



WILLOWS NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the 2026/2027 Academic Year. We welcome back all of our Willows pupils and remember we said good bye and good luck to 33 of our Year 6 pupils who have headed off to their Year 7 placements. We have now 23 new families who have joined the Willows family and welcome you all with a belief that we must ensure that you and your child have the most fulfilling educational experience and learning opportunities that they are entitled to.

A reminder that we have some new guidelines for our school site this year and from this week the school gates will be locked until 8.45 am and will remain locked until 2.50pm. If you need to collect your youngster for any reason then please buzz the office at the gate and a staff member will bring your child to the gate. As always, the school site does not have vehicles parked on site past the school gates when children are on site.

I look forward to meeting those parents and carers throughout this Autumn Term. We will be having a new and existing Parent – Carer Coffee Morning on Wednesday 23rd September as well as Parent /Carer – Teacher Meetings in Autumn 2. Ms Jones, the school Deputy Headteacher, will be able to give you further information on these and all other school events coming up. Remember we place as much information on the school website as we can.

A friendly reminder about school uniform and that it is an expectation that your child will be dressed in the school uniform. Please also take a look at the government guidelines for packed lunches of what is allowed and not allowed into school if you choose for your child to have packed lunches-a friendly reminder that there is no cost to anyone for school dinners and we provide a 2 week rotation of menu-a copy of this can be found on the website and in the office.

As we are required to have annual training for Restrictive Intervention we are having an INSET day on Friday 18th September which means we will not be open for school next Friday. The children will return to school on Monday 21st September. This will allow all staff on site to be certificated in positive handling when needing to support with dysregulated children. Many thanks for your understanding regarding this disruption. The remaining days of INSET throughout the year will be shared with you when we are aware of all the dates. If your child takes local authority transport then they have already been informed.

I look forward to meeting more of you throughout this term and trust that Mrs Jones-the Deputy Head will be writing to you regarding up and coming events.

Best Wishes for your weekend.
Malcolm Shaw - Headteacher



Elm Class

What a fantastic first full week back in school for Elm Class! The children are settling in very well and starting to get to know each other and form friendships. They have enjoyed a very creative week and clearly like art and using different materials to create their art work. Well done, Elm Class.



A Warm Welcome from Maple Class! 🍁

Maple Class has had a busy and lovely first week back! We have been settling into our routines and getting to know one another through a variety of fun activities. The children have enjoyed sharing their interests, exploring what makes them unique and discovering things they have in common.

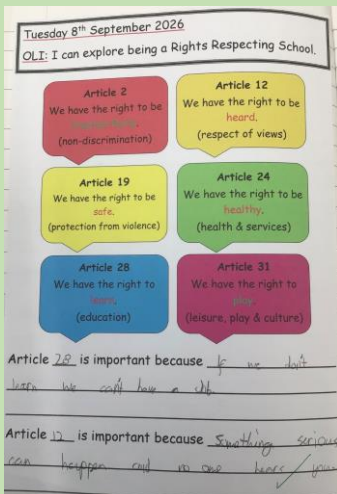
A very special welcome to our new pupils, who have done so well as they settle into their new class.

We are proud of the wonderful start everyone has made and look forward to making lots of happy memories together.



Chestnut Class

Chestnut Class have had a fantastic first full week back! The children have enjoyed getting to know each other and settling into their new class routines. Together, we created our Class Charter and learned about our UNCRC Rights, thinking about how we can respect and uphold these rights in our classroom. We have also been recapping our knowledge of online safety, discussing how we can stay safe and make sensible choices when using technology. In Art, the children have begun exploring Pointillism, discovering how artists can create pictures using lots of tiny dots of colour. A brilliant start to the year, Chestnut Class! ✨



