



WILLOW CLASS

Autumn 1 Newsletter 2026



WELCOME!

Hello and a big welcome to Willow Class and Year 4!

I hope you all had a great holiday and are ready for the busy and exciting half term to come.

In History we will be investigating the Roman Empire and exploring the impact these invaders had on Britain.

In Science we will be learning all about sound — how it is made, how it travels and its different properties.

In R.E. we begin with a unit on Christianity, asking the big question: "What did God promise to his people?"



Maths

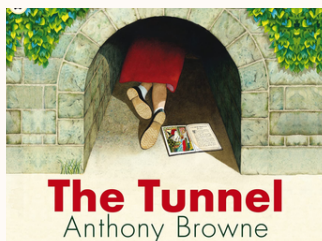


Y4 Maths begins with Place Value within 10000 before moving on to the first of the four operations, addition and subtraction.



Talk for writing

We will be using *The Tunnel* by Anthony Browne as inspiration for our writing, exploring how to open and structure a portal story. Our toolkit focus will be on creating vivid and exciting settings.



Dates for the diary

- 03/09/2026: First day back
- 07/09/2026: Y4 Meet the teacher
- 29/09/2026: Fishbourne Roman Palace
- 05/10/2026: Open classroom from 2.45pm
- 06/10/2026: Harvest Service led by Y1 & Y2
- 07/10/2026: Consultation Evening
- 14/10/2026: Consulation Evening
- 14/10/2026: Y4 Level 1 Cycle Training
- 16/10/2026: Y4 Level 1 Cycle Training



Our school value this half term is: **Respect**



Online saftey

Online safety is one of the most important aspects of safeguarding children's wellbeing. Please be vigilant in monitoring your child's use of online gaming and social media.

The following websites provide helpful advice and guidance:

NSPCC - advice about parental controls, online safety quiz and how to talk to your child guidance. www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety.

Childnet - help and advice for both parents and children around key internet safety topics. www.ceopeducation.co.uk



Times tables are a key skill in Year 4. Please support your children to practise regularly at home it will really boost their confidence and progress in maths.

How to help at home

Continue to celebrate children's successes and to encourage positive attitudes towards school and learning. Talk to the children about what they are doing in class, we are very proud of all they are achieving and we know that they are too.



We learn new Trickbox strategies every half term to help with emotional management and personal development. More info at <https://trickbox.co.uk>