
WILLERSEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



*We learn together in
FAITH, FUN and FRIENDSHIP*

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Week Commencing 2 nd February 2026		UPCOMING EVENTS	
Mon	8am Breakfast Club	Mon	
Tues	8am Breakfast Club	Tues	
Wed	8am Breakfast Club Class 1 – Forest School	Wed	Cross Country (County Qualifier)
Thurs	8am Breakfast Club	Thurs	
Fri	8am Breakfast Club	Fri	

Class 1

In English, we have begun our new unit based on *The Lion Inside* by Rachel Bright. We have immersed ourselves in the savannah and have been writing setting descriptions using expanded noun phrases with interesting adjectives. The children have also been learning about words with the prefix *un-* and how adding it changes a word's meaning. Through hot-seating activities, the children pretended to be different animals from the story, thinking carefully about the questions they might ask the Lion. This has helped us focus on writing questions and exploring the story from different characters' perspectives.

In Maths, Year 1 and Year 2 have moved on to addition and subtraction within 100. This week, we have been practising adding across 10. To do this, the children first make a number bond to 10 and then add what is left. For example, when adding $8 + 5$, the children take 2 from the 5 to make 10, then add the remaining 3 to make 13. **Practising number bonds to 10 at home will really help support this learning.** Reception have been learning about mass and capacity and have now moved on to exploring the composition of numbers 6, 7, and 8.

In Geography, we explored how erosion can cause permanent changes to the coastline. The children created their own coastline using sand to make cliffs and wooden blocks for buildings. When we added water to create waves, the children noticed how the cliffs eroded and put the buildings at risk. We then added pebbles to create rip-rap and observed how this sea defence helped protect the cliff and reduce erosion.

At Forest school, the children took part in the Great British Birdwatch. They spotted crows, magpies and pigeons! Unfortunately, we went out on a rainy day and perhaps the birds were sheltering out of sight. The children left out treats ('bird pizzas' made out of lard and seeds) for the birds and made hides to watch the birds from. Let's hope our treats attract a variety of birds!



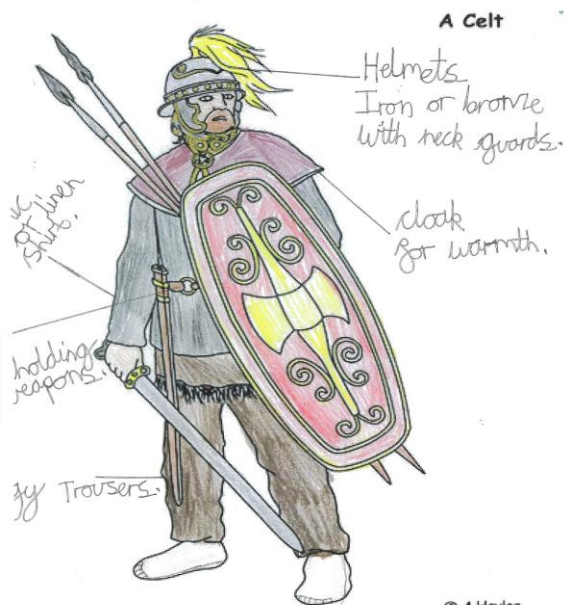
Class 2

We have been studying the Christian Church in Re, exploring the different denominations of Christianity. The children have been looking at decoration of churches and building and religious symbols.

We continue to receive some wonderful imaginative homework from the class. We have been very impressed with presentation and all the ideas the children have to set out their work.

In English, we have been planning and writing our own stories, using a single image as inspiration. We continue to read and use the story Kai and the Monkey king to study spelling and grammar.

