



# WILLOWS NEWS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a wonderfully busy and eventful week at The Willows, and as always, we are deeply grateful for your continued support and involvement in school life.

**Coffee Morning** - A heartfelt thank you to Mr Khan, our Computing Lead, for delivering such an informative session at this week's Coffee Morning. We also extend our thanks to all parents and carers who managed to juggle their schedules to attend. If you would like a copy of the information shared during this important E-Safety session, please contact the school office and we will be happy to email them to you.

**Learning Highlights** - Our children have enjoyed an excellent week of learning including a visit to the RAF Museum and a special visit to St John's Baptist Church in Uxbridge as part of our RE curriculum on Christianity and places of worship. We were immensely proud of the respectful attitude shown by our pupils, which was also warmly noted by Reverend Alan.

**Winter Weather Reminder** - With frosty mornings and even a flurry of snow on Tuesday, please ensure your child comes to school dressed warmly in their blazer and/or coat. Any additional accessories such as hats and gloves, need to be labelled, please.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend.

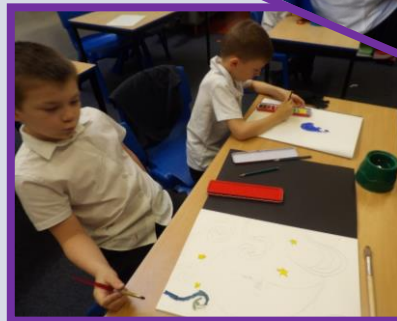
Warm regards,

**The Willows Team**

## Ash Class - Art

The children were able to identify cold colours to complete their wonderful paintings inspired by an artist called Henri Matisse.

They also incorporated different lines and shapes.



## Elm Class – Team Building

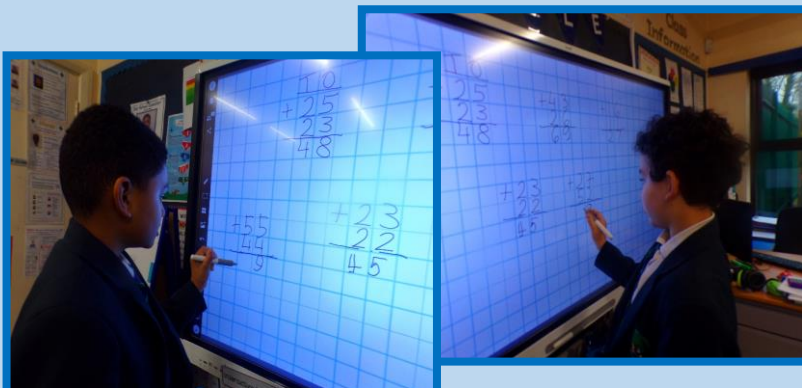
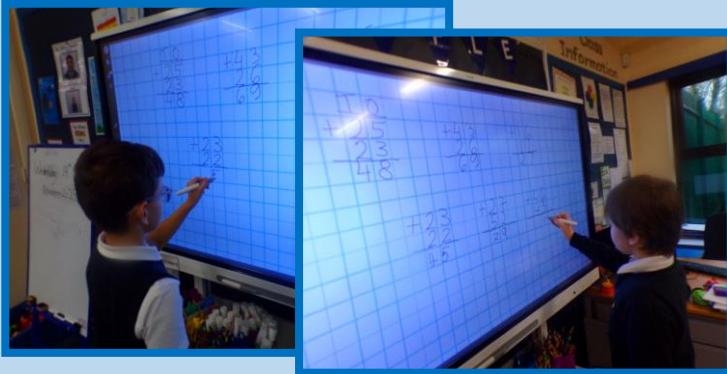
This week in Elm room the children have had great fun playing different games with a parachute. It has helped with their social skills and given them a sense of enjoyment while playing alongside each other to achieve a challenge set by the teacher. One challenge was to shake the parachute to make the cones bounce and if they fall off too quickly work together to get them back on to keep at least one cone on at all times.



