



WILLOWS NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a phenomenal week of learning here at The Willows: busy, joyful, and full of memorable moments for our pupils.

On Tuesday, our children took part in the Mini-Marathon, completing an impressive two point nine miles with energy, determination, and brilliant sportsmanship. Every pupil who participated should feel incredibly proud of themselves. Thank you, Mr Khan for organising this sporting initiative – it must become an annual event!

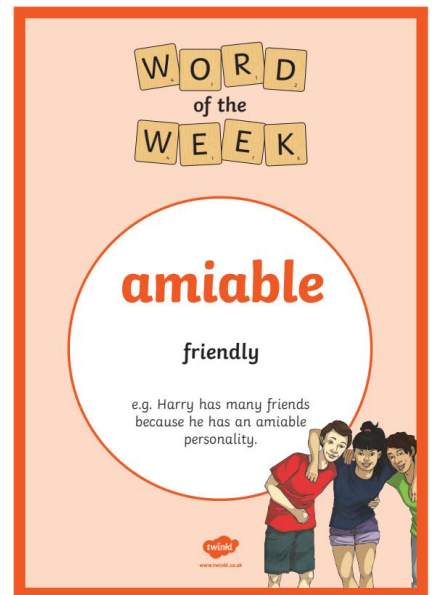
Wednesday was *No Pens Day*, and the school was buzzing with creativity. One class headed out on an exciting trip, while others spent the day painting, playing games and puzzles, sharing stories, performing drama, and taking part in a whole range of hands-on activities that brought learning to life.

Then on Thursday, we held our Annual Art Exhibition. The artwork displayed in our gallery was truly spectacular, a real credit to the imagination, skill, and dedication of our young artists. Congratulations, Miss Moreno, we did not think that this event could be improved upon but the presentation of the artwork, the slideshow of the children whilst creating their artwork and the organisation was perfect!

We are incredibly fortunate to have the full support of our parents and carers (90 people), who joined us to celebrate this creativity and even purchase these original pieces of art. Their encouragement means the world to our students and helps make events like this such a success. Thank you to all the children and staff for such a successful, eventful half-term all your effort and dedication to school life make The Willows such a special place to be!

Enjoy the half-term. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 1st June.

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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)

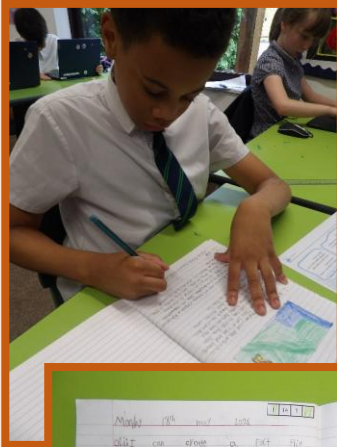
Article 31
We have the right to play.
(leisure, play & culture)



Chestnut Class - Snakes & Ladders



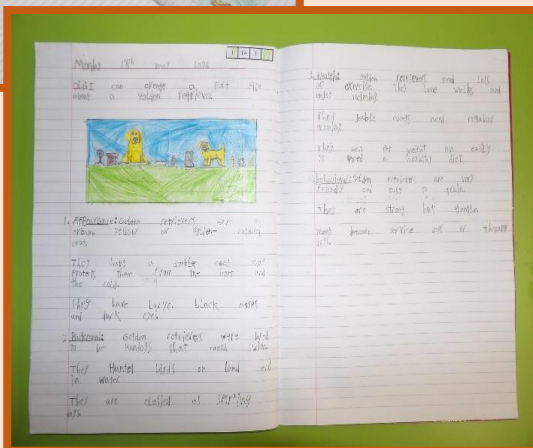
To celebrate a successful half term filled with learning, progress and fun, Chestnut Class visited Snakes and Ladders. During the visit, the children continued to develop their teamwork, communication and social skills through cooperative play and shared activities. The trip also provided opportunities for pupils to build confidence, strengthen friendships and practise taking turns in a fun and engaging environment.



Pine Class - English

This week, Pine Class focused on creating fact files about their favourite dog breeds as part of our English curriculum.

Did you know that When sleeping in cold weather, Huskies wrap their thick tails around their faces? This filters the air they breathe, warming it up before it hits their lungs.



