

WILLERSEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



*We learn together in
FAITH, FUN and FRIENDSHIP*



Issue (33) – Friday 27TH March 2026 – Easter Break

Week Commencing 13 th April 2026		UPCOMING EVENTS	
Mon	8am Breakfast Club	Mon	
Tues	8am Breakfast Club	Tues	
Wed	8am Breakfast Club Class 1 – Forest School	Wed	
Thurs	8am Breakfast Club	Thurs	Country Dancing
Fri	8am Breakfast Club	Fri	Poetry Slam

Class 1

In English, we have completed our unit on Beegu. The children created their own Willersey promises to show how we would welcome Beegu, or any new visitors or children, into our school. They also wrote thoughtful letters to Beegu to thank her for visiting and even invited her to come back!

In geography, we have finished our Coastlines unit with a special visit from the RNLI. The children learned even more about the important work they do to keep people safe at the coast.

School trip to Slimbridge:

What a fantastic way to finish the term with a wonderful visit to WWT Slimbridge Wetland Centre! We met Ava, who is half human and half osprey, and she introduced us to the Guardians of the Wild. The children were truly inspired by her message, and by sharing it with others, we have now become Guardians of the Wild ourselves!

The children loved exploring the site and spotting a wide variety of birds, including flamingos, ducks, geese, and swans, as well as the adorable harvest mice. Unfortunately, Tilly the otter didn't make an appearance, but we hope the children might return with their families and spot her another time! The visit also reinforced our map-reading skills, helped us revisit the seven continents, and gave us a great introduction to migration.

We hope you have a wonderful Easter break and looking forward to seeing the children in the Summer Term.

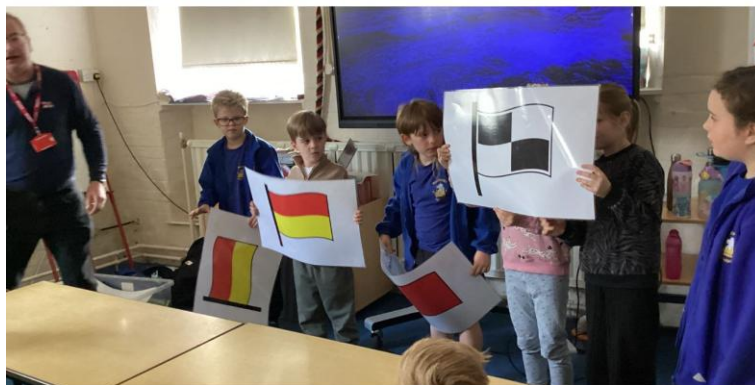
RNLI Visit

This week we were pleased to welcome Bob, a volunteer from the RNLI, who came to talk to the children about the important work they do.

Bob explained how the RNLI is run by volunteers who give up their own time to help keep people safe at sea. He shared who they help and rescue, and the children were very interested to learn about the different types of lifeboats used.

The children also learned about tides and the water around our coasts, helping them to understand how quickly conditions can change. A big focus of the visit was water safety, where the children were introduced to four key messages to remember near water: **Stop and think, Stay together, Float, and Call for help (999/112)**.

To finish, the children took part in an activity spotting potential dangers at the beach, which they really enjoyed.



Class 2

In English we have explored writing our own myths in set in Ancient China. The class have used relative clauses, fronted adverbials and plenty of expanded noun phrases to help describe the journey for their characters. We have also written parts of our myths on ancient paper as if it was found in Ancient China.

In Maths the year 3s and 4s have been converting mixed numbers into improper fractions after completing their work on comparing fractions. The year 5s and 6s have explored percentages of numbers increasing in difficulty throughout lessons.

In Science we have continued our work on sound by doing our own investigations on how the volume of a sound from a sound source is affected by distance. We have used sound meters and charts to display our results as well as coming to a whole class conclusion.

We have explored the journey of the Titanic and the conditions it faced before it sank. We have created our own pictures with oil pastels as well as descriptions/facts/diary entries to go alongside for a display.

In Art we used our techniques we have learned throughout this term to draw a sketch of the Willersey landscape or St Peter's church next to the school. We used either Vanessa Gardiner's technique of landscape or the Shoreditch sketcher's buildings for the styles of our sketches.

