



WILLOWS NEWS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an inspiring week it has been at The Willows. During our Friday assembly, our Eco Warriors proudly shared the exciting projects they have been working on. Their latest focus is raising awareness of plastic pollution and its impact on our oceans. In a wonderful step toward making a difference, the Eco Warrior Committee has chosen to help protect sea turtles, and I am delighted to share that The Willows has now officially adopted a sea turtle through the World Wildlife Fund. The children were thrilled to receive a very special delivery this week—a cuddly sea turtle, detailed model figures, and a fantastic collection of non-fiction books to deepen their understanding of sea turtles. During enrichment today, they used these resources to create an informative and eye-catching display table. Mrs Platt, our Eco Lead, is kindly asking families to send in plastic bottle tops from home, which will be transformed into a beautiful recycled mural later this term.

Across the school, we have seen outstanding lessons taking place, with particularly impressive engagement and thoughtful responses from our Year 6 pupils. It was also lovely to see Maple Class, this week, representing The Willows so confidently and enthusiastically during their trip to the British Museum. Looking ahead to next week, we are excited to welcome you to our Coffee Morning on Thursday, 29th January, from 09:15 to 10:45, where we will be celebrating National Puzzle Day together. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Wishing you all a great weekend,
The Willows Team

Ash Class - PSHE

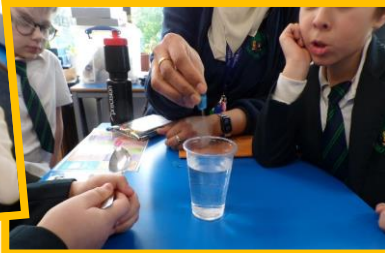
Ash class this week...

During PSHE we have been identifying challenges they encounter to reach our goals in life. By working in teams they were able to reflect and agree that being part of a team enables you to reach and achieve your goal.



Chestnut - RE

In RE, the children learned that many Hindus believe Brahman is present in everything. To help them understand this idea, the children were given a glass of warm water to represent an object or living thing. Salt was then dissolved into the water to represent Brahman. The children explored how, although the salt could no longer be seen once it had dissolved, it was still present in the water. This helped them understand that, in Hindu belief, Brahman cannot always be seen but is believed to exist in all things.



Beech Class - English



Another fantastic week of learning in Beech class. In English we carried on reading our book for the half term 'Danny Chung does not do math' and were introduced to the Yee's who were considered 'CYBORG DEVILS' we then produce a comic strip of the dialogue between two characters. In Mathematics, we have continued our fraction work by adding and subtracting proper, improper and mixed number fractions. In Science we have researched the Linnaean System with geography continuing our research on layers of the rainforest. In PE we continued our yoga and Kung Fu. In RE, we continued looking at Hinduism and researched the 4 main gods and goddesses.



Elm Class - Art

This week in Elm Class the children learnt 'Pointillism' a style of painting using dots. They enjoyed being creative with ear buds to paint a tree in the pointillism style. Talking about what colours are primary colours and secondary colours, and which we need to mix so that a colour is created.



Pine Class - Science

This week, Pine class started investigating the different parts of a flower as part of their Science Curriculum "Plants".

Did you know that sunflowers move throughout the day in response to the movement of the sun from east to west?



Maple - Geography

This week, **Maple Class** visited the **British Museum** as part of our geography topic *Where We Live*. The children explored objects and artefacts from around the world, helping them understand that people live in many different places and that homes, communities, and ways of life can vary across the globe.



Elm Class - Literacy

This week Elm Class explored the book *'Oh, No George!'*

They created a look-a-like 3d model of George with his characteristic purple skin and long ears.



World Puzzle Day

Coffee Morning

At The Willows School Academy

Thursday 29th January 2026

09:15 am - 10:45 am



**Come and build puzzles with
your child!**



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Learning - Achieving - Succeeding

Oak - Geography

This week Oak class have progressed with their learning on The Amazon Forest. For this particular lesson, they carried out research, and created a storyboard presentation with the information they gathered.



WORD
of the
WEEK

decrepit

old, ruined or worn out

e.g. The decrepit buildings were knocked down.

