
WILLERSEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



*We learn together in
FAITH, FUN and FRIENDSHIP*

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Week Commencing 11 th May 2026		UPCOMING EVENTS	
Mon	8am Breakfast Club	Mon	
Tues	8am Breakfast Club	Tues	
Wed	8am Breakfast Club	Wed	Swimming – Class 2 Forest School – Class 1
Thurs	8am Breakfast Club	Thurs	
Fri	8am Breakfast Club	Fri	

Class 1

Class 1 have been thinking carefully about how we can look after our environment and the small changes we can make to help protect our planet.

In English, we have continued our unit on plastic pollution using the book *Somebody Swallowed Stanley*. The children have written pledges about what they can do to help save the turtles, brainstormed creative ways to reuse plastic bags, and produced informative fact files about turtles and jellyfish. We also marked David Attenborough's 100th birthday by designing celebratory cakes for him and watching clips about green turtles, leatherback turtles and fried egg jellyfish to gather facts for our writing.

Reception have been building their writing fluency and stamina by composing simple sentences such as "I see a...", "it is a...", and "I can see the...", while remembering capital letters, finger spaces and full stops.

In maths, we have been learning about division through sharing and grouping. The children have explored the 2 times table and made the link that multiplying by 2 is the same as doubling, and dividing by 2 is the same as halving. Reception have been working on the composition of numbers 15 to 20, understanding for example that 15 is made from one ten and five ones.

In RE, we have been exploring the question, 'What is it like to be brought up in a Hindu home in the UK today?' We compared features of a Hindu home with our own and noticed many similarities. One difference we learned about is the mandir, a special place of worship in the home. As Hinduism originated in India, we will also be learning a little about Indian culture and music and are looking forward to welcoming a sitar player into school.

In history, as part of our 'Magnificent Monarchs' unit, we have been true historians by studying royal portraits as artefacts, carefully observing them to gather clues and information about each monarch.

Class 2

We have been busy creating 2D Mosaic pots for display as well as learning about the historical influence of Boudica, the Celtic warrior, and her battles against Roman rule in Britain.

In Maths we have been learning about time and money as well as consolidating and revising topics we have learnt across the last two terms.

Using the story Alba the 100 year fish, we have been having some really interesting and detailed conversations about pollution in the seas and the impact of Plastic. Learning about how plastic is made and how it is used, has helped us to think about how we can make changes for the future. The children were shocked to see and learn about the great pacific garbage patch, a piece of ocean where microplastics and rubbish have gathered.

In RE, we have been discussing ways we celebrate and ceremonies we have attended. Understanding the difference between these, we have been thinking about how ceremonies differ across religions.

The children are really enjoying Wednesday swimming, becoming more confident and following instructions, learning to perfect their swimming techniques, each week.

Nature Quiz

Monday 27 April Willersey Primary School competed in a Nature Quiz against Isbourne Valley, it was a close call with only a few points between them. The children showed excellent knowledge.

School Games – Bronze Award

**BRONZE AWARD FOR
2025/2026**



We are delighted to announce that we, Willersey Church of England Primary School, have achieved the School Games BRONZE Mark Award for the 2025/26 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include:

- Athletics
- Bell Boating
- Bowling
- Cross Country
- Dodgeball
- Floorball Finalists

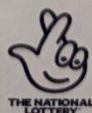
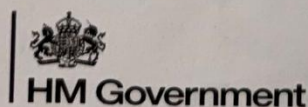
With a total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to:

All volunteers who have helped with transport. We would like to thank all parents for their continued support with Willersey Primary School sporting activities.

We look forward to applying once again in 2027!



Friends of the School

Thank you to all who came to our school fete on Monday. We have managed to raise over £760!

The school relies heavily on the support of its community with fundraising to help keep the school going and to help cover essential costs that go beyond basic funding.

With all the support you make it possible for the children to go on trips, help with essential maintenance, and improve amenities for them. The children also took part in Country Dancing.

We cannot express how grateful we are with the ongoing support shown to the school.

Much appreciated

Friends of School



Church News

Sunday 10th May – 9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Sunday 10th May – 4.00pm Prayer and Praise

Thursday 14th May – 7.00pm Ascension Day Service

Sunday 17th May – All Age Worship

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 22nd May 2026. Please email any information that you would like to be included to admin@willersey.gloucs.sch.uk by Thursday 21st May 2026.