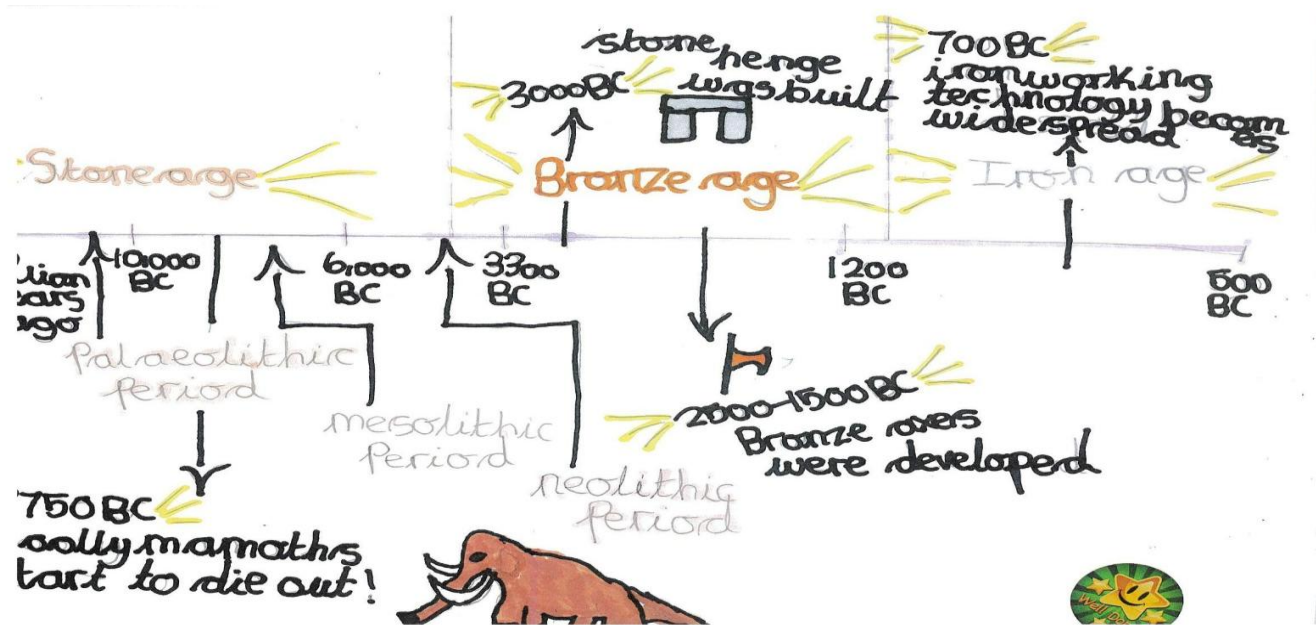
Multiplication and division has been, and will continue to be, our focus until the end of the half term.



A Celtic Warrior

A Celtic Warrior was a fierce fighter from Iron Age Europe. They used sharp iron swords, pointy spears and large shields. When fighting, they would fight on foot, horseback or in charging chariots.





Theatre Set Design

The children have been learning about Set Design in the theatre. As part of their work, they viewed some footage of the set that was used in 'The War Horse.'

They then had a task to construct a set design in 10 minutes using toys from the class 1 resources. This was to think about how the placing of the props on the stage made a difference as well as the effect that lighting had. They completed some experimental drawings using charcoal, compressed charcoal and chalk.

Last week, they completed their set designs using a chosen phrase as an inspiration. We also viewed some set designs produced by some students who are undertaking a Masters course at the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School. The class collated some questions for the students and some comments about their work. We hope to have a reply soon.

Please see the selection of photographs showing the finished set designs.





School Term Dates

Upcoming Dates:

Wednesday 4th Feb – Cross Country (County Qualifier)

Monday 9th Feb – Floorball (Final) – Players will be notified by email if they are picked for the team

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

Friday 13th Feb – Inset Day

Broadway United – Free Football Taster Sessions for Under 7's –
Year 2



ANNOUNCEMENT



**BROADWAY UNITED ARE RUNNING SOME FREE
FOOTBALL TASTER SESSIONS FOR UNDER 7S
(SCHOOL YEAR 2). IF YOU KNOW A FOOTBALL
MAD CHILD THIS IS FOR THEM.
PLEASE REGISTER YOUR INTEREST WITH
BROADWAY COACH**

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UNDER 7S**



Friends of School - School Disco – Thursday 12th February

Another 7 volunteers needed on the night, 4 on doors and 3 in quiet room (including doing glitter tattoos)

If you are able to help, please let reception know as soon as possible.

Food will be provided, please can you let me know if you would prefer...

Hot Dogs **OR** Pizza

(we will also provide snacks along side).

So we have enough time to accommodate, **please can you let the office know by 10th February** which your child would PREFER. We are not taking orders, it will be majority rules, 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.



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The next newsletter is due out Friday 13th February 2026. Please email any information that you would like to be included to admin@willersey.gloucs.sch.uk by Thursday 12th February 2026.