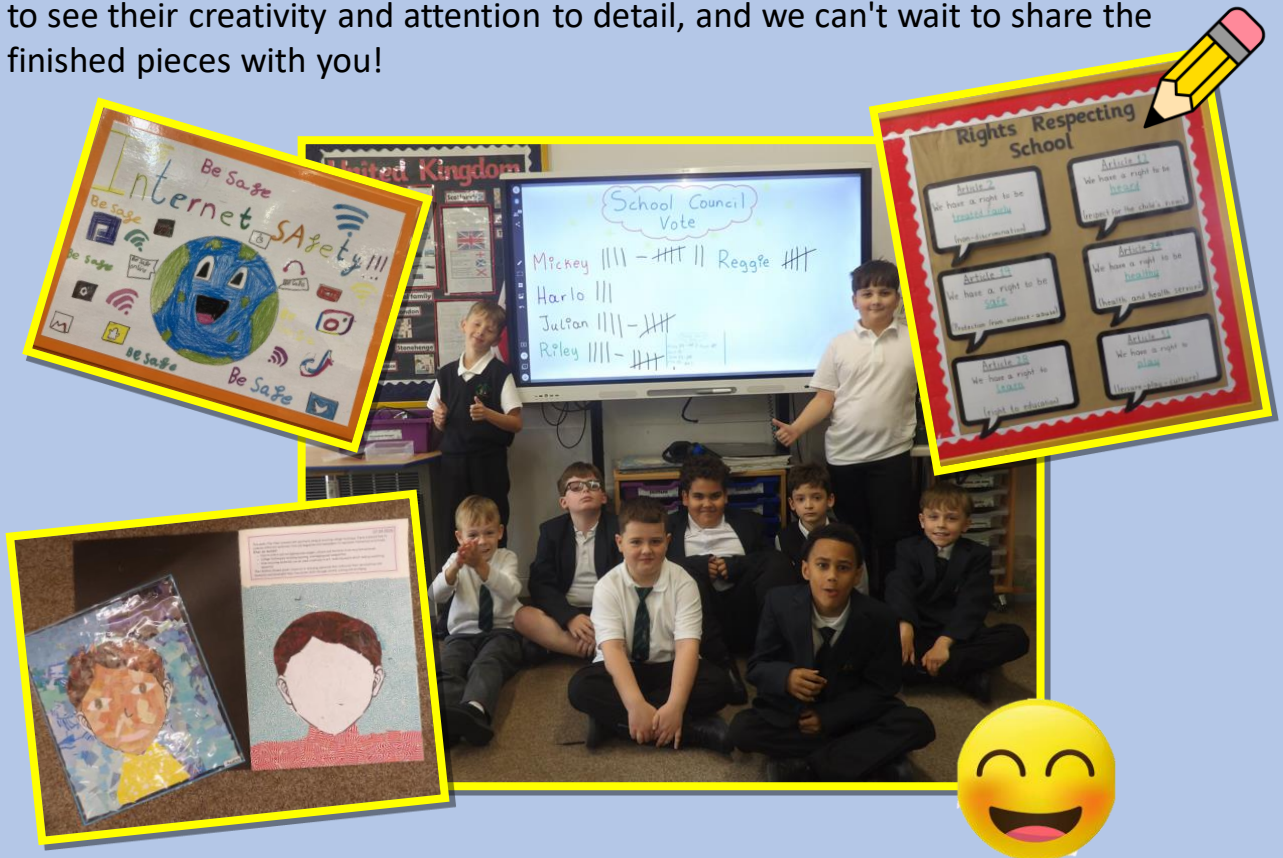
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Pine Class

What a wonderful first full week back in school for Pine Class! It has been absolutely lovely watching the children settle in and get to know each other. New friendships are already beginning to form, and there is a real sense of community developing in our classroom. We have established our daily morning routines, which include phonics practice, handwriting sessions, and reading comprehension activities. The children are making excellent progress already!