School trip to Slimbridge:

We explored the wetlands at Slimbridge and observed a variety of species of birds and animals as well as completing activities around the centre to become Guardians of Nature! We saw flamingos to otters and black swans to ducklings and even had time to play in welly boot land at the end of the trip.



Key points from the past two terms

As we come to the end of the Spring Terms, we can reflect on the various visitors and visits we have experienced to help with the enrichment of our curriculum and our aim to enhance our classroom learning.

Here are a few highlights from the past two terms since January:

- Drumming sessions from January to March with Mr Evans from Gloucestershire Music
- Visiting Slimbridge
- Visiting the 'Carnival of the Animals' at the Cidermill Theatre (and welcoming the musicians too)
- Fire Service visit
- RNLI water safety visit and talk with the children
- Dodgeball Competition
- Indoor athletics
- Floorball Final
- Panathlon at Chipping Campden
- Visits from an author and an illustrator/author so children could learn about the joys and challenges of writing and/or illustrating books

For the final two terms of the year we have some activities booked:

- Art workshop focussing on modern art portraits with a visiting artist
- A poetry slam with a local visiting poet
- A planned visit to Stonehenge
- A planned visit to Warwick Castle

Any further activities will be communicated in due course.

Term 5 begins on Monday 13th April 2026.

Class 1 outdoor area:

The class 1 outdoor area is under construction and should be completed at the beginning of the Summer Term 1 (April). My thanks to Friends of the School for the fundraising that has gone towards this important facility. We are planning an opening ceremony during Term 5.

Online Safety:

As we are getting nearer to the final two terms of the school year, your mind may have moved to thinking about online safety resources and advice.

I have listed just a few resources that are available for parents to use in order to keep up with issues and to be able to get advice.

All the resources below cover a wide range of issues for the parents of children and young people. Some of the content is suitable for looking at with your child, and some would be appropriate for parents to look at for their information and then choose if it is appropriate.

The **NSPCC** has some good resources.

These include:

- Talking about AI
- Online family safety quiz
- Talking to your child about online safety
- Parental controls
- Grooming
- Reporting online safety concerns
- VPNs and online safety
- Children, phones and online safety
- Social media

The link for the above items is: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

CEOP have a parent guidance section <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/> CEOP have a lot of information that you can filter by topic and age.

School Term Dates

Monday 13th April – Start of Term

Friday 17th April – Poetry Slam

Monday 4th April (Bank Holiday) – School Fete

Friends of the School – School Fete Monday 4th May

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Willersey School, are hosting their own village fete on Monday 4th May from 11am to 3pm

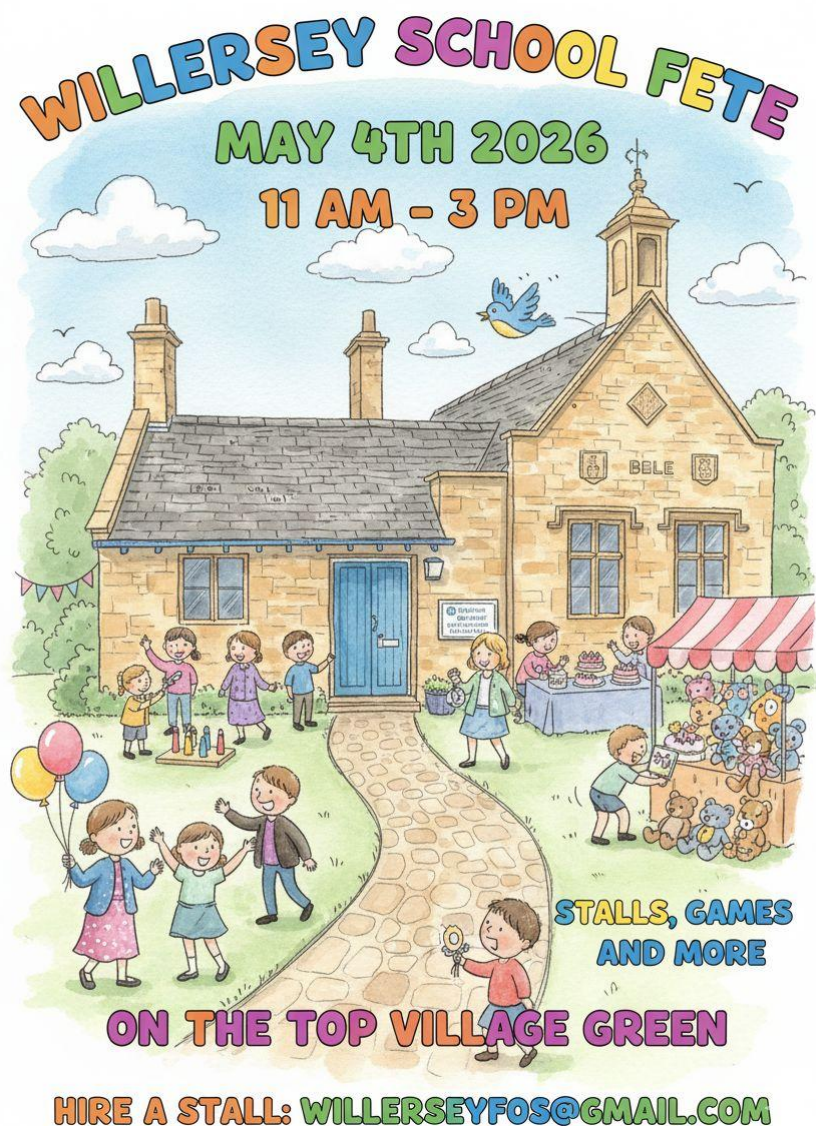
Due to the success of the last fete for Lions at Large, we would like it if anyone is willing to help run a stall, collect stuff for the tombola's etc.