## Maple Class - Maths

Maple class have begun using column method in Maths for addition and subtraction (without carrying or exchanging for now).

We were impressed to see several children confidently coming to the interactive board to demonstrate this new method.





### Oak Class – History Trip

This week Oak class enjoyed a trip to the Royal Air Force Museum (RAF) as part of their history topic.

They looked at the various types of aircrafts created throughout the years. They listened to interactive stories from veterans and the part they played in the war.

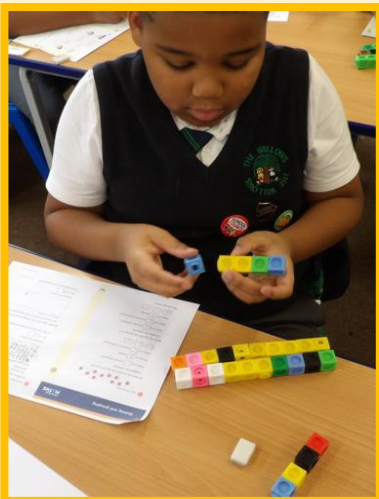
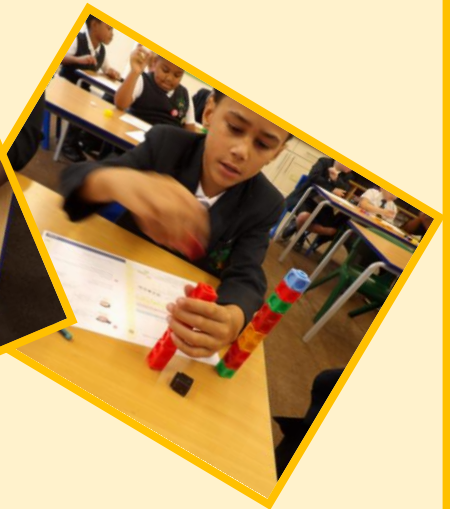
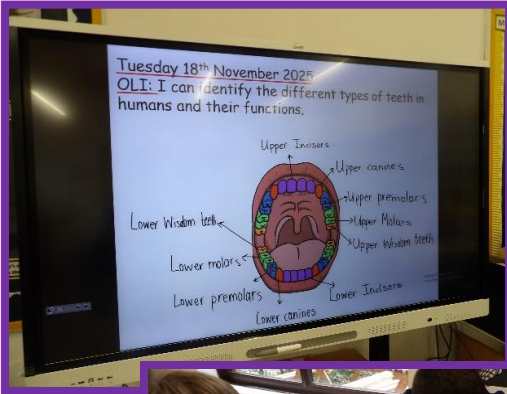


## Pine Class – Science

This week, Pine Class focused on identifying the different types of teeth in humans and their functions.

Did you know??

Human teeth are unique like fingerprints and enamel, the outermost layer of a tooth is the hardest substance in the body.



## Lime Class – Maths

This week, lime class solved problems in Maths involving sharing and grouping. They were able to consolidate and build on their conceptual understanding of multiplication and division.



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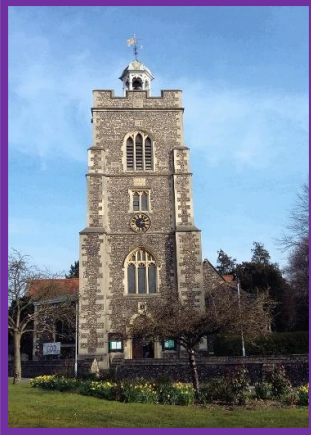


## Hazel Class - Science

As part of their learning on Animals, this week Hazel class learnt about the difference between farm animals and wild animals.

They explored habitats and where you might find certain animals. They learnt that we can see wild animals in the zoo and domestic animals at a farm so they created a zoo scene and a farm scene to play with.





### **Chestnut Class – RE Church visit**

Chestnut Class had a great time visiting St John's Baptist church in Hillingdon this week. As part of their RE learning on Christianity, they continued to explore their enquiry question 'Has Christmas lost its true meaning?'.

