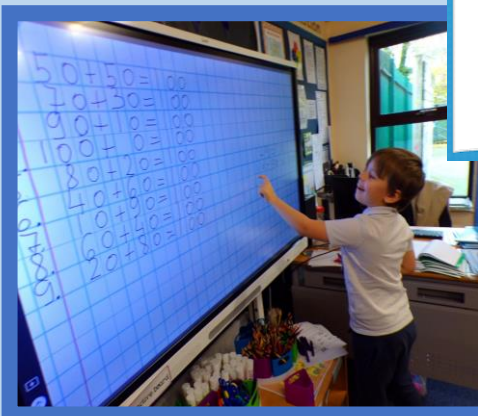
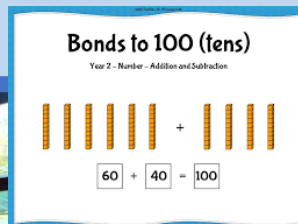
This week, Pine class focused on extending their sentences using conjunctions (joining words).

**Conjunctions** are words used to connect sentences, clauses, or other words together.

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yet	nor	so
for	because	while
after	once	when
until	who	so that

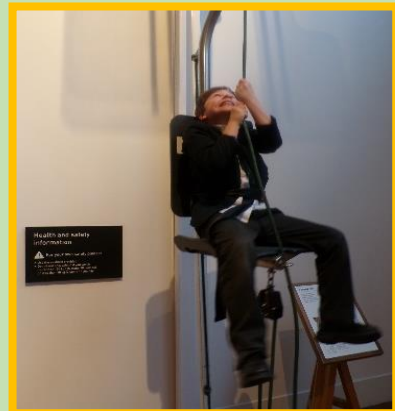
## Maple Class –

Maple class have been working on numbers bonds to 100 in multiples of ten this week. The children were highly engaged throughout the lessons and showed great confidence coming up to the interactive board to demonstrate their understanding.



## Chestnut Class – Science Museum

At the Wonderlab in the Science Museum, Chestnut class explored hands-on exhibits that let them experiment with forces, light, electricity and materials through play. They engaged in exciting demonstrations and interactive challenges that sparked curiosity and helped them understand how science works in the real world.



## Oak Class - Maths

This week Oak class have started learning about applying the column method to their addition and subtraction sum. They were working on solving up to five-digit numbers



## Elm Class

This week in Elm class we built in groups using big Foam blocks with each group given a colour to use. The children worked together to build their own structure showing team work and persistence to build again if their structure fell down. The task was to then count the amount blocks used and identify which colour had the most blocks used and which had the least.



## Ash Class - Dance

Dance Class with Miss Remy was amazing, Ash class were able to join Beech class. Students worked together to perform taught sections of dance routine which was wonderful to then see all students able to put these sections together and perform at the end of session.



## Hazel Class – Music

In this week's music lesson, Hazel class explored different uses of percussion, including body percussion and drumming. They learned that they could make rhythms by clicking, clapping and stomping. They also learned to say their names rhythmically whilst playing the same rhythm on a drum.



## School Council Update

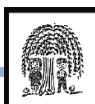


Yesterday, our School Council met to discuss several exciting topics following feedback from the recent pupil voice questionnaire. The children shared their ideas for creating a Playground Charter, helping to make playtimes even more fun, fair, and friendly for everyone.

We also talked about Children in Need, which takes place next Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025. The council discussed what this important charity supports and how we, as a school, can get involved. After a democratic vote, it was decided that children can come to school in non-uniform, and if they wish, they can wear yellow or spots to show their support. Pupils are invited to bring a coin donation if they would like to contribute.

To help promote the event, the School Council will be creating a poster and delivering a special assembly to share more about Children in Need and why it matters.

We are very proud of our School Council for showing such enthusiasm, teamwork, and care for others!



## Autumn Term

<b>First Day of Term</b> <b>(Staff Training Days)</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025</b>
<b>INSET Days</b> <b>(Staff Only)</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025</b> <b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025</b> <b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b> <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025</b>
<b>First Day of Term</b> <b>(for students)</b>	<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025</b>
<b>Last Day of Term</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b> 1pm Early Finish
<b>School Holiday Dates</b>	<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026</b>

### School Uniform

Children attending The Willows Academy are expected to wear the correct uniform. This is:

- Grey shorts or black trousers
- White shirt
- School tie
- School blazer
- School Sweater
- Black school shoes (not trainers)

***Purchased from school: Blazer £30, Sweater £15 and Tie £5***

### P.E.

It is expected that your child changes for P.E. and other sports-oriented classes.

- The school provides a blue t-shirt and black shorts.
- Please ensure that you provide a pair of suitable trainers for your child

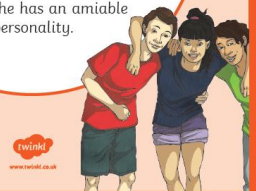
If your child does not wish to wear the P.E. kit provided by the school, you will need to ensure they come with sports clothing.

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



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