WILLOWS NEWS

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Overall, it has been a fantastic week at The Willows, with classrooms full of creativity and purposeful learning. It has been lovely to see pupils embracing new experiences, challenges and taking pride in their work as well as growing in confidence each day.

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome so many parents and carers to our Information Coffee Morning. Thank you for attending and your very positive feedback. If you were unable to attend and would like any of the information shared, please contact the school office. Your support and involvement play such an important part in helping our pupils enjoy a successful, happy and rewarding learning journey.

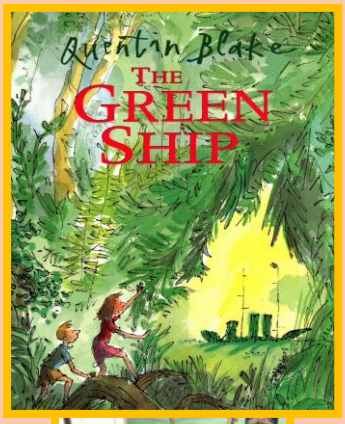
We are now receiving donations for our Harvest Collection. Please see the poster within this newsletter for further details. Donations can be brought into school from Monday (no perishable items). Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity.

Today has been a real hive of activity across the school. Pupils enjoyed a fantastic range of enrichment activities, including swimming, chess strategy, arts and crafts, electronic music, construction and sensory play, alongside many more engaging experiences.

In the afternoon, children had great fun taking part in their clubs. Our Games Club was especially excited to explore some amazing new board games which have recently been purchased for pupils to enjoy.

Wishing you a good weekend.

Miss Jones





Chestnut Class

This week in English, the children continued exploring The Green Ship by Quentin Blake. They brought the story to life by acting out key scenes, thinking carefully about the characters' actions and the important events in the story. Afterwards, the children worked together to put the scenes into chronological order, developing their understanding of sequencing and how events in a story connect.













Ash Class

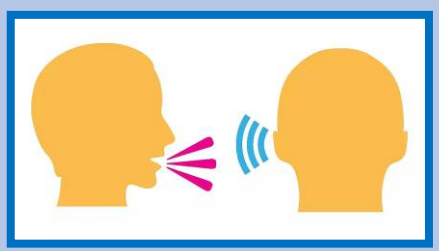
This week, Ash class enjoyed an outdoor PE lesson learning the basic skills of basketball. We worked on throwing and receiving a chest pass, a bounce pass and also shooting with some ball control.

The class had lots of fun in the sun!





Beech Class



Each morning, as part of our daily routine, the children enjoy breakfast together before taking part in a range of Speaking and Listening games. These activities help the children develop their communication and social skills, including listening to others, taking turns, playing cooperatively and treating one another with kindness and respect.

Elm Class

This week in Music, Elm Class have been exploring rhythm and beat, using their bodies as musical instruments. The children experimented with clapping, tapping, clicking and stamping to create different sounds and rhythms. They practised listening carefully, copying simple rhythmic patterns and keeping a steady beat together. It was a fun and active way to develop their listening, coordination and musical skills.











Lime Class

Lime Class have had a fantastic week, showcasing their rhythm and creativity during our PE lessons! This week, the children jumped into the world of dance, exploring movement, expression, and teamwork. For Key Stage 2 children, dance is a wonderful way to boost physical fitness, improve coordination and build spatial awareness.







Maple Class

This week, Maple Class have shown fantastic enthusiasm for our history topic, exploring the similarities and differences between houses from the past and present. The children were keen to share their ideas and showed wonderful confidence when coming up to the board to explain what they had noticed. It has been lovely to see their curiosity and excitement as they discover how homes have changed over time.



Pine Class





This week, Pine Class embarked on an exciting journey back in time to discover the secrets of fossils!

Our young palaeontologists investigated different types of fossils, including:

- **Body fossils** – preserved remains of plants and animals, such as bones, teeth and shells
- **Trace fossils** – evidence of ancient life, like footprints and burrows

The children learned how fossils form over millions of years through a process called fossilisation. They discovered that when plants or animals die, they can become buried under layers of sediment. Over time, minerals seep into the remains and slowly turn them to stone, creating the fossils we find today.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Welcome to Our New School Councillors!

Our new School Councillors have had their first meeting! The children were welcomed to their new role and received their School Council badges and lanyards.

We talked about the important role of the School Council, looked back at some of the things the Council has achieved in the past and discussed how our Councillors will share information and ideas with their classes.

The children were also introduced to the word Democracy and learned how the democratic vote in their classrooms helped to choose their representatives. We even made a link to how representatives are chosen in Parliament.

Together, the children created and agreed their School Council Rules, focusing on listening, taking turns, respecting each other's ideas and being kind and respectful.

We are looking forward to seeing what our new School Councillors achieve this year and hearing the ideas and suggestions they bring forward from their classes!



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HARVEST COLLECTION



Supporting St Anselm's Church in Hayes to help local people and families in crisis.

JUST ONE ITEM WILL MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE

PLEASE DONATE TINNED OR PACKAGED FOOD

- Baby food
- Biscuits
- Cereals
- Dried pasta
- Instant coffee
- Long-life fruit juice
- Microwaveable puddings
- Pasta sauces
- Rice
- Snack bars
- Tea bags
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned meat and fish
- Tinned puddings
- Tinned soup
- Tinned vegetables

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR ITEM BY
WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER

A BIG THANK YOU!

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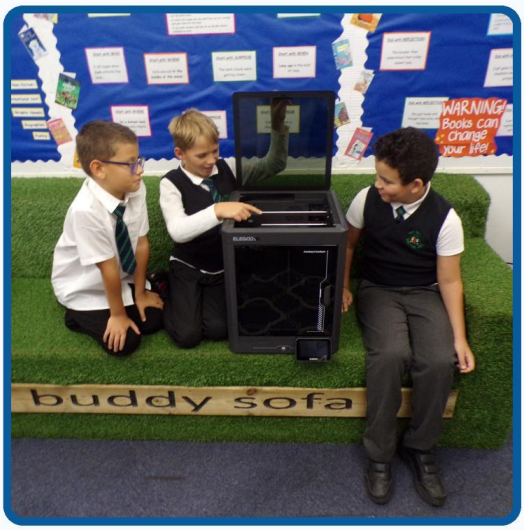
INSPIRING CREATIVITY

A gift that will help ideas take shape

A huge thank you to Kyle and his family

for their generous donation of an ELEGOO Centauri Carbon fused deposition modelling 3D printer.





FROM IDEAS TO REAL-WORLD CREATIONS

This gift will help our pupils turn their ideas into real-world creations.

It is no longer simply about what the printer can produce for our pupils - it is about what our pupils can produce with it.

THANK YOU, KYLE AND FAMILY

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We are a Rights Respecting School

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)