Lime Class - Cooking

This week, Lime baked their own muffins. Miss Azadai took small groups at a time and mixed flour, eggs, chocolate chips and other ingredients to create delicious muffins.



Beech Class

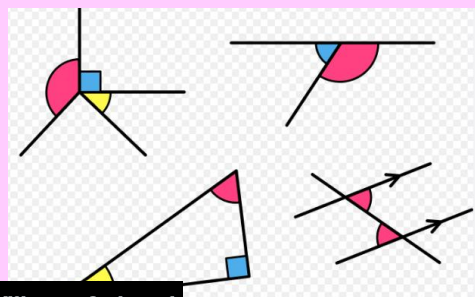
We've had a fantastic week of learning in Beech class this week. In English we have been planning our recounts of our PGL residential trip earlier this half term.

In Mathematics we have been calculating angles and the little "cheat sheet" on how to work out angles around a point and angles on a straight line.

We have also been focusing on physical features in our Geography unit of "My place".

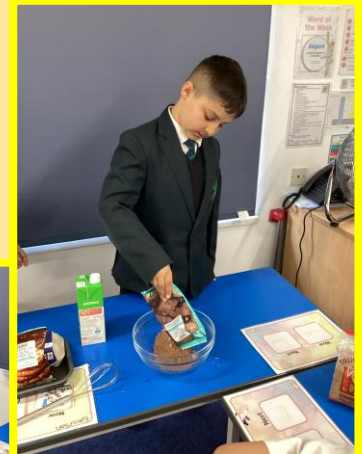
On Wednesday we had a No Pens Day where we participated in group-based activities on problem solving and developing leadership skills.

We unwound in the afternoon to imitating a Bob Ross painting attempt. An amazing end to Summer 1. We hope you have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you in June



Hazel Class - No Pens Day

This week Hazel class had a fantastic No Pens Day, exploring different activities that encouraged speaking, listening and working together. The highlight was cooking time, where pupils measured, mixed and baked their own brownies, filling the classroom with excitement.



Ash Class - Cooking

As part of their geography lessons, Ash Class have been exploring foods that are traditionally made and eaten in Italy.

Last week, the children tasted a variety of foods that are grown and farmed in Italy.

This week, the children used different ingredients to make their own pizzas, including a passata base, mozzarella cheese and cheddar toppings. They really enjoyed preparing and baking their pizzas together.



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Maple Class - No Pens Day

Maple Class has had a very busy and exciting week, especially on Wednesday when we celebrated No Pens Day! The children were fully engaged in a range of fun, hands-on activities throughout the day. We started the morning with some cooking, followed by a "Guess What's in the Bag?" sensory activity, where the children used their speaking and listening skills to describe different objects. We also enjoyed some exercise and outdoor activities to keep active. Later in the day, inspired by our English book about animals, the children created beautiful handprint animal artwork. To finish the day, the children had great fun drawing with chalks outside and enjoying time in soft play. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm, creativity, and teamwork from Maple Class throughout the day!



Elm Class - Maths

This week in Elm Class, the children used dominos and jenga blocks to test their maths knowledge. Solving problems of tallest and widest. How many blocks were used by counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. They also guessed how many pieces would be needed to make one tower or row be the same length, then without counting one by one say how many pieces were used altogether.



A-Life Workshop

"A-life workshop" is an interactive educational session delivered by A-life that focuses on improving children's mental health, wellbeing and physical health through engaging activities and discussions.

Their workshops are designed for schools and cover topics such as emotional wellbeing, resilience, healthy lifestyles, and personal development in a fun and accessible way.



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Mini Marathon 2026

This week, The Willows took part in the Mini Marathon for Schools, where pupils ran and walked 2.6 miles as part of a nationwide challenge linked to the TCS London Marathon. The event promoted physical health, resilience, teamwork and determination, with all pupils showing fantastic encouragement and perseverance throughout the challenge.



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Willows Art Exhibition

Over the past few weeks, the children have worked tirelessly to create their own unique canvases using acrylic paint, carefully choosing and designing their own artwork. Families were invited to attend the Willows Art Exhibition, where they had the opportunity to view the incredible pieces on display and purchase the children's artwork to celebrate their creativity and hard work.







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