There will be a meeting in the next few weeks (date to follow) and all welcome) where we will be able to confirm how many stalls that will need a hand on; but if you can put yourself forward that would be great. We are also going to be offering out stalls for £10.00 per table if you would like to have your own.

What we would love the most, is, if the children would be happy to make something to sell on their own stall, ran by children (years 4 -6..... younger helpers are welcome. Bracelets/necklaces/charms and many more!

Much appreciated.

Friends of the School



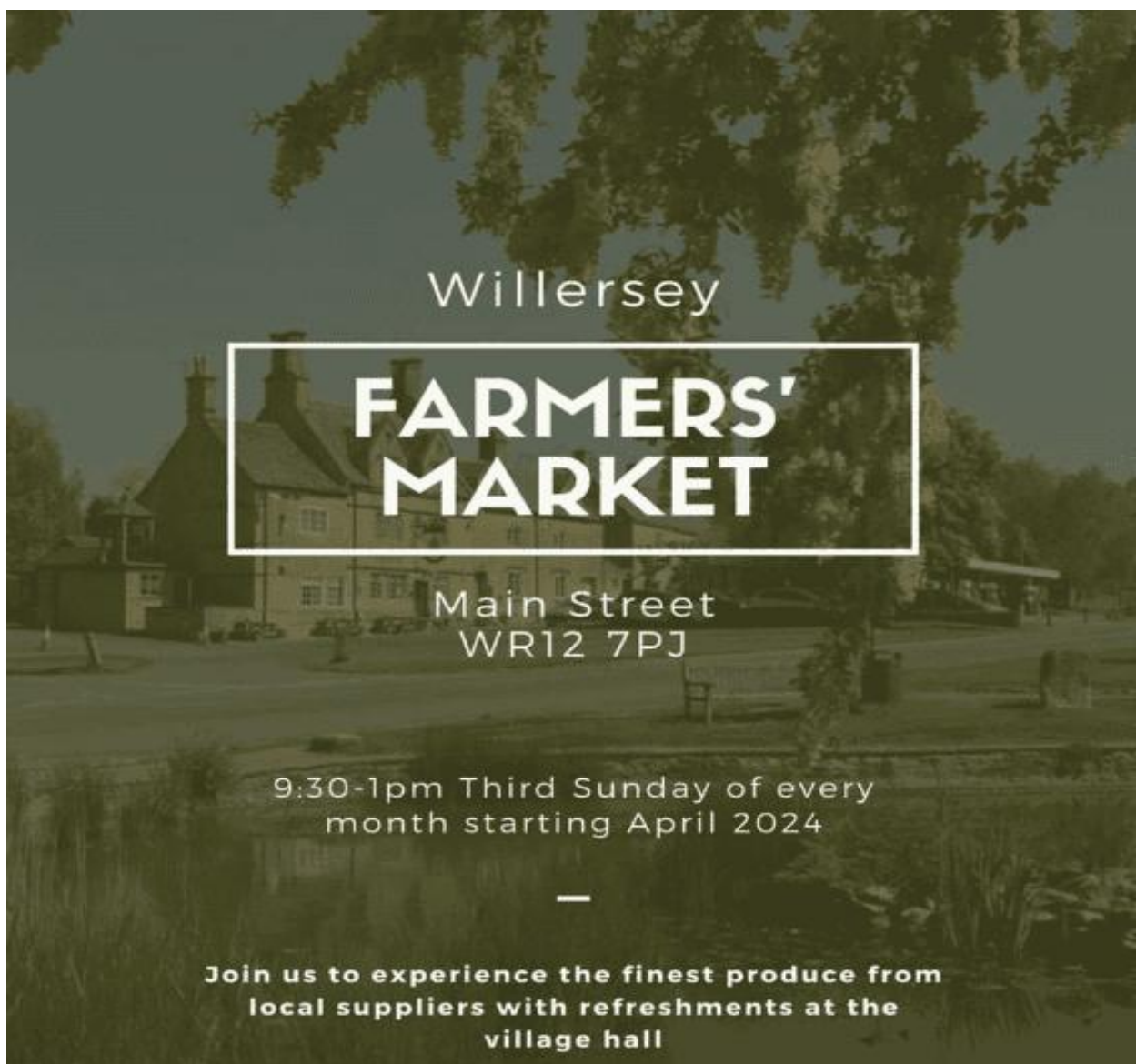
Willersey Farmers' Market 2026 – Sunday 19th April

