



WILLOWS NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely, busy week of learning at The Willows. We have been so pleased to see the children enjoying their lessons, joining in with confidence and showing real interest in what they are learning. These positive experiences will help our children feel happy and secure at school, build their confidence and with time develop a love of learning that will support them as they grow.

Congratulations to our new School Council representatives, who were democratically elected by the votes of their peers. We look forward to the positive work you will do on behalf of all pupils at our school, ensuring that pupil voice is heard.

Parent/Carer Coffee Morning -We warmly invite all new and existing parent-carers to join us for our first Coffee Morning of the year on Wednesday 23 September, from 9.15am to 10.45am. We look forward to welcoming you.

Please remember that school will be **closed for a staff INSET day this Friday 18 September**. We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Monday 21 September.

Have a good weekend

Miss Jones

Pine Class - Literacy

This term Pine class will be looking at the book called Pablo and Splash Roman Holiday.

During this week the class have been researching penguins and starting to create their own fact files.



Lime Class - PE

This week, Lime Class enjoyed a fun and active PE lesson learning the basics of tag rugby. We worked on our passing skills, travelling with the ball and evading other players. Everyone got involved, had lots of fun and showed great teamwork. PE is an important part of keeping active, developing new skills and building confidence, and it was fantastic to see everyone enjoying themselves!



Maple Class – Our Week

Maple Class has had a wonderful week as we returned to our full learning timetable! In English, we have been exploring our new book, *Where the Wild Things Are*, with the children showing plenty of enthusiasm. In PSHE, we discussed our classroom rules and responsibilities, thinking about how we can all help make Maple a safe, kind and happy place to learn. It has been lovely to see the children so engaged and settling into their learning routines.



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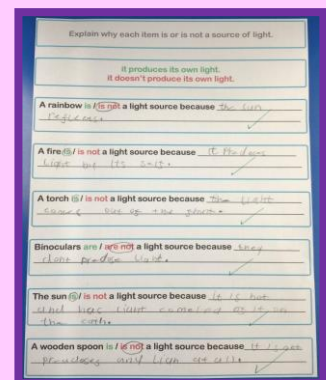
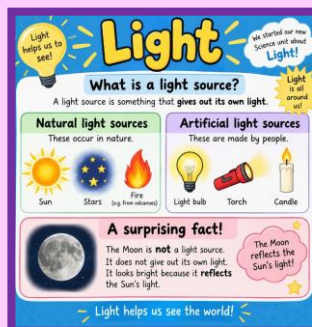
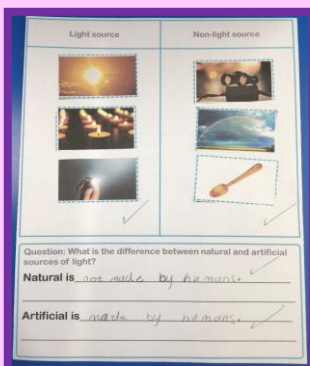
Oak Class - PE

This week, Oak Class enhanced their basketball skills through dribbling and shooting techniques, combining structured drills with guided practice to build precision, control, and confidence.



Chestnut Class

This week, the children began their exciting new Science unit all about Light. They learnt what a light source is and explored the difference between natural light sources, such as the Sun and artificial light sources, such as lamps and torches. The children were amazed to discover that the Moon is not actually a light source! It appears to shine because it reflects light from the Sun!



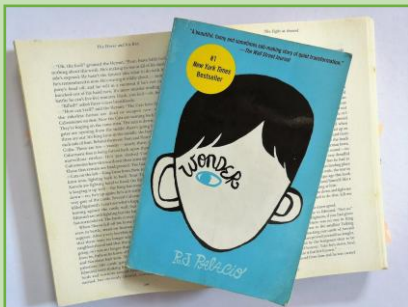
Ash Class – Speaking and Listening

Ash Class have had a lovely week! In Speaking and Listening, the children worked brilliantly together to complete puzzles and create models using blocks and magnets. They shared ideas, listened to one another and practised working as a team. It was wonderful to see them cooperating and enjoying their learning together.

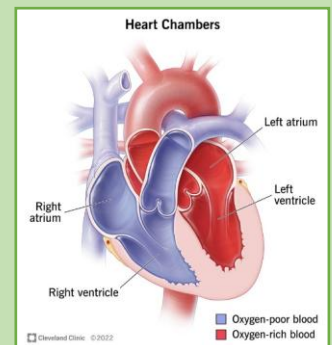


Walnut Class – Our week

Amazing week in Walnut class. In Mathematics we have continued our place value work, comparing, ordering and working with numbers to 1,000,000. In science we have looked at the different chambers of the heart. In History we started looking at the causes of WW2. And in English we have continued our research and utilisation of difficult vocabulary from the book Wonder. Hope you have an amazing weekend.



Symbol	Meaning	Example
$<$	less than	the first number is smaller than the second $342 < 683$
$>$	greater than	the first number is bigger than the second $814 > 502$
$=$	equal to	both numbers are the same $613 = 613$



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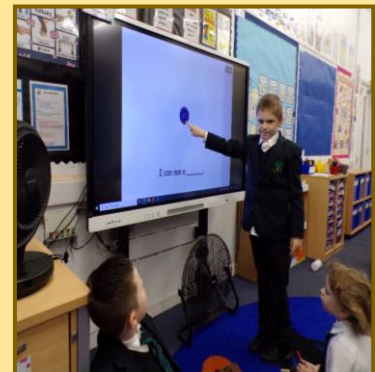
Beech Class – Our Week

This year Beech Class is currently eleven students. We are all getting to know one another during the first three weeks through games, learning and play. We have two students who are new to the school. Most mornings we are getting familiar with a routine of "Running or Walking" the perimeter of the school playground - Daily Mile. Also playing a reward game of "Hot Potato" together, is a fun way to discover, notice and develop our attention and focus, hand-eye coordination, social interaction skills, listening/watching and rhythm skills and group connection. During Art and Enrichment Learning we produced two Art works, one of our Class Reading Book cover "The Green Ship". The other a "Self Portrait" to understand position and proportion. We look forward to seeing what other creations we will produce this term.



Elm Class - Maths

This week in Elm class they have been learning about matching object and numbers.



School Council

We would like to thank our 2025-2026 School Council Representatives for all they achieved last year. Well done, and thank you for representing your peers so thoughtfully.

We are also delighted to officially welcome our new 2026-2027 School Council Representatives. There are 18 representatives in total, although a few are missing from this photograph. We look forward to seeing the positive difference they will make on behalf of all our pupils.



Flower Beds Transformed

During the summer holidays, Corey and his family kindly donated plants and transformed our overgrown flower beds into attractive areas within the school playground.

Thank you for your hard work, it is very much appreciated.





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)



WORD
of the
WEEK

saunter

walking at a
relaxed speed

e.g. Whilst waiting for their
flight, they went for a saunter
around the airport.



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