



WILLOWS NEWS



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Today our school marked **Victory in Europe Day (VE Day)** with meaningful discussions and shared learning. Pupils explored the end of **World War II**, discovered how communities celebrated peace in 1945 and created colourful Union Jack flags.

Our **Year 6 pupils** have continued to work with real focus as they cover key areas ahead of next week's **SATs**. They have shown great determination, and we hope they enjoy a restful weekend with plenty of sleep as they prepare for the week ahead.

As we move towards the end of this half-term, we are looking forward to several exciting events, including the **A-Life wellbeing workshops**, the whole-school **Mini Marathon**, and our creative **No Pens Day**. We are especially delighted to invite families to our annual **Art Exhibition on Thursday 21st May from 09:30 to 11:00**, where pupils' original masterpieces will be on display and available for purchase. We look forward to seeing you there.

Wishing you all a good weekend.
The Willows

At our school, we believe that small actions can make a big difference, that is why we are inviting Parents/Carers to become **Family Litter Picking Heroes**, helping to keep neighbourhoods clean, safe, and welcoming for everyone.

We are pleased to offer a loan of **litter-picking equipment** for any families who would like to carry out a **community litter pick** in their local area. Whether it is a quick tidy on your street or a weekend walk with purpose.

If you'd like to take part, simply let the school office know and we will arrange for the equipment to be sent home with your child. It's a simple way to make a positive impact — and a wonderful opportunity for children to learn about responsibility, teamwork, and caring for the world around them.

We kindly ask that all litter-picking activities are carried out safely and respectfully, with consideration for the community and property owners.

Feel free to send in a photo of your litter picking, if you wish.

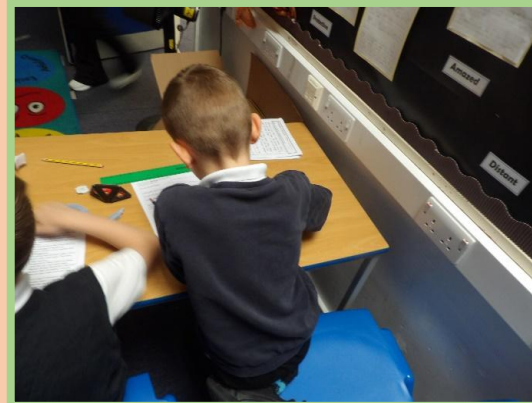
Litter Picking Heroes



Ash Class - RE

This week ash has been looking at the actions Muslims might take to live a good life.

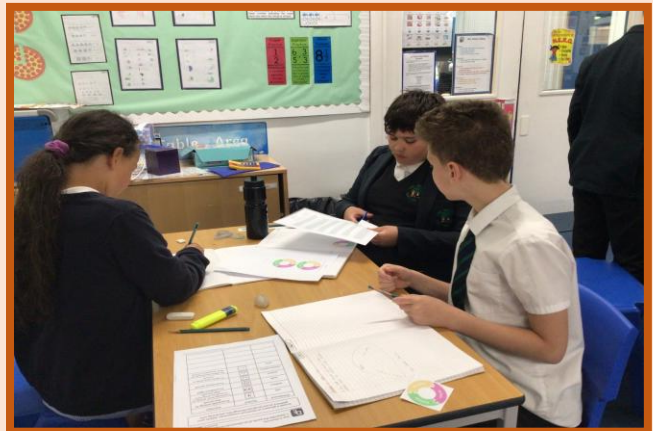
Learning about Muslim ways of life can help Muslim children feel connected to their faith and heritage, while non-Muslim children can develop respect and understanding for different cultures and beliefs.



Oak Class

During PSHE, Oak Class learned about theirs' and others mental health and how important it is to take care of your mental health.

During the PSHE lesson, they also learned how to recognise when they need help with their mental health and what they can do to improve it.



Maple Class - English

Based on the book Maple Class is currently reading in English, *One Day on Our Blue Planet: In The Savannah*, the children really enjoyed creating their own savannah animal masks this week.

They showed lots of enthusiasm while exploring different animals from the story.



Lime Class



In Lime Class we have had an exciting week, drawing, colouring and painting canvases.

Lime class were enthusiastic and looking forward to parents coming to view all their hard focused work during the art exhibition on Thursday.



Pine Class - History

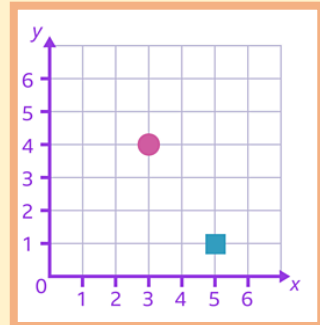
This week, Pine Class visited Fulham Palace House & Garden where they had the opportunity to take part in a Viking workshop as part of their history curriculum. During the visit, pupils immersed themselves in Viking life and culture, exploring how the Vikings lived, worked and travelled. They participated in hands-on activities that brought their classroom learning to life, including examining replica Viking artefacts, learning about Viking crafts and traditions, and discovering the impact the Vikings had on British history.

The workshop complemented their recent studies of the Viking era, allowing pupils to deepen their understanding of where the Vikings came from, why they settled in Britain, and what daily life was like in a Viking village. The children were enthusiastic throughout the day and asked thoughtful questions, demonstrating their growing knowledge of this fascinating period in history.



Beech Class - Maths

Another fantastic week of learning in Beech class. In English we have been practicing and rehearsing our spellings and grammar using Kahoot's for healthy competition. In Math's we have looked problems with coordinates, translating and timetabling. In science we have started investigating how shadows change throughout the day. Geography has seen pupils researching the human features of their personal place.



This week in Geography, as part of our unit on Italy, Chestnut Class explored the different foods that are grown and farmed there. To begin the lesson, the class visited Tesco to look for and buy a range of Italian foods. Back in the classroom, the children learnt about why certain foods grow more successfully in Italy than in the UK, linking this to Italy's warmer climate and weather conditions.

A special highlight of the trip was when the children chose to place a blue token into The Willows School charity box whilst at Tesco.

Chestnut Class - Geography



Elm Class - Music

This week in Elm Class the children enjoyed their music lesson. They learned about different notes and created music with the notes by using xylophones and a keyboard piano.

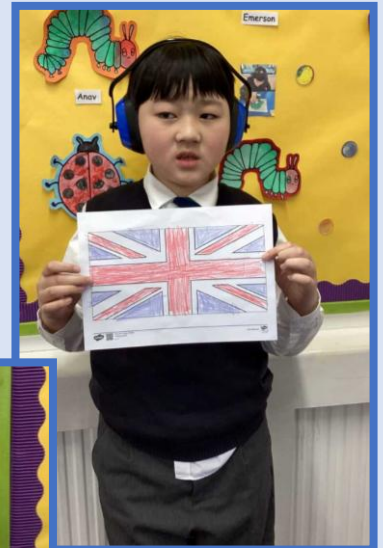
They also stepped on tape that was on the floor so that they became the notes themselves.



Hazel Class - VE DAY

This week Hazel class enjoyed a creative activity for VE Day, celebrated on Friday 8th May, where pupils drew and coloured UK Flags.

This hands-on task helped them learn about the Union Jack's colours and patterns while also introducing the meaning of VE Day in a calm, accessible way.



The Willows Art Exhibition

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Come and join us at The Willows to ...



...celebrate the children's' art in our annual exhibition. The children have worked hard throughout the weeks using expression and applying creativity which deserves to be celebrated. Canvases will be available for purchase (Cash Only) and will range from £3-£25. The staff have also taken part in creating art for purchase.

On the 21st May 2026 @ The Willows School
Academy Trust from 9:30 til 11:00

