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Welcome back to the new term

There are lots of exciting learning activities planned across the classes and children have got stuck in this week to their new topics.

Willows – Commotion in the Ocean – sea creatures, lifecycles and so much more.

Oaks will be developing their geographical skills and comparing our own locality with Australia Ash and Sycamores are studying our locality and comparing it with Paris in time for The Olympics Full information on the curriculum is available on the website.

Termly value

'Tell the truth to each other' Zechariah 8.16

Our termly value is **Truthfulness**. Children will be discussing honesty and dishonesty unpicking our golden rule 'We are honest'. In worship we will be exploring Bible stories and parables to support our theme. Rev Chris Allen continues to visit the children at school and support our worship programme.

Family Services at St Mary's Church, Shipley

These services are shorter than usual and designed to appeal to children and families. Refreshments are available afterwards. Please let us know if your child would like to be do a reading or a prayer.

Sunday 5th May 10 am – Pets Blessing Sunday 16th June Sunday 21st July Sunday 18th August

Staffing news

Gill Simpson will be retiring at the end of this year; a sad loss for Shipley. She will also be away the next 6-8 weeks and there will be a different teacher in Willows.

We welcome Ms Amy Clement to the teaching team from September, she joins us from Turners Hill Primary School. Amy will be around in the summer term getting ready for September.

Mrs Davies will also be stepping back from her regular support teaching slots from the middle of May but we hope to still see her for additional teaching days.

Mrs Wood is now working across both Willows and Oaks class and we are delighted to be able to extend her involvement.

Billingshurst Lions

Congratulations to the Billingshurst Lions who celebrate their 50th anniversary this month. They support the school so well with funding, provision of workshops and ground support. Their next project at Shipley is to create a wild flower garden near Oaks class as part of their science topic. We are grateful to all the volunteers at the Lions.

The children this week have coped so well with restricted play areas as the work on Willows garden and the daily mile track was completed. We now have an extended all weather area in Willows and a hard - wearing safety surface on our well-used track. Let's hope we are at the end of the muddy season now!



Ash Class

PE is now Wednesday and Friday and not Monday and Wednesday as previously stated

READING REWARDS

	RUBY	EMERALD	AMETHYST	DIAMOND	WORMERY
WILLOWS			Edie	Edie, Indy	Harry
OAKS					
ASH	Charlie C, Richard, Macy				Richard, Max, Kayla
SYCAMORES	Beatrix, Dawid	Alice A		Buddy	Beatrix, Rachel



When a child does something amazing, we like to celebrate the event in Friday's assembly.

- WILLOWS Edie for a wonderful story written at home. Mia for great reading and independent writing
- OAKS Savanna for super engagement in French. Westley for great maths when partitioning into tens and one
- ASH Macy for lovely descriptive writing. Livvy for excellent decimal work
- SYCAMORES Sienna-Rose and Charlie for working hard on their spellings and beautiful drawings of storks. Dawid and Noah B for carefully answering questions about the Knepp Estate.

Staff have golden tickets to give to children in Willows and Oaks. All golden tickets are put into a weekly draw. This week's winner is Luca.

Kind regards Jen Harvey and Jill Phillips

DIARY DATES

APRIL

Wednesday 24th April 1:30-2:50pm Friday 26th April

MAY

Thursday 2nd May 2:00-4:00 pm (selected Students only) Thursday 9th May 2:00 – 4:00 pm (selected Students only) Monday 13th May 3:30- 5:15 pm (selected students only) HALF TERM

JUNE

Thursday 6th June Tuesday 18th June at 9:00 am Wednesday 26th June at 9:00 am INSET DAY

JULY

Monday 1st July Yr 6 Leavers Assembly at 10:45 am Thursday 4th July at 9:00 am Friday 5th July Saturday 13th July 12;00 – 4 :00 pm Tuesday 23rd July LAST DAY OF TERM Year 2 Multi Skills at The Weald FOSS Disco

Tennis Tournament at The Weald Year 3 & 4 Tri Golf at The Weald Year 5 & 6 Athletics at The Weald

MONDAY 27TH MAY – FRIDAY 31ST MAY

Whole School Visit to Knepp Estate Ash Class Assembly (parents welcome) Oaks Class Assembly (parents welcome) MONDAY 24TH JUNE

Willows Class Assembly (parents welcome Sports Day Shipley Summer Fayre Leavers Service at St Mary's Church TUESDAY 23RD JULY