



WILLOWS NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed a wonderful week of learning across the school, with children making full use of both their classrooms and our outdoor spaces. The warmer weather has certainly made the afternoons challenging, and we have been doing everything we can to keep pupils cool, calm and comfortable. As temperatures are expected to rise even further next week, please ensure your child arrives at school well rested, as the higher-than-usual heat can easily feel overwhelming for them. We also completely understand if you need to call the office regarding attendance on particularly hot days, especially Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and we appreciate you keeping us informed. Our focus remains on maintaining a safe, settled environment and supporting pupils' well-being through the hotter days. Our focus remains on maintaining a safe, settled environment and supporting pupils' well-being through the hotter days.

On Thursday morning, we were treated to a fantastic performance inspired by the Hollywood classic Dr Dolittle, the story of a man who learns to talk to animals with the help of his parrot, Polynesia. It was a joyful way to start the day, full of energy, music and laughter, and the children were captivated from beginning to end. A truly memorable highlight of the week.

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Wishing you a good weekend

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Elm-PSHE

This week in PSHE, Maple Class has been learning about the human body and how we grow and change. The children enjoyed identifying different body parts, discussing how our bodies help us every day, and learning about the importance of staying healthy through exercise, healthy eating, good hygiene and sleep.



Pine - History

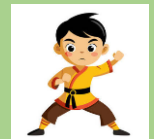
This week, Pine class have been exploring the fascinating legacy of the Roman invasion of Britain. The children have been learning about the many lasting contributions the Romans made to our country, including: **Roads and bridges**, **Religion, Architecture, Language and Sewage systems**.

The children have been engaged and enthusiastic throughout their learning, making connections between Roman innovations and the world around them today. It's been wonderful to see them develop their understanding of how the Romans transformed life in Britain and left a legacy that continues to influence us nearly 2,000 years later.



Maple –PE Kung FU

This week, Maple class enjoyed a fantastic Kung Fu lesson. Children took part with great enthusiasm and showed amazing listening skills throughout the session. They followed instructions carefully, tried their best with the different movements, and worked really well together. It was a very successful and enjoyable lesson for everyone.



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Ash - Debate

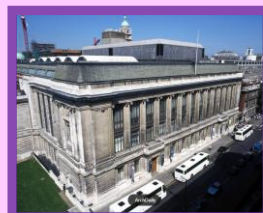
Ash Class enjoyed taking part in a debate this week, discussing two topics suggested by the School Council. They shared their thoughts on the benefits of our reflection spaces and the importance of support from teachers and friends.

Debating helps children build confidence, develop speaking and listening skills, and learn to respect different opinions while sharing their own ideas.



Lime – Learning Trip –Science Museum

This week, we visited the science museum. We took part in a self-guided tour of the space, medicine and technicians' section of the museum. We were also fortunate to participate in experiments involving 3d printers and extracting DNA from a banana. Visiting the museum was exciting and many of us can't wait to go again!

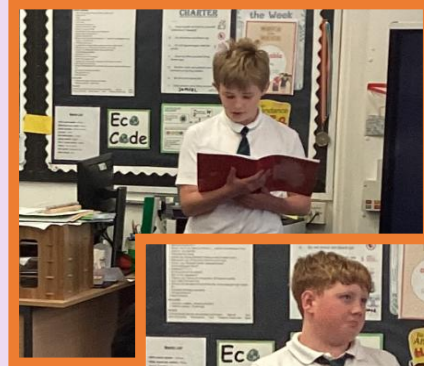
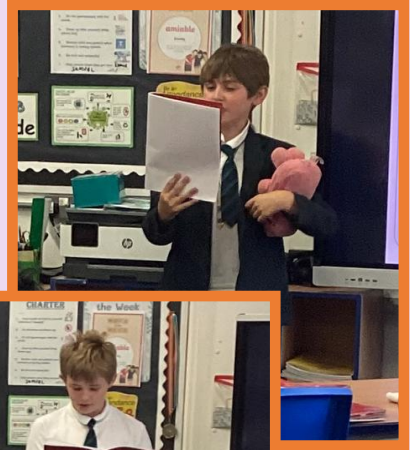


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Beech Class

Another fantastic week of learning in Beech class. In English we have been researching our information for our persuasive writing. The class will be debating as to whether we should or should not look after the environment. In maths we have started our Algebra unit which is proving to be quite challenging. In Science we did an audit of the schools' appliances to see how much energy the school uses on a daily basis. History saw us continuing our research into the Maya where we looked at what they ate and the ingenious ways they transported water. Yoga saw the children increasing their flexibility. Overall, a brilliant week.



Hazel-Maths

This week, Hazel class have been learning about telling the time, practicing how to read O'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to using clocks. Pupils took part in a practical activity such as matching times to daily routines and sequencing events to help them understand how time fits into their school day.



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Chestnut Class

This week, Chestnut and Ash Class took part in Drowning Prevention Week and learned the Water Safety Code. They discussed how to stay safe near water by stopping and thinking, staying together, floating if we get into difficulty and calling 999 in an emergency. They also practised important water safety skills to help us enjoy water safely and confidently.



Oak-PE

Oak Class enjoyed a basketball PE lesson and learnt the different basketball techniques in passing and shooting.

They also practiced the shooting from different areas on the basketball court.

Oak Class were successful at scoring and passing from various ranges.



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Dr Do Little Show at The Willows

The children enjoyed a truly wonderful performance of **Dr Dolittle**, a vibrant retelling of the classic story of a man who, thanks to his remarkable parrot, Polynesia, learns how to talk to animals. The production was full of energy, colour and humour, and the actors brought the tale to life with charm and imagination.

There were countless opportunities for audience participation, with pupils joining in enthusiastically through singing and actions. A group of children even took to the stage themselves, starring as pirates, monkeys, mice and clowns, adding an extra layer of excitement and joy to the performance. The talented cast created a magical atmosphere from start to finish, capturing the children's attention and sparking their curiosity. It was a delightful experience for everyone, a real mid-week treat that filled our Thursday morning with laughter, music and storytelling.



School Council Meeting Update



School Council met today to discuss the debate question that classes had explored last week: "Is it people or places that make us feel safest in school?" Councillors shared the views and ideas gathered from their classmates.

The children also reviewed suggestions from the classroom wish lists. One of the most popular requests was for new playground equipment. Mr Shaw joined the meeting to share the exciting news that School Council's efforts had been successful and the new equipment is currently being installed. Mrs Downie then took the councillors to see the installation site.

Mr Shaw congratulated the School Councillors on their achievement and encouraged them to share the good news with their peers. Well, done, School Council!

Article 12 – The right to be Heard and Article 19 – The Right to Play



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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)



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meagre

few, small or thin

e.g. She had a meagre amount
of bread to eat.



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