WILLERSEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

We learn together in FAITH, FUN and FRIENDSHIP

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Week Commencing 12th October 2026		UPCOMING EVENTS	
Mon	**8am** Breakfast Club	**Mon**	Cheltenham Literature Festival
Tues	**8am** Breakfast Club	**Tues**	
Wed	**8am** Breakfast Club	**Wed**	
Thurs	**8am** Breakfast Club	**Thurs**	
Fri	**8am** Breakfast Club	**Fri**	Flu Immunisations in school

Class 1

In English, we have been reading Look Up! by Nathan Bryon and exploring fact writing. The children have researched and written fascinating facts about Mae Jemison and meteors. Alongside developing their writing skills, we have been focusing on correct letter formation and posture, as well as remembering capital letters and punctuation. Our Year 2 children have also been working on joining clauses using conjunctions (and, because).

In maths, we have moved on to addition and subtraction within 20. We have been practising 'fact families', where we use the same three numbers to create four related number sentences. For example, using 5, 3 and 8, we can write 5 + 3 = 8, 3 + 5 = 8. We have also been looking at doubles.

Reception have been busy sorting objects according to their colour, size and shape. This week, they have been exploring weight and even became 'human scales' to compare which objects were heavier or lighter!

In history, our topic is Movers and Shakers, where we are exploring what makes someone significant in history. The children were particularly interested to discover that a significant person does not necessarily have to have had a positive impact. They can be remembered for both positive and negative actions.

Our big question in RE is 'What is it like to be part of a Muslim community in Britain?' The children have been reflecting on their own communities and creating community circles to show the people, places and things that are important to them.

Our Reception children have also been busy developing their name writing and fine motor skills. They particularly enjoyed creating 'galaxy' paintings using marbles rolled through paint on black paper. We have also begun talking about autumn and noticing the changes in the weather and the world around us.

The children have been having a wonderful time at Forest School, too! They have made woodpecker drums, created clay sculptures, built a conker run, explored the mud kitchen using petals and flowers, and, of course, enjoyed a well-deserved hot chocolate around the campfire.

Don't forget to have a look below to discover some of the other wonderful books we have been enjoying in our 'Willersey Book Corner'!

Mrs A Warren
Class 1 Teacher

Class 2

We have been exploring the effect of people's views in 1960 and 1970 America, how Katherine Johnson showed determination to end up at NASA and follow her dream of becoming a mathematician while exploring space.

The children have been working very hard on presentation and detail within their writing using examples and some excellent teamwork.

In RE we have been thinking about how we use the stories from the bible to teach us lessons and take guidance. The story of Joseph has been our focus this week and how Josephs brothers treated him.

In Science we had an excellent space afternoon yesterday, we used art to help us further understand the planets and our universe.











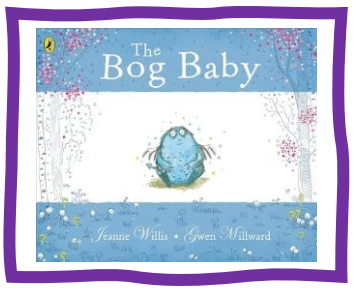


Our maths focus is number and number lines this week; we have been remembering that number lines don't always start from 0. The children have been working very hard to rehearse times tables and remember the key number facts.

A big congratulations to our dodgeball team who secured 2nd place at the competition.



Willersey's Book Corner



Bog Baby by Jeanne Willis and Gwen Millward

What is it about?

Two little girls go walking in Bluebell Wood and discover a tiny Bog Baby. They rescue him and make him a beautiful home in a bucket, tickling him and feeding him cake crumbs. But despite all their love and care, the Bog Baby is not doing so well.

This story led to some wonderful discussions in Class 1 about honesty, love and learning to let go. We thought carefully about what is best for someone we love, even when it might be difficult.

