

WILLINGALE

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Autumn Edition 2025

Editors' Note



Welcome to the Autumn edition of 'The Willingale Wire'. Some of the topics in this edition include traditions around the world, nature, computing, geography and the environment. This report will not only give you a greater understanding of what goes on at Thomas Willingale School, but it will also make you laugh.

We would like to thank all the reporters, who worked very hard on this edition and regularly missed some of their lunch hour to provide you with these excellent articles.



We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.



Thomas Willingale Back in Time

Introduction:

It is a new school year at Thomas Willingale. For some it's exciting returning from the summer holidays to start a fresh year at a familiar school, and for others it's scary joining a brand-new academy. But have you ever thought to wonder how our magnificent school came to be? Read this awesome biography to find out more!

Thomas Willingale:



Our proud, prestigious school was named after Thomas Willingale, a man who was born in Stanford Rivers in 1798. Thomas was used to going to Epping Forest to lop trees, but this was being threatened by landowners who were trying to sell parts of Epping Forest which would have prevented the public from being able to access the forest. Thomas went to court and filed a report about the landowners and what they were doing. To try and stop him, the landowners bribed, threatened and tried accusing him. Finally, Thomas won, and the owners gave back the bought land. Therefore, the forest was free again and the commoners could enjoy it!

Legacy:

After he died in 1870, both Willingale Road and Thomas Willingale School were named in his honour. Furthermore, our classrooms have been named after various trees which appear on our school grounds and in Epping Forest demonstrating our gratitude to Thomas' efforts to save the forest and our links to the forest and our community. Every year our school also takes a day to commemorate Thomas' endeavours by taking part in numerous activities which help us learn about him and all he did.



How we have evolved:

Since then, Thomas Willingale School has continued to help our local environment by recruiting litter pickers, eco warriors and making sure we use eco-friendly products across the school. People like these help us to ensure the safety of our surroundings and to appreciate the living wildlife we have in Loughton. As well as this, several different types of trees have been planted on our school grounds and children are partaking in activities like forest school which is fun and allows us to learn more about our natural habitat.

Conclusion:

Thomas Willingale is a great role model and inspiration to us all. I hope having read this article you can all be proud of being at Thomas Willingale School and get involved in all it does in the local community.

Reporter: Addison

WHAT IS HAPPENING AT TWS?

Funky Fridays

Introduction:

Excitingly, this month is when things start to feel festive! Yes, it is that magical and whimsical time of the year, Christmas! It is a time when every Friday (for a month) TWS decide to go crazy, like hosting “Crazy Hair Day” and “Pyjama Day.”

So, what’s going on this month?



This Friday is when the whole school enters the gates with crazy hair! Some put colourful hair spray others braid and curl. But the real fun begins when everyone gets into the classroom looking like trolls! It’s very impressive and fun. As well as this we all try our best to bring in chocolate.



Another day to look forward to is yellow or spots day where you can choose to either wear something spotty or something yellow but if you don’t have anything no need to worry because Children in Need merchandise is on sale. All we have to contribute are some toiletries.



Finally, we have Pyjama Day. On this day everybody comes in with their comfy, fluffy pjs, (even the teachers) and the students bring in unused bottles to help create the hampers.

Conclusion:

Over the next three Fridays all the items we donate will be crafted into beautiful hampers. All of us will also have the chance to sell as many raffle tickets as we can. In early December, there will be a raffle draw, and some very lucky people will win the hampers. I hope you all enjoyed this article but more importantly that it encourages you all to get involved to get creative and to get crazy!



Reporter: Addison

BOOK FAIR COMES TO THOMAS WILLINGALE SCHOOL

On the 20th of October 2025, Mrs Marshall opened the fabulous, brilliant book fair. It was open for three days.

Each class was given a particular time to go see the spectacular books. There were millions of lovely books of different shapes and sizes. Some had cool toys such as Lego figurines and gems and crystals.