Willersey Farmers' Market is back for 2026, Third Sunday of every month 9:30-1pm, focusing on food and drink from local producers. Arts and Crafts in the Village hall along with refreshments. The Bell will also be open for refreshments.

For any comments/suggestions about the market please email: [willerseyfarmersmarket at gmail.com](mailto:willerseyfarmersmarket@gmail.com)

Dates for your diary for the rest of the year - April 19th, May 17th, June 21st, July 19th, August 16th, September 20th, October 18th, November 15th, December To Be Confirmed

Hope to see you there.





**SINGING | DANCING | CHOREOGRAPHING |
ACTING | DIRECTING | DEVISING THEATRE**

**30
MARCH -
2 APRIL
2026**

BOOK TODAY BY EMAILING
ROSE@BLACKBOXTUITION.CO.UK
9AM-3PM
THE HENRICIAN THEATRE, EVESHAM
OPEN TO AGES 5-16, £120 FOR ALL 4 DAYS

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT US BY VISITING
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St Mary's PTA
— PRESENTS —

THE FUN FACTORY KIDS CLUB

Thursday 2nd April
9am – 3pm

Broadway Youth & Community Centre

ACTIVITIES HOT MEAL MUSIC REFRESHMENTS LOTS OF FUN

All community children aged
Reception – Year 6 Welcome

★ To book or for further info please email
funfactorybroadway@gmail.com

★ **LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE –
BOOK NOW TO GUARANTEE YOUR PLACE!**

£12
per child

Church News

Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday 11am

Saturday 4th April – Refreshments and Stalls 2pm to 4pm

Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday – Holy Communion 9am

REFRESHMENTS AND STALLS

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL

2PM TO 4PM

TOMBOLA



FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

KNITTED FIGURES



Church News

Welcome Café Cook book

The Welcome Café cook book, has all the delicious cake recipes in that have been donated to the church for the Welcome Café on Thursday afternoons. All proceeds from the sales of the cook book go towards the repair of the nave.

Should you wish to purchase the Welcome Café cook book they are £8.95 and can be bought from School Reception. **CASH ONLY PLEASE.**

Your Church is open for you every day. Welcome Café, in Saint Peter's, every Thursday afternoon 2pm – 4.30pm. Any enquires to Gillian Beale 01386 852958.



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The next newsletter is due out Friday 17th April 2026. Please email any information that you would like to be included to admin@willersey.gloucs.sch.uk by Thursday 16th April 2026.