



WILLOWS NEWS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has felt a little quieter without our PGL pupils and the staff accompanying them on their residential trip, so it was a real pleasure to welcome everyone back to school this afternoon. For those in school, the fine weather has lifted spirits, giving us plenty of opportunities to enjoy playtimes, PE, the Daily Mile and learning outdoors.

We also marked St George's Day, which falls on 23rd April. In assembly, we reminded the children of its significance and shared the story behind England's patron saint.

Challenge: There will be a *Special Dip* for anyone who would like to create a picture of the dragon from the story and bring it in on Monday.

We also launched our enrichment classes today. It was wonderful to see such high levels of engagement, particularly in our new *Building Bridges* class—a fully hands-on experience drawing together geography, science and DT in a creative and practical way.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

The Willows

What a terrific week away our PGL pupils have had! We look forward to Mr Robert's full report in next week's newsletter.



Ash Class-cooking

Making healthy wraps using chicken, lettuce, mayonnaise.

Cooking healthy food with children helps them build lifelong healthy eating habits and makes them more likely to try new foods. It also teaches useful skills like measuring, following instructions, and problem-solving.



Hazel Class-PSHE

This week Hazel class took part in a PSHE lesson focused on learning about jobs around the house.

Pupils explored simple household tasks and practised taking responsibility in a fun, supported way.



Lime Class- PE

This week, we have been continuing with athletics in PE and our preparation for this year's sports day.

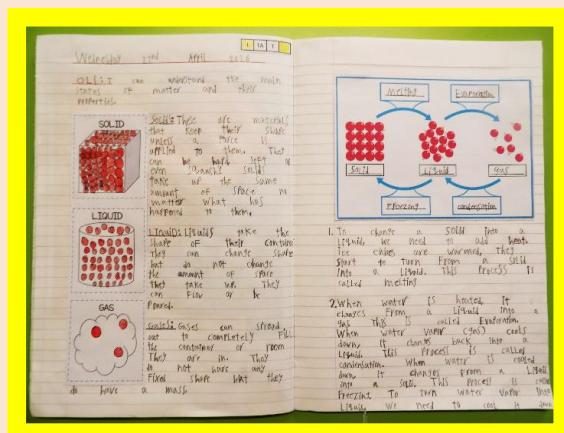


We practiced one of the activities 'penalty shootout. Pupils worked and refined their shooting technique.



Pine Class

This week, in Pine Class we have been diving deep into the different stages of matter, exploring how substances transition between solids, liquids, and gases. The class observed changes of state in action, learning about the processes of melting, freezing, and evaporation. Did you know that water is one of the only substances that expands when it freezes. That's why ice floats—it's less dense than liquid water.



Maple Class - English

As part of our new English text, *One Day on Our Blue Planet: In the Savannah*, the children created sunset artwork using oil pastels, focusing on blending colours.

They were highly engaged throughout the lesson, listened carefully to instructions, and showed great enthusiasm. As a result, they produced some beautiful and thoughtful sunset pieces.



Chestnut Class-PE

In PE this week, the children began with a warm-up to prepare their bodies for activity. They then practised their dodgeball throwing skills, focusing on accuracy and control, before applying these in a full game.

During the game, which could be quite intense at times, the children showed great resilience and demonstrated positive behaviour by managing their frustrations well and continuing to play fairly.



Elm Class

This week in Elm Class the children have been reading the book 'The tiger who came to tea'.



They created their own tiger by threading black paper through a tiger image to create the stripes and then coloured their tiger using a colour or colours of their choice.



Article 2

We have the right to be treated fairly.
(non-discrimination)

Article 12

We have the right to be heard.
(respect of views)

Article 28

We have the right to learn.
(education)

Article 19

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

Article 24

We have the right to be healthy.
(health & services)

Article 31

We have the right to play.
(leisure, play & culture)



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Celebrating Our Commitment to Numeracy

We are proud to share that our school is part of the *National Numeracy* initiative, a programme dedicated to improving confidence and skills in maths for children and families alike. As part of this, we have a team of dedicated *Numeracy Champions* within school who are working hard to promote a positive, supportive approach to maths across our community.

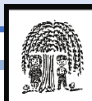
National Numeracy is all about helping everyone feel more confident with numbers in everyday life—whether that's budgeting, cooking, telling the time, or supporting learning at home. We believe that building strong numeracy skills opens doors and creates lifelong opportunities for our pupils.



Next week, every child will receive a **Family Maths Toolkit Scrapbook**. This exciting resource is designed to bring maths learning into the home in a fun and engaging way. Inside, you will find a QR code which can be scanned to access a range of activities, ideas and guidance. Families can then use the scrapbook to record, explore and celebrate their maths learning together.

This is a fantastic initiative to support parents and carers in engaging with their child's maths development, making learning practical, meaningful and enjoyable.

We can't wait to see the creativity and enthusiasm this inspires—happy problem solving!



**YOGA AT THE WILLOWS
PARENT YOGA COFFEE
MORNING**



**RELAX YOUR BODY,
SOUL & MIND!**

Take some time for
yourself!

**COME AND ENJOY A YOGA
SESSION WITH OUR YOGA
INSTRUCTOR MR OSCAR**

**Wednesday 29th April
9:15am - 10:45am**

EVERYONE WELCOME!

**FAMILY YOGA AT THE
WILLOWS**



A special opportunity to spend some calm,
quality time together.

Designed to support parents/carers and
children to connect and enjoy working together
through relaxation, breathing techniques, and
building positive connection.

**Thursday 30th April
9:15am - 10:15am**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING
YOU THERE!**



**W. O R D
of the
W. E E K.**

Ululation

A high-pitched wavering
noise, a little like a howl.

*e.g. The ululation broke
the silence of the forest.*

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