



Class Willow- Autumn 1 Newsletter 2026

Welcome to our class! We are so excited to begin a fantastic year of learning, discovery, and fun together. Year 5 and Year 6 are full of exciting opportunities to challenge yourselves, develop new skills, and grow in confidence. We will work hard, support one another, and celebrate our successes along the way. Whether you are feeling excited, nervous, or a little bit of both, remember that our classroom is a safe, kind, and welcoming place.

Please keep an eye on Dojo, where we share the most up-to-date information about what is happening in the classroom.

Mornings at school are the best time for us to connect with the children. Whilst we do our best to be available for parents, catching us as the school day starts is not ideal. If you need to discuss anything, please send a Dojo or leave a message in the office and we will be happy to book in a time to chat.

Thank you,

Mrs Chapman (Monday, Tuesday, Friday) Mrs Redfearn (Wednesday, Thursday)

Reminders

- PE is every Tuesday and Thursday
- Homework will be handed out on Friday and due in the following Wednesday
- Reading three times a week at home
- Times Table practice three times a week at home

Reading in Year 5/6

Reading at home plays a vital role in helping children build confidence, fluency, and a love of learning. Just a few minutes each day can significantly improve vocabulary, comprehension, and overall academic progress. Thank you for your continued support in making reading a regular and enjoyable part of your child's learning.

If you need any book recommendations, then please ask.

Key dates

- **22nd September** – All junior girls @This Girl Can
- **7th October** – Football tournament
- **20th October**– Y6 bikeability
- **22nd- October** - Harvest festival @2pm at the Church



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learning this half term:

English
We will be looking at the picture book The arrival by Sean Tann . Focusing on a range of text over the first few weeks including; Letters, character descriptions, diaries, poster, short playscripts, short report
Maths
We will start the year by looking at place value and move onto addition and subtraction, multiplication and division.
Science
The children will look at forces and how they affect different objects. Including friction, air resistance and water resistance.
History
History will focus on the Vikings, their settlement in Britain and how they fit into a historical timeline of Britain.
PSHE
Being my best
RE
What does it mean if Christians believe God is holy and loving?
Art
Marbling techniques
Computing
Creating media – video production
PE
Invasion games .Team sports -handball
Music
Beat and rhythm, body percussion
French
Time, numbers and mealtimes