
WILLERSEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



*We learn together in
FAITH, FUN and FRIENDSHIP*

Issue (31) – Thursday 12th February 2026 – Half Term

Week Commencing 23 rd February 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	Ian Evans (Drums)
Fri	8am Breakfast Club	Fri	

Class 1

In English, the children have enjoyed creating new characters for their stories. They chose a small animal and a big animal to invent their own tales inspired by *The Lion Inside*. We can't wait to share some of their brilliant writing with you soon.

In Maths, we are continuing our work on addition, using our place value knowledge to add and subtract 10s. After half term, we'll be building on this by learning how to add and subtract by crossing a ten.

Reception are exploring the composition of numbers 6, 7, and 8 and have also been investigating length. After sharing *Superworm* and *I Can Only Draw Worms*, the children had great fun creating their own worms and comparing their lengths.

In Geography, as part of our Coastlines unit, we have been learning how to stay safe at the seaside and exploring the vital work of the RNLI. We are very excited about the possibility of welcoming RNLI volunteers next term so the children can gain first-hand insight into how they help others and see some of the equipment they use.

In Music, the children have been learning to play the djembe drum this term and are developing great rhythm skills. We have also been sharing stories that celebrate our differences and enjoying thoughtful discussions about how families can look different from our own.

Finally, we have been reading books by John Dougherty, who will be visiting our school on 10th March. The children are very excited about this and will have the opportunity to purchase signed copies of his books or bring in their own copies to get them signed. Current favourites include *There's a Pig up My Nose*, *Stinkbomb* and *Ketchup-Face*, and *The Hare-Shaped Hole*.

We hope you have a lovely half term!

Class 2

In our story, Kai has set off on an adventure without her mother to tackle the dragon who attacks the local village. Kai's mother, Wen has been worried about taking Kai on the adventure and if she's ready for the challenge. We have been using the emotions of both characters to help us in writing a diary entry and thinking about the different emotions that the characters are presenting.

We continue to work on long multiplication and division, the class are working really hard to remember how to set out the questions and practice multiplication tables alongside their work.

In History we have been working on Stone Age tools, thinking about what materials may have been available and how the tools were used for example, hunting and eating.

Different styles of churches and religious symbols within these religious buildings and churches has been our focus in RE. Identifying what these symbols represent and how they are used by different denominations of Christianity has led to some excellent discussion and thoughtful ideas about why these are important to people's lives.

We have been using chalk to draw a buffalo, using the style and ideas of cave painters from the Stone Age. We also used different layers of colour, painting a Woolly mammoth to create our display.

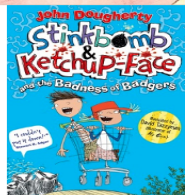
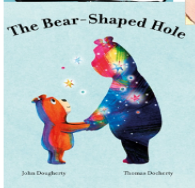
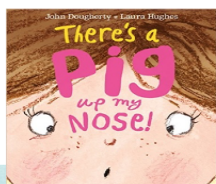
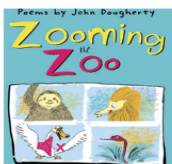
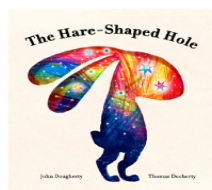
John Dougherty – Children's Author

An Award-Winning Author Is Coming to Willersey C of E Primary!



We are delighted to announce that we will be welcoming **award-winning children's author John Dougherty** to school on the morning of **Monday 10th March 2026**.

John will be spending the morning with the children, sharing his stories and talking about his work as an author. There will also be an opportunity for **book signing**, making this a really special experience for our pupils.



Children may either bring in their own copy of a John Dougherty book to be signed, or families will have the opportunity to pre-order a signed copy in advance of the visit. Details of available book titles and prices, along with information on how to pre-order, will be shared shortly.

We're very much looking forward to this exciting visit and hope it will inspire lots of budding readers and writers!

Floorball - Final

The 'A' Team final involved Willersey and Ilmington, a repeat of last year's final. The latter won both their qualifying games, 5-1, and 2-0, with a 100% record in the pool matches. Willersey suffered a setback when their regular goalkeeper was unable to play. Lucy has been top goalkeeper for Willersey. An excellent replacement was found in Barney, who made a string of excellent saves and displayed a great knowledge of what he was allowed to do. However, as he was also one of their main goal scorers, it was likely that their attacking form would be affected.

Ilmington's regular forward line of Dylan, Henry B and Emma gave the Willersey defence a lot of problems, raining in nearly thirty shots through the match. At the other end Annabelle and Henry F kept the ball away from Eddie in goal for much of the game. Fox and Darcy played their part when the starting line needed a rest in an end to end game. Willersey only had nine shots by Ollie or Angus which got past the tight defence, forcing Eddie into smart saves.

Ilmington opened the scoring with the best goal of the match. Their defence cleared to Dylan, who worked up the left wing then, rather than shooting he sent the perfect pass to an unmarked Henry B, who shot home first time after six minutes. Dylan then went on to hit the bar twice. The second one spinning, hitting the floor just over the line, spinning back up to hit the bar again and spinning out once more. The referee had a great view and was able to confirm the goal. In the last four minutes Henry B netted three times in a row to make it 5-0 at half time.

