

WILLERSEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



*We learn together in
FAITH, FUN and FRIENDSHIP*

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Week Commencing 15 th September 2025		UPCOMING EVENTS	
Mon	8am Breakfast Club	Mon	Whole School – Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Tues	8am Breakfast Club	Fri	Woodwind Assembly – Whole School
Wed	8am Breakfast Club Class 1 – Forest School		
Thurs	8am Breakfast Club		
Fri	8am Breakfast Club		

Class 1

It has been so lovely to welcome our new Reception children. Everyone has settled in brilliantly, and we are looking forward to them starting full time next week. We were extremely proud of how confidently they shared their 'All About Me/ boxes with their classmates. Already, we've bonded over our shared love of Pokémon, princesses, Spidey, and dogs!

We began the year by reflecting on how we would like our class to feel and came up with a set of golden rules, signed by all the children. These will help guide us through the year together.

In English, we are reading *Oi Frog!* and having fun exploring rhyme. The children have also been writing their own silly sentences while working hard on presentation expectations and handwriting as well as remembering capital letters, finger spaces, and full stops.

In maths, we've started our place value unit, focusing on counting and representing numbers within 10 and finding one more and one less.

Our history topic this half term is Childhood, where we are exploring changes over time, everyday life, family history, and significant events. This week, we began by looking at toys and games from the past and compared them to toys that they play with in the present day.

Finally, we're happy to welcome Miss Hunter, a student teacher, who will be with us until the end of the autumn term (please see our "All about Me" section).

Mrs Warren/Miss Tournon and the Class 1 Team

Class 2

This week, 3 of the Year 6's have finished their Bikeability course. Their instructor, David, has taught them how to do junctions, roundabouts and road safety. We hope all the Y6 children have told you all about it (see picture below).

Our new homework topic is all about the Kingdom of Benin. If you want extra information then you can look at the extra information page in the front of the children's homework book. We hope the children will continue to happily learn about Africa and their new homework topic this term.

In worship we have learnt about the monks in Gloucester cathedral and how they treated everyone with respect whether they were rich or poor. As the children grow we hope they will all act like the monks and treat everybody with respect and kindness.

For English we have been working on presentation and spelling. For maths we have been focusing on place value up to numbers in the ten thousands.

For PE, the children are doing dodgeball which will be taught by Mr Jones (our new PE coach and after school club leader) this term. He hopes to bring the image to be respectful and find joy in everything the children do.

By Lucy Hitchcock
Year 6



Congratulations to Lucy, Poppy and Dexter who completed their Bikeability level 1 & 2 course this week. This was offered to our Year 6 children. Bikeability is the national cycle training programme supported and funded by the Department for Transport. The course builds the skills and confidence of children who can already ride, developing confidence and independent thinking. Visit www.bikeability.org.uk for more information.



Class 2 Team

All about me

Hello, my name is Miss Charlie Hunter, and I have recently joined Willersey C of E Primary School as a student teacher. I have recently graduated from my BSc Geography undergraduate degree and am now studying for my PGCE with QTS in Primary Education, focussing on the Early Years, with the University of Worcester. In my spare time, I enjoy a range of hobbies such as going on long walks in the countryside, photography, and baking. I am excited to start my teaching career, and look forward to working with the pupils at Willersey to help share my passion for lifelong learning!



Lions at Large Farewell Weekend

After appearing at HSBC Cheltenham, our painted lion continues its journey to Cheltenham Racecourse before heading back to Willersey. Details of the event can be found below.

Lions at Large Farewell Weekend
Cheltenham Racecourse, Cheltenham, GL50 4SH
Saturday 4th October 2025



Worship

As a church school, daily worship is a central aspect of our learning and growing together. It enables us to come together each day and have a time of learning and reflection and to support each other.

Worship is now at the new time of 9 am each morning and this helps us to get the day off to a good, communal start in preparation for all the learning and the challenges of the day!

Our theme this term is '**Wise Ways for Living.**'

We have, so far, thought about 'Growing Well' and 'Getting on Well with others.' This has involved learning about thinking before we act (STOP, THINK, ACT) and thinking about how we speak to each other to ensure that we are supporting and showing care towards others.

Coming up we have:

- Making time for Play
- Different ways to Pray
- Working Willingly

We also have our 'Picture News' worship on a Friday, and this is always based around a current topic (e.g. appropriate current news items). So far this term we have thought about places and situations that are amazing and make us say 'wow!'

This Friday, our focus for Picture News is all about the church in Sweden that was moved to a new location and how the people feel about the church as a building and also as a community (much like our school is a building as well as a community).

Mr Jackson

School Term Dates

Term Dates:

Term 1: Tuesday 2nd September - Thursday 23rd October

Term 2: Monday 3rd November - Friday 19th December

Term 3: Monday 5th January - Thursday 12th February

Term 4: Monday 23rd February - Friday 27th March

Term 5: Monday 13th April - Friday 22nd May

Term 6: Monday 1st June - Friday 17th July

INSET days (children do not attend on these days):

Monday 1st September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 1st June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Bank Holiday:

Monday 4th May 2026 (school closed)

Church News

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.



We would like to invite you to our Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 21st September at 11.00am, which will be followed by a baptism. After our short and informal service there will be a Harvest Lunch to which you are also invited. Please bring a plate of food to share. If you would care to donate fruit and vegetables to the church for seasonal decoration, please bring on Thursday 18th or Friday 19th and leave them in the back of the church. There will be the usual collection of foodstuff at our Harvest Festival Service and all the foodstuffs contributed will be donated to charity.

We look forward to seeing you there.



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 20TH OF SEPTEMBER 10-12PM
WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND CAKE WHILST RAISING MONEY FOR A
GREAT CAUSE.

CAKE STALL GAMES RAFFLE SPLAT THE RAT

COME FOR
COFFEE
AND
CAKE

WE ARE
MACMILLAN.
CANCER SUPPORT

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YOUTH CLUB

SCHOOL YEARS 5 - 11
EVERY THURSDAY

6 - 7.30pm
FREE ENTRY!!
Broadway Youth & Community Centre

MEET FRIENDS & MAKE NEW ONES

MUSIC • FUN • GAMES

Our trained youth workers are on hand to engage,
whether you want somewhere to chill out, a quiet space
to study, fun activities, learning life skills or need
someone to listen and give non judgmental guidance
then this is the place to be, come give it a try!!

www.willerseyschool.org.uk

The next newsletter is due out Friday 26th September 2025. Please email any information that you would like to be included to admin@willersey.gloucs.sch.uk by Thursday 25th September 2025