The children explored the features of a church; the stairs to the tower where the bells are kept, the font, stain glass windows, the pulpit and the altar.

The children saw some Christian advent candles and explored how they have evolved into the chocolate advent calendars we have today.

Key vocabulary they learnt was incarnation, crucifixion and resurrection.



# Road Safety Week



## Article 19

We have the right to be  
**safe.**  
(protection from violence)

Road Safety Week gives us the opportunity to remember the dangers roads can have.

During our assembly this week, our children learnt that every 16 minutes, someone is seriously hurt or killed on roads in the UK.

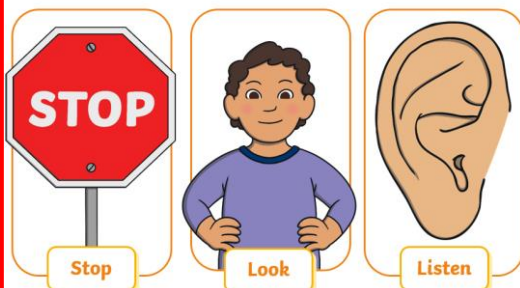
The children explored the importance of finding somewhere safe to cross before they stop, look and listen.

Did you know, all children 8 and younger must always cross a road with an adult?

To help stay safe during the dark winter nights, every child was given reflective accessories to help make them bright, safe and seen!



### How Do You Cross a Road Safely?



**BE BRIGHT  
BE SAFE  
BE SEEN**



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## Coffee Morning: Online Safety & Social Media Awareness

This week's Coffee Morning focused on the very important topic of online safety and the safe use of social media. As a school, we know how essential it is for both parents/carers and children to understand how to stay safe online, and we were delighted to see such a fantastic turnout.

Parents and carers took part in an online-safety quiz, with a prize for the winner, and we also held a raffle with 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes—including a Nike hamper for our first-place winner!

Throughout the session, families were encouraged to ask questions, share experiences, and chat with each other. It was lovely to see everyone engaging, learning, and having fun.



We received wonderful feedback, with many parents saying the session was very informative and that they will be putting into practice what they learned.

For more information and resources on online safety and the safe use of social media, please visit our school website.



## **Please take time to speak with your child about:**

**Appropriate online behaviour:** Children should treat others with respect and never use hurtful, threatening, or inappropriate language online.

**Sharing images:** Children must never share indecent images of themselves or others. Sending or receiving such images is illegal, regardless of age.

**Reporting concerns:** Encourage your child to speak to you or a trusted adult if they see anything online that worries or upsets them.

**Age restrictions:** Many platforms have a legal minimum age. For example, WhatsApp is legally for 16+. Children below this age should not be using it.

## **Advice for Monitoring and Supporting Your Child Online**

**Be involved:** Talk regularly with your child about their online experiences and who they interact with.

**Set clear boundaries:** Agree rules for internet use, including time limits and which websites or apps are appropriate.

**Use privacy settings:** Support your child in creating strong passwords and activating privacy controls on devices and accounts.

**Know the signs:** Watch for sudden changes in behaviour, reluctance to use devices, or secretive online activity.

**Report concerns:** Encourage your child to speak to you or a trusted adult if they see anything upsetting or inappropriate online.

## **Resources for Further Information and Support**

**Thinkuknow:** Guidance for parents and children about online safety

**NSPCC Online Safety:** Practical tips and advice

**Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (CEOP):** Report concerns or seek advice

**UK Safer Internet Centre:** Tips, advice, and resources



## Autumn Term

<b>First Day of Term (Staff Training Days)</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025</b>
<b>INSET Days (Staff Only)</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025</b>
<b>First Day of Term (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 1pm Early Finish</b>
<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.

WORD  
of the  
WEEK

**dreary**

dull or bleak

e.g. The picnic was cancelled due to the dreary weather.

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