WILLERSEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND 11PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FAITH, FUN and FRIENDSHIP

Issue (43) – Friday 23rd October 2026

Week Commencing 2nd November 2026		UPCOMING EVENTS	
Mon	**8am** Breakfast Club	**Mon**	
Tues	**8am** Breakfast Club	**Tues**	
Wed	**8am** Breakfast Club	**Wed**	
Thurs	**8am** Breakfast Club	**Thurs**	
Fri	**8am** Breakfast Club	**Fri**	

Class 1

We've had a busy and exciting couple of weeks in Class 1. In English, the children have been writing diary entries as Rocket, the main character from Look Up! by Nathan Bryon. They have been imagining what it was like to experience the night of the Phoenix meteor shower, describing the events and exploring Rocket's thoughts and feelings. Reception have been practising their letter formation and using initial sounds to label their pictures. We are seeing some lovely work from the youngest members of our class, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence growing!

In maths, we have continued our work on addition and subtraction, exploring different strategies to help us solve calculations. We have been using near doubles, for example, if we know that 4 + 4 = 8, we can use this to work out 4 + 5 by adding one more. We have also been practising counting on from the larger number, such as starting at 16 and counting on five more to work out 16+5, and using our number bonds to ten to solve calculations such as 13 + 7. Reception have been exploring patterns, creating and continuing repeating patterns using an AB structure, such as red, blue, red, blue.

We have also been embracing the changes of autumn! The children have enjoyed painting autumn leaves and pumpkins, as well as exploring natural autumnal objects to create their own patterns. It has been a lovely opportunity to notice the changing colours and textures of the season and use these as inspiration for our creative work.

Cheltenham Literature Festival

What a fantastic day we had at the Cheltenham Literature Festival! Both classes enjoyed a wonderful day celebrating books, meeting authors and taking part in creative activities. They also loved a brilliant storytelling session with author and storyteller Robert O'Neill. One of our highlights was getting to meet the Gruffalo!

Class 1 had a brilliant time on their first school excursion. They met authors Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre, took part in a draw-along and helped design a board game inspired by their Adventuremice book. We then created our own board games back in class! You can find more Adventuremice activities and resources on the authors' website Here .

Class 2 enjoyed a workshop with author Philippa Leathley, exploring how to create magical characters. The children loved meeting a real-life author, and many even had their books signed!

What a fantastic and successful first school trip of the year.

Mrs A Warren
Class 1 Teacher



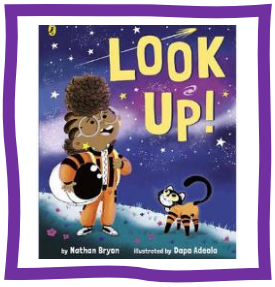


Cheltenham Literature Festival 2026





Willersey's Book Corner



Look Up! by Nathan Byron and Dapo Adeola

What is it about?

Look Up! has been our focus text this term and has inspired our writing. In this unit we explored fact writing as well as

Rocket is a passionate young girl who dreams of becoming an astronaut. Excited about seeing the Phoenix Meteor shower she creates flyers and spreads the word inspiring everyone to look up!

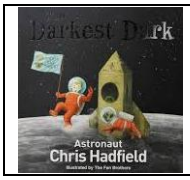
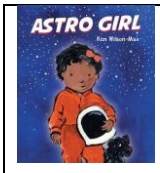
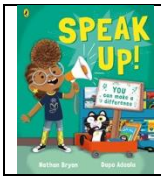
What did we think?

"I want to see the Pheonix meteor shower because I want to see the meteors zooming across the sky!" E., Y1

"I want to be an astronaut too!" R., Y1

"I loved it when Jamal finally looked up at the sky and not at his phone!" R., Y2

If you enjoyed this book, you might also like…

	**The darkest dark** by Chris Hadfield, Terry and Eric Fan		**Astro girl** by Ken Wilson-Max		**Speak Up!** by Nathan Byron and Dapo Adeola



The Leaf Thief by Alice Hemming and Nicola Slater

What is it about?

Squirrel is shocked to discover that the leaves are disappearing from his favourite tree! He is determined to find out who the leaf thief could be, leading to a funny story about the changing seasons and the wonders of autumn.

Inspired by the beautiful colours and patterns of autumn leaves, the children created their own colourful leaf paintings, exploring different shapes, colours and intricate patterns. We loved seeing their creativity shine through in their beautiful artwork!

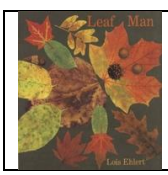
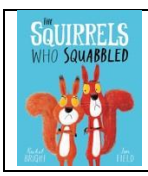
What did we think?

"The wind was the actual thief!" L., Y1

"I loved how the little mouse was sailing on a leaf. " S., Y2

"Bird, bird someone stole my the grass!" H., Y2

If you enjoyed this book, you might also like…

	**Leaf Man** by Lois Ehlert		**The Very Last Leaf** by Stef Wade, Jennifer Davison		**The squirrels who squabbled** by Rachel Bright and Jim Field

Class 2

In Maths we have begun exploring addition and subtraction. This includes carries, problem solving and using decimals.

Counting on Katherine has been our story this term and the children have really been inspired and enjoyed learning about her life accomplishments. We have been creating timelines of her life.

We enjoyed a trip to the Cheltenham Literacy Festival where the children had chance to talk and work with two authors. They had the opportunity to get their books signed by Philipa Leathley.

In our science lessons we have been learning about how the Earth moves around the sun creating day and night and the four seasons.

In our Geography we have been creating model busts of Alexander the Great or a vase out of clay.



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

Our 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.

Cracked Bell Appeal @ St Peter's Willersey -Events



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