In the second half Willersey's Ollie started to get more shots through on goal, yet it was on a breakaway after five minutes that Henry B scored again. Another five minutes of attacking proved fruitless for Willersey, until another break led to Dylan's second goal. Throughout the match Willersey had four power play opportunities, only for the Ilmington defence to stand firm. Crystal, Isla, Violet, Darcie and Toby worked just as well for the Willersey defence. Ilmington piled on the pressure in the last three minutes, hitting the post ... again ... before Dylan completed his hat trick for an 8-0 win. Ilmington have now won eleven of the thirty 'A' Team Championships, this the fourth in a row. (Mr Andrew Clough)



School Term Dates

Upcoming Dates:

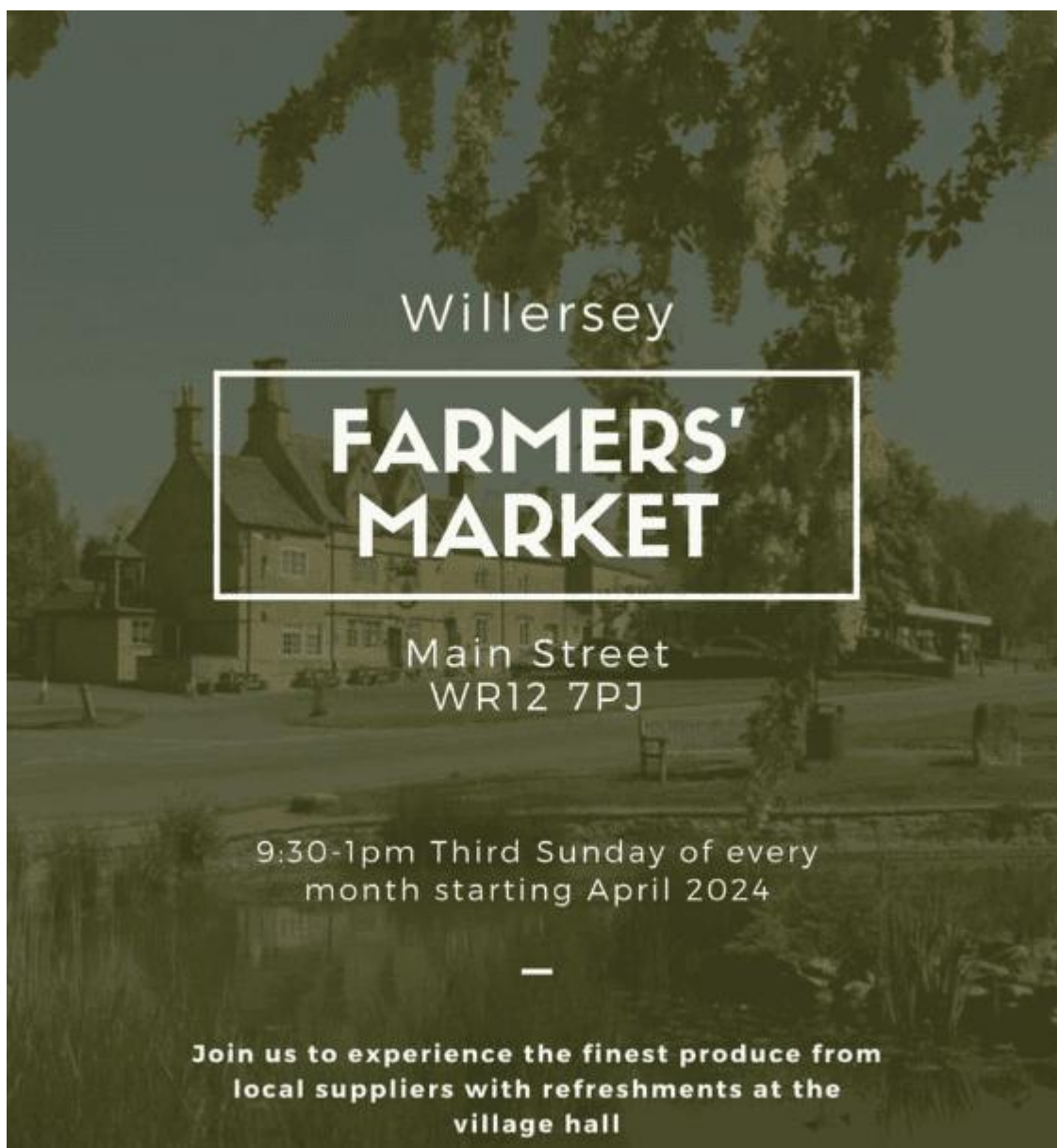
Thursday 12th Feb – End of Term – Disco 5pm to 7pm at the Village Hall

Friday 13th Feb – Inset Day

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day and Visit from Cidermill theatre – workshop

Willersey Farmers' Market 2026 - Sunday 15th February

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.





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

**30
MARCH -
2 APRIL
2026**

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

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Willersey Footlights 40th Anniversary Show

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WILLERSEY FOOTLIGHTS 40TH Anniversary Show

MARCH 27 & 28TH



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Cheltenham Festival Preview Night



CHEL TENHAM FESTIVAL PREVIEW NIGHT

**LISTEN TO A PANEL OF TOP JOCKEYS GIVE THEIR THOUGHTS
ON THE FESTIVAL (INCLUDING A GOLD CUP WINNING
JOCKEY)**

SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2026

6:30 FOR 7PM START

WILLERSEY VILLAGE HALL

£20 A TICKET

ALL PROCEEDS TO WILLERSEY SCHOOL

FOR TICKETS EITHER SEE LINDSEY BRENNAN 07920407447

OR E-MAIL WILLERSEYFOS@GMAIL.COM

OR COLLECT FROM WILLERSEY GARAGE (CASH ONLY)

Friends of School - School Disco

Thursday 12th February - Tonight

Food will be provided, it looks like the majority preference was Pizza, (there will also provide snacks alongside).

If you have any questions or concerns, please let Friends of School know.

Thank you



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.



All age worship this Sunday 15th February at 11am – all are welcome.

www.willerseyschool.org.uk

The next newsletter is due out Friday 6th March 2026. Please email any information that you would like to be included to admin@willersey.gloucs.sch.uk by Thursday 5th March 2026.