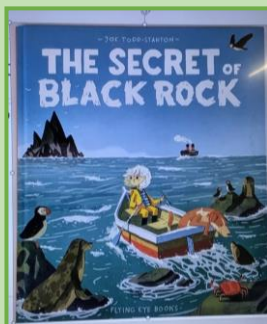
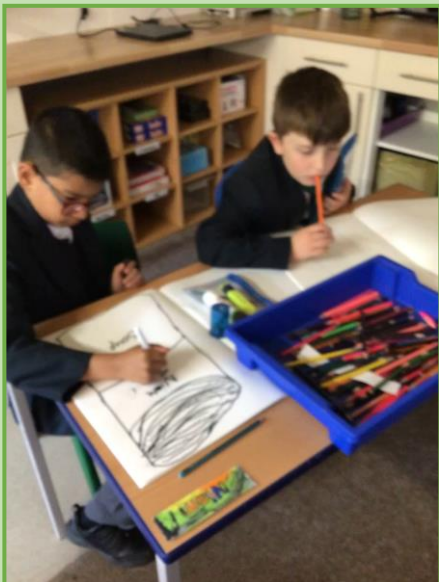
This week, we also worked together to create our Pine Class Charter. The children contributed their ideas about how we can all work and learn together successfully. Our charter highlights the three school rules, our class expectations for learning and behaviour, how we can support each other and be good friends, and the importance of trying our best and never giving up. The children are very proud of their charter, and it is now displayed prominently in our classroom as a daily reminder of our shared values and expectations. In Art this week, we began an exciting project creating self-portraits using collage techniques. The children have been exploring different materials including old magazines, newspapers and coloured paper to represent their unique features and personalities. It's wonderful to see their creativity and attention to detail, and we can't wait to share the finished pieces with you!



Lime Class

It has been another fun and busy week in Lime Class! We have been learning all about our expectations when using IT, including how to stay safe and responsible when using the internet. We also discussed our rights and worked together to create our very own class rules charter, sharing ideas about how we can make our classroom a happy, respectful and safe place for everyone. In Art, we researched the work of Andy Warhol and had lots of fun creating our own Pop Art inspired pieces.

We have also been busy developing our speaking and listening skills through some special games and activities, helping us to take turns, listen carefully and communicate with one another. We enjoyed our dance and kung fu sessions, as well as keeping active with our Daily Mile. Alongside this, we have been practising our handwriting and phonics skills and working hard on our times tables using Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars. To finish off the week, we designed and created our very own tray labels, adding a personal touch to our classroom. What a fantastic week of learning, creativity and teamwork in Lime Class!



Walnut Class

The class have settled into Year 6 brilliantly and have made a fantastic start to the year. In English, we have begun exploring our first glimpses of August through *Wonder*, developing our understanding of the character and his experiences. In maths, we have been strengthening our number skills, including place value and working confidently with numbers up to 1 million.

In science, we have been introduced to the circulatory system and how it helps our body's function, while in history we have begun our study of World War II. In art, we have also started developing our sketching skills and exploring different techniques. It has been a busy and exciting start to Year 6, and we are looking forward to seeing what the rest of the term brings!



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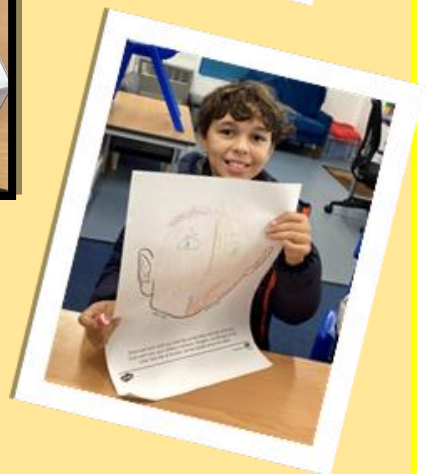
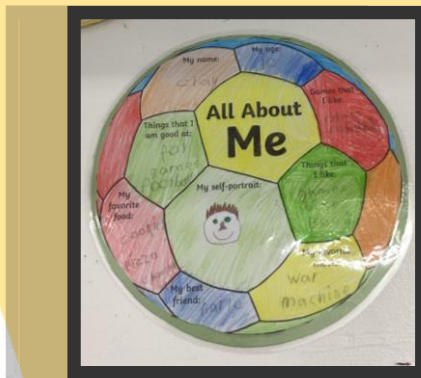
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Oak Class

What a great start to our new Oak class! This week, we have been busy completing various activities. The children created a self-portrait, with one half being made of all their interests. We had a class bingo competition. The children in Oak made a list of toys and games, which were ordered such as trucks. Magnet tiles, connect 4 and some puzzles. We also had discussions on online safety, and our class charter. This has all benefitted them getting accustomed to our routines and rituals and support them with their relationship building.





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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of bread to eat.



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