Newsletter

No. 8 – 6th November 2026

Dear Parent/Carers,

It has been a busy first week back after half-term. On Monday we had a whole school singing workshop, where the children and staff enjoyed learning lots of different songs in a variety of genres. We all had the opportunity to try out different singing voices including operatic!





On Tuesday a Dental Nurse talked to all the children about caring for their teeth. The children had lots of questions for her, including how many teeth children and adults have and what the different tools are for when we go to the dentist. She shared lots of information about how to brush our teeth most effectively, and which foods are best for our teeth. She reminded us of the importance of only having a fruit or vegetable snack at playtime.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to the first of this term's Class Assemblies. Ash class will be sharing their learning so far this term on Tuesday 10th November at 8.55 am in the hall, followed by Sycamores on Thursday 12th November.

Kind regards,

Catherine Brooks

Next Friday the children are welcome to wear PJs, or their own clothes, for a donation to the charity.

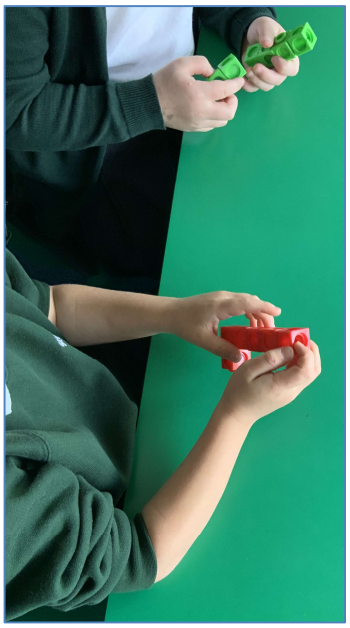


We will be selling paper poppies, snap bands and more, again next week. Each purchase supports the Royal British Legion and helps the Armed Forces community.



"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10

Some of our learning this week







In maths, year 1 have been making 6 in lots of different ways.

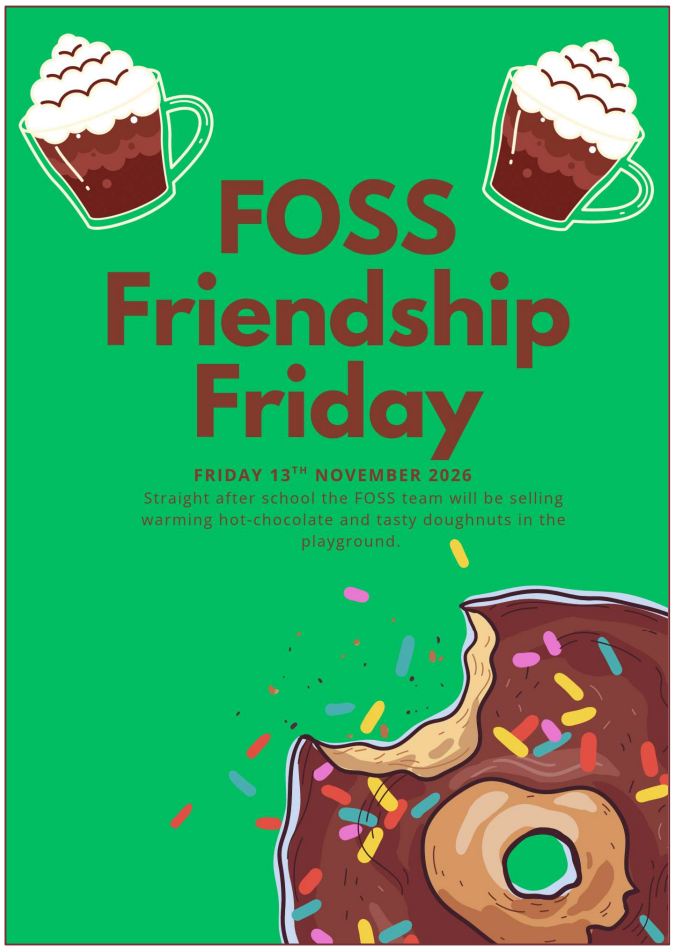


The children across the school had lots of questions all about teeth for the visiting Dental Nurse.

Did you know children have 20 baby teeth, whilst adults have 32 teeth?

The children thoroughly enjoyed our singing workshop, showing lots of different skills.





SHIPLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

THURSDAY FAMILY READS

Willows' parents are warmly invited to join us in class each Thursday afternoon from 2:40-3pm to share a story with your child.

These sessions provide a relaxed and enjoyable way for children to develop a love of reading and to help build positive reading habits from an early age.

SHIPLEY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2027?

Come and visit us on one of our open day tours:

-Friday 27th November at 3:45pm
-Thursday 3rd December at 10:45am

We are nestled in the countryside, just a short drive from Billingshurst, Southwater and Horsham, with smaller than average class sizes.

Call the office to book a tour, or to arrange an alternative visit:
01403 741298 www.shipleyceprimary.com





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Reading rewards

	Ruby 10 reads	Emerald 25 reads	Amethyst 50 reads	Diamond 75 reads	Wormery 100 reads
Willows	Billie-Rose Lilah	Rex	Lyra Caspian Lachlan Albie Sonny Monty	Lyra	
Ash	Meghan		Rose		
Sycamore		Cleo Rhys	Alanna Lilian Max		



Golden book

When a child demonstrates one of our values,
we like to celebrate it in Friday's assembly!

Respect *Compassion* *Joy*
Perseverance *Forgiveness* *Truthfulness*

Willows

Billie-Rose, for sharing so much enthusiasm in Busy Bee Time, especially when mark making.
Lachlan, for a joyful description of Bonfire Night in English.

Ash

Reggie, for excellent firework descriptive writing.
Quinn, for a fantastic firework poem.

Sycamores

Oliver M, for a joyful fact file about an anaconda.
Isla, for a wonderful frog and monkey made from clay.
Alice, for a fantastic 'Spiderhorse' design where she created her own rainforest animal.
Olly C, for a fantastic fictional rainforest animal created at home.
Casey, for an amazing rainforest cake made at home.

Picture News

Each week, in both a whole school collective and class worship, we look at a different picture to spark discussion and reflection. Picture News connects our Collective Worships with what's happening in the world, and reflects values in action.

Our picture this week



British adventurer Karl Bushby has returned to the UK, after spending almost 28 years travelling around the world on an incredible journey home. Since leaving Chile in 1998, he has travelled through jungles, deserts and icy landscapes, even swimming across seas to continue his adventure. Karl's journey has been filled with amazing experiences, challenges and achievements.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Karl spent almost 28 years travelling. Why might he have chosen to take on such an enormous challenge?
- What do you imagine Karl may have learned about himself during his journey?
- Can you think of a time when you enjoyed working towards something more than actually achieving it?

Diary dates

New dates are in **bold**

November	
Tuesday 10th November	8.55 Ash Class Assembly
Thursday 12th November	8.55 Sycamores Class Assembly
Friday 13th November	Children in Need (Children are welcome to wear PJs or their own clothes for a donation to the charity)
Friday 13th November	**After school – FOSS Friendship Friday – Hot chocolate and doughnuts!**
Thursday 19th November	8.55 Willows Class Assembly
December	
Wednesday 9th December	9.15 Nativity performance
Thursday 10th December	6pm Nativity performance
Friday 11th December	2pm Nativity performance
Thursday 17th December	2 pm Christingle Service at St Mary's Church
Friday 18th December	Last day of term
January	
Monday 4th January	INSET day
Tuesday 5th January	First day of term for the children
February	
Friday 12th February	INSET day
Half-term	Monday 15th – Friday 19th February

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New intake Reception 2027







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