My Nan bought me a jumbo pack of books called 'The Wings Of Fire' which contained three books.

It was awesome and everybody loved it.

It was awesome and everybody loved it.



Reporter: Reuben

SPORTING EVENTS SO FAR THIS YEAR

We have attended many sporting events since the start of September. All of them have been great fun and involved lots of the children from across the school. Here are some of the events we have attended.

30 children from years 3 and 4, spent a lovely sunny day in September at Epping Upper Clapton learning rugby skills and playing a tournament.



We have had girls and mixed teams of 20 children from years 1 and 2 playing at football festivals at Shooters in North Weald.



Our football squad has been playing in after school matches against other local schools. All of their games have been really close, and we look forward to completing the games for the league in the new year.

Our SEND pupils, and those who are less engaged in competitions have had the opportunity to attend events in Boccia, a small football festival, tri-golf at Theydon Bois, ten pin bowling at Harlow, and archery at Whitebridge School.



KS1 had their own Capture the Flag festival at our school, run by Madame Carr and her young leaders from Debden Park. This is always great fun and an excellent way to introduce the children to tag rugby in KS2.

Our year 5 and 6's sent 30 children to a tag rugby competition early in November – the finals are next week for all of these teams, so there is much excitement at school for next Friday's event at Davenant.

To conclude the sports events for this year we will be attending a Boccia final.

Well done to everyone who has taken part in the events.

Reporter: Ameia-Rose



Each week, on Mondays during assembly, one child from each class is awarded a certificate, presented by Miss Phillips, to celebrate achievements from the previous week. Read on to find out who won the certificates this term.

Year 6

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON FOR AWARD</u>
<u>Lina</u>	<u>Writing an excellent monologue in English</u>
<u>Thea</u>	<u>For having a growth mindset in maths</u>
<u>Lenny</u>	<u>For following the school values</u>
<u>Hektor</u>	<u>For having a positive attitude and great effort.</u>
<u>Scarlett</u>	<u>For having a positive start to year 6.</u>
<u>Evie</u>	<u>For effort in writing</u>
<u>Emile</u>	<u>For outstanding contributions during lessons</u>
<u>Elsie</u>	<u>For always contributing to discussions.</u>
<u>Milan</u>	<u>A massive improvement in arithmetic</u>
<u>Ella</u>	<u>For being a really good Eco Councillor</u>
<u>Kenzie</u>	<u>For coming back to class in her own time to learn long division.</u>
<u>Kenzo</u>	<u>For helping people on his table</u>
<u>Andrei</u>	<u>For participating in group discussions.</u>

Year 5

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON FOR AWARD</u>
Alenio	For settling into TWS so well
Omar	For an amazing character description
Alma	For her amazing participation and Greek timeline
Addison	For showing kindness and respect and being very helpful
Haniel	For a great growth mindset
Albie	For his great Penny Farthing report
Kaia	For improved focus
Ivanna	For great effort in class
Sahara	For her writing about Queen Victoria
Elodie	For her positive attitude to learning
Lilly	For hard work in maths
Anthony	For great effort to learn his spellings
Aarav	For his writing about Katherine Johnson
Amelia	For settling in well at TWS

Year 4

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REASON FOR AWARD</u>
Toby	For good maths
Teddy	For good behaviour
James	For positive attitude towards learning
Nicole	For being helpful and kind to everyone
Harry	Positive attitude and growth mindset
Violet	For being a good role model
Autumn	For being helpful and a good role model
Andrei	For hard work on TT Rockstars
Adam	For being confident and challenging himself
Reuben	For an excellent 'defeating the monster' story
Mohana	For an amazing Roman villa
Bana	For settling into TWS so well
Izabela	For always challenging herself and giving 100%
Naviah	For being a good role model in class and school

