



WILLOWS NEWS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This Week at The Willows - Across the school, it has been a calm and purposeful week of learning. Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed an inspiring visit to Brunel University as part of an annual transition event, Hillingdon Junior Citizen. They had the ideal opportunity to learn key citizenship messages and essential life skills from a range of agencies. Through interactive workshops, pupils explored a range of topics designed to help them learn important life skills to help keep them safe, responsible and provide a valued contribution to their own local community. It was wonderful to see them engaging so thoughtfully with these important lessons and stepping into new spaces with curiosity and confidence.

We are a reading school - reading is not confined to our English lessons; it is a vital skill that permeates every aspect of the curriculum. We are fortunate to have a central school library and every class has its own book corner. To further enhance what we do we are delighted to be taking part in the National Year of Reading 2026, a nationwide campaign designed to spark a love of reading in every child. Throughout the year, we'll be celebrating all kinds of reading—books, magazines, digital texts, stories, lyrics, and more. There will be opportunities for families to get involved as the year unfolds.

Today also marked the launch of our enrichment classes. Children embraced their chosen activities with enthusiasm—from litter pickers and eco-warriors to Spanish speakers, brick builders, and more. Our Eco Warriors are also working towards Green Flag status and certification for 2026–2027 and will be sharing lots of exciting news... watch this space!

Wishing you all a great weekend,
The Willows Team

Ash Class - Kung Fu

Ash class have enjoyed starting spring 1 being Active and learning new skills through KUNG FU with SI FU Jack and Jake.

Monday's session was team building exercises and coordination. Ash class are looking forward to our next session.



Chestnut Class - Science

Chestnut Class enjoyed classifying rocks in Science by carefully exploring their different properties. They investigated features such as texture, hardness, colour and whether the rocks were shiny or dull. After their exploration, they chose three properties to sort and classify the rocks accurately.



Elm Class - Music

This week in Elm Class the children enjoyed a music lesson with Mr Sam-Leo. He showed them how to play an electric guitar. The children showed turn taking skills to each have a turn to play the guitar and be rock stars. Other instruments were presented and the class learnt which ones were string, percussion and wind.



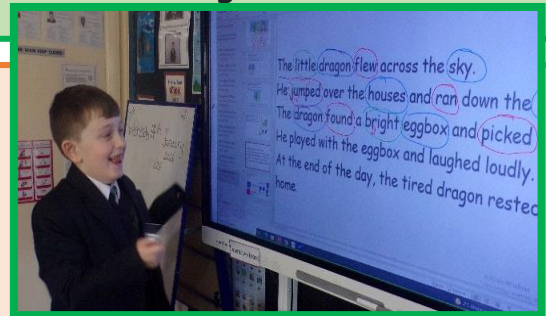
Maple Class - Literacy

This week, Maple Class thoroughly enjoyed a visit from a very special guest during our speaking and listening session- the Minion. It was wonderful to see them speaking, listening carefully, and interacting so positively and playing so nicely together.



In our English lessons, we continued to build our understanding of nouns, verbs, and adjectives.

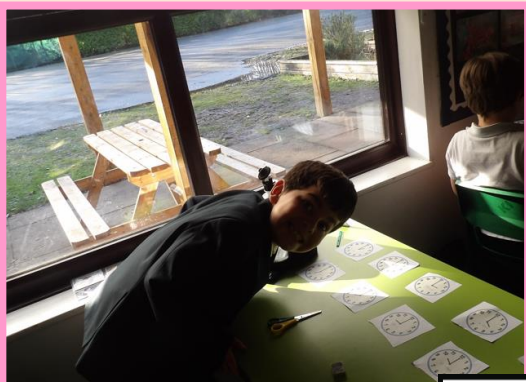
The children were highly engaged as they explored a text linked to the book we are currently reading, confidently identifying different word types and discussing their meanings.



Pine Class - Maths

This week, Pine Class started learning how to **tell the time**.

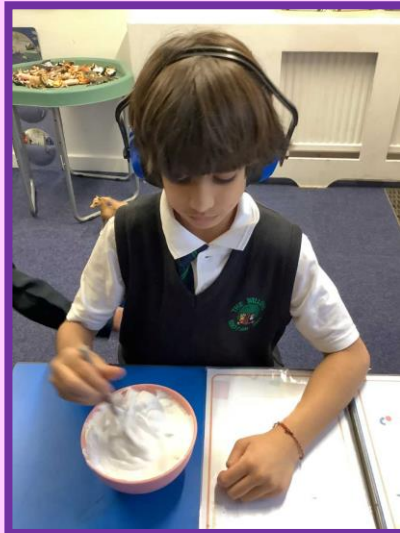
We focused on understanding **o'clock, quarter past, quarter to, and half past** times on an analogue clock.



Making Artificial Snow

This week, as part of Hazels topic weather and seasons, the children made artificial snow.

They enjoyed adding several ingredients together in a bowl and mixing until the mixture transformed into artificial snow - what fun!



Lime Class - Literacy

This week Lime class wrote poems using personifications, repetition and onomatopoeia.



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Oak and Beech - Brunel University Hillingdon Junior Citizen Event

This week, our Year 6 pupils attended the annual Junior Citizen Scheme held at Brunel University. It is a partnered event held by various local authorities and community enforcement teams including the Met Police, London Fire Brigade and more.

Our pupils attended different workshops covering issues such as health, fire safety, personal safety, harmful substances, online safety, water safety, road safety and home safety. These scenarios are designed to help children learn important life skills to help keep them safe, responsible and provide a valued contribution to their own local community.

Congratulations Year 6 on excellent Participation and representing The Willows so well.



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This week, the Willows Litter Pickers continued their important work in the local area. Due to the wet and muddy grass, the children sensibly stayed on the main paths to ensure everyone remained safe.

While litter picking, the group found a large amount of broken glass and with careful adult support, the glass was safely collected and disposed of correctly. The children understood that broken glass can be very dangerous and discussed how it could harm animals or injure other children if left behind. Everyone felt proud and positive about making the area safer for others, showing great teamwork, responsibility and care for the environment.

WORD
of the
WEEK

laborious

requires a great deal
of effort and time

e.g. Sharpening all the pencils
was a laborious task.



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