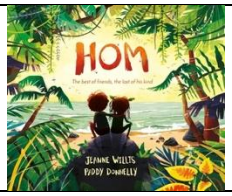
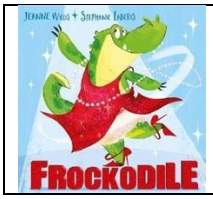
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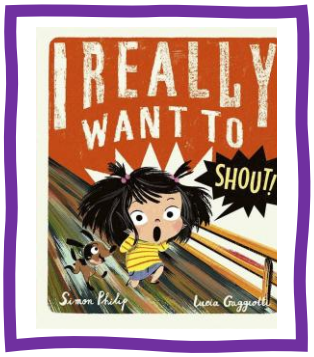
"It's so cute!" A., Reception

"The bog baby didn't like the clean water or the cake crumbs. They have to put it back." L., Y1

"I thought they did the right thing to let the bog baby go because it was helping the bog baby" R., Y2

If you enjoyed this book, you might also like…

	**Hom** by Jeanne Willis, illustrated by Paddy Donnelly		**Frockodile** by Jeanne Willis, illustrated by Stephanie Laberis



I really want to shout! By Simon Philip and Lucia Gaggiotti

What is it about?

Sometimes our feelings can become so big that we just want to shout! This lively and relatable story explores what happens when emotions take over and helps us think about the different ways we can express how we feel.

We had some lovely discussions about big feelings, managing our emotions and finding ways to let them out. We talked about how it is okay to feel angry or frustrated, but also about the choices we can make when those feelings become too big.

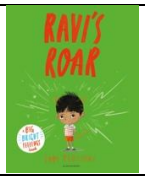
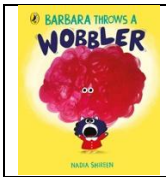
What did we think?

"It was funny!' L., Reception

"I liked it when she really, really wanted to shout, maybe she should use a pillow" T., Y1

"I liked when the girl drew on the wall to help her anger but actually she made the teacher angry! " S., Y2

If you enjoyed this book, you might also like…

	Ravi's Roar by Tom Percival		Barbara Throws a Wobbler by Nadia Shireen



Willersey C of E Primary School

Learning together through faith, fun and friendship

OPEN MORNING

Thursday 22nd October 2026 and Thursday 12th November 2026

9.30am to 11.00am

Come and see us busy at work!

Whether you are a potential new parent or just interested to have a look around, do come and have a cup of tea and meet our pupils, teachers, governors and friends.

We also have spaces in our current Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 age-groups.

A warm welcome awaits you from staff and pupils at our friendly and successful village school.

No need to book – just come along on 22nd October or 12th November.
If you are unable to visit on these dates, please call to make an appointment for an alternative day and we will be happy to give you a tour.

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Church News

Sunday 11th October - Holy Communion (BCP)

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.

Autumn Clean at St Peter's Saturday 17th October

Come along and help with the autumn clean, mops, dusters and cleaning equipment all provided. Start time 10.00am. Refreshments served through the morning with soup lunch to conclude the clean. Come and join the happy band of volunteers.

Cracked Bell Appeal @ St Peter's Willersey -Events

Curry Feast Night – Saturday 10th October 2026 – Village Hall

We're bringing the village together in the Village Hall for a special evening of delicious, authentic, homemade food, lovingly prepared using Shelia's family recipes, with good company and plenty of community spirit.

Bar Opens: 7.00pm **Dinner Served:** 7.15pm – on sitting **£25 per person** – two course feast

Your evening includes a delicious homemade curry, side dishes, rice and a puri, followed by a wonderful homemade dessert. With just 50 seats available, this promises to be a lovely, intimate village evening. Come along, enjoy fantastic food, catch up with friends and neighbours, and help us raise much needed funds towards repairing the cracked bell at St Peter's Willersey.

We'd love to you see you there! To see if there are any tickets still available, please visit https://eventbrite.co.uk/e/curry-night-10th-october-tickets -1998377094685

Ann and Sandra's Super Soup Fundraiser – Saturday 7th November 2026 – Village Hall

Just **50p entry** on the door. With modestly priced delicious homemade soup & roll, Teas and coffees.

Plus – Raffle with high-quality prizes, Tombola stall, Homemade cake stall and Gift stall

A splendid opportunity to mingle and catch up with friends and acquaintances.