Year 3

NAME	REASON FOR AWARD
Inara	For hard work
Amelia	For following the school values
Cherry	For writing a great story
Florence	For being a good role model
Aaliyah	For following the school values
Sonny	For great maths
Otoniel	For perseverance and resilience
Ronnie	For following the school values
Lillie	For writing an excellent introduction to her story
Peri	For following the school values
Arthur	For following the school values
Alex	For following the school rules
Alan	For following the school values
Ralph	For showing respect and following the school values
Daniel	For excellent effort in maths

Year 2

NAME	REASON FOR AWARD
Jacob	For showing kindness to everyone and having a positive attitude
Chimi	For working hard
Noah	For trying his best in maths
Leo	For having a positive attitude in class
Adam	For trying his best in class
Bonnie	For having a positive attitude in class and showing kindness to others
Albie	Independent writing
Elsie	Always being ready to learn
Emily	For settling in well at TWS
Albie S	For being ready to learn
Leon	Hard work in maths
Sophia	Writing a super story about 'The Great Fire of London'
Myla	Excellent concentration

Year 1

NAME	REASON FOR AWARD
Olivia	For writing good sentences
June	For making good choices
Ivy L	For good maths
Ivy H	For working hard in class
Stella	For being a good role model
Helena	For always being ready
Mason	For good listening
Mariah	For settling in well and making good choices
Harper	Good concentration
Kaydey	Super effort in phonics
Michael	Trying his best
Amelie	Being a good friend
Hamid	Good contribution in class
Maya C	Super listening and effort
Arthur	Fantastic progress in reading



A few words from our Computing Subject Leader, Miss Burling

I love computing because it's all about solving problems and being creative. It helps us understand how technology works and how we can use it to make life better. One of the most exciting things right now is artificial intelligence, or AI. AI can do amazing things like help us write stories or recognise pictures, but it's developing very quickly. That's why we teach pupils to use it carefully – always check facts, never share personal information, and remember that AI isn't always right.

Computing isn't just about being able to use a computer or coding – it's about learning how to stay safe online, how computers think, and how to use technology responsibly. These skills are important for the future. As a computing leader, I get to help teachers and pupils explore exciting topics like programming, digital art, and even how the internet works. I love seeing pupils create something amazing with technology.

Computing opens doors to so many jobs – like designing games, building apps, or even creating robots! Learning these skills now means you can shape the future. My top tip: always be curious and keep asking 'how does that work?' and remember to stop and think about how to use technology safely. Did you know the first computer was as big as a room? And now we carry computers in our pockets!

The first computer, as big as a room, was the EIAC (Electronic Numerical Integrator and Computer), which was completed in 1945. It weighted about 30 tons and used 18,000 vacuum tubes to perform complex calculations for the U.S. army during World War II!

Units of study covered across the school in Computing

	Autumn 1-	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
EYFS	Computing through continuous provision	Computing systems and networks- using a computer	Programming 1- all about instructions	Computing systems and networks- exploring hardware	Programming 2- bee bots	Data handling- introduction to data
Year 1	Online Safety	Computing systems and networks – improving mouse skills	Programming 1- algorithms unplugged	Creating media- digital imagery	Programming 2- bee bots	Data handling- introduction to data
Year 2	Online Safety	Computing systems and networks 1- what is a computer? Programming 1- algorithms and debugging	Programming 1- algorithms and debugging Computing systems and networks- word processing	Creating media- stop motion	Programming 2- scratch JR	Data handling- international space station
Year 3	Online Safety	Week 1-5 Creating media- video trailers	Computing systems and networks 1- Networks and the internet Computing systems and networks 2- journey inside a computer	Computing systems and networks 2- journey inside a computer Computing systems and networks 1- emailing	Programming 1- scratch	Data handling- comparison cards
Year 4	Online Safety	Computing systems and networks - collaborative learning	Programming 1- further scratch	Creating media- website design	Programming 2- Computational thinking	Data handling- investigating weather
Year 5	Online Safety	Computing systems and networks 1- search engines	