



# WILLOWS NEWS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter the final stretch before the Easter break, it is clear that this half term has been one of our busiest and most vibrant yet. Alongside a packed curriculum, the children have enjoyed an exciting array of events, visitors, educational outings, and well-earned reward trips. A particular highlight this week was the visit from the Southall Fire Fighters, which the children absolutely loved.

Today we also celebrated Red Nose Day, and it was wonderful to see a sea of red arriving on the walking bus this morning. Thank you for your support and for the generous donations that help make days like this so meaningful.

Our Soft Play area has been open during morning breaks and has quickly become a favourite spot for fun and active play. We're delighted to share that from next week it will also be available at lunchtimes, giving even more opportunities for the children to enjoy it.

We are also looking forward to welcoming our *Friends and Families of The Willows* group, who will be joining us to prepare and run our much-anticipated annual Easter Egg Hunt this coming Monday. Their support brings such joy to the children every year and we are most grateful.

A quick reminder that next Friday is a half-day, with collection at 12:30.

Enjoy the weekend,

The Willows

## Lime - Computing

This week, Lime measured and compared sound, noise and light around the school using dataloggers!



## Elm - Science

This week in Elm Class the children have been learning about plants that are wild and their seeds naturally spread to grow. Flowers like Daisy's, Buttercups, Dandelions and Weeds. The children had a look in our garden and spoke about the different plants they could see and practiced digging and creating plant pots



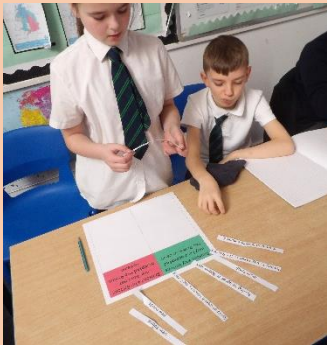
## Chestnut - Art

In Art this week, Chestnut Class explored a range of clay techniques in preparation for creating their own Ancient Roman inspired pots. The children developed their understanding of how clay can be shaped and manipulated by practising key skills such as rolling, pinching, coiling and smoothing the clay. They also learned how to join pieces securely using the score and slip technique, helping them understand how real pottery is constructed. This preparation will support them in creating their own carefully crafted Roman-style pots in the next lesson.



## Ash - History

Ash have explored how the native Britons might have reacted to the Roman invasions, both negative changes and the positive. We have discovered that the Roman invasion of Britain began in 43 CE under Emperor Claudius, following Caesar's earlier attempts. Seeking natural resources (gold, tin, iron) and power, the highly trained Roman army overran many Celtic tribes. Key figures included Boudicca, who led a rebellion



## Oak Class

Oak Class enjoyed an exciting trip to The Living Rainforest as part of their learning about the Amazon. The children explored a range of tropical plants and spotted many animals, including rare and endangered species.



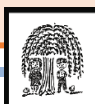
## Maple Class - Science

In Science, Maple Class have been learning about microhabitats. We had the opportunity to explore our beautiful garden, looking closely at different places where small creatures live. The children enjoyed searching for minibeasts and discovering which animals live in each microhabitat. It was exciting to see what we could find and learn more about how these creatures survive in their environment



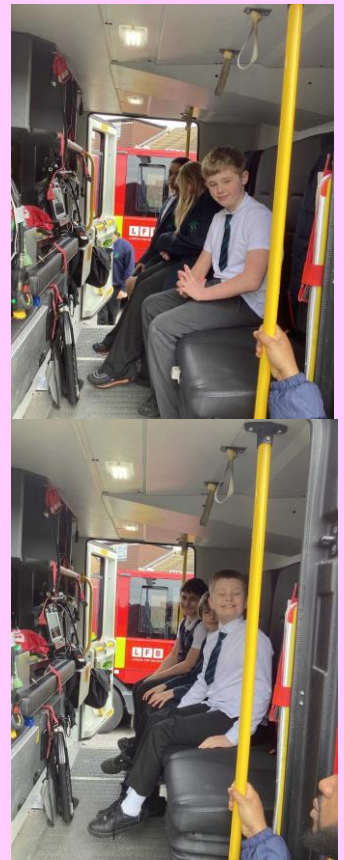
## Pine Class - English

We have had another brilliant week of learning in Pine. In English continued with our work looking at 'The Witches' by Roald Dhal. In Mathematics we were finding equivalent fractions. In History we were researching Vikings + Anglo Saxons with their long ships.



## Beech Class - Citizenship

Another fantastic week of learning in Beech Class. In English we have been writing a setting description utilising the poem 'The Highwayman'. In maths we have revised our SATs Mock Papers. In science we researched fossils and living creatures today. In History we delved into the infamous evacuations and what was life like for children during the Blitz. In PE we continued to work on our flexibility in Yoga as well as our kicking skills in Tag Rugby. This week has seen firebrigade come to the Willows and give a mini presentation to the children. Some of us even managed to get a look inside the fire engine!



## Hazel Class

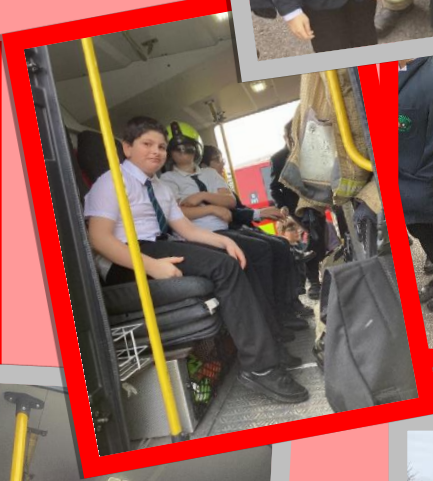
Its Red Nose Day in Hazel Class! We have been doing some tremendous learning this week. We have been making brownies in DT. We have also been exploring plants and their different features!



# Fire and Safety

A huge thank you to the Fire Brigade Red Watch Southall for their fantastic visit on Monday morning. The children were absolutely captivated by the fire engines and the impressive range of equipment on board. The firefighters were wonderful with the pupils—engaging, patient, and full of enthusiasm—making each session both exciting and educational.

We are truly grateful for their time and dedication. We look forward to welcoming them back next year.



# RED NOSE DAY

Thank you to all the parents who have donated  
to Red Nose Day! We have raised £55!



# Parent Alert

Is Roblox safe for your kids?  
Know the risks!

- ✓ Turn your chat off (Protect from strangers)
- ✓ User Private Servers or only play with real life friends
- ✓ Set strong privacy controls in account settings
- ✓ REMIND kids: never share personal info, photos or voice chat
- ✓ Stay nearby when they play - talk about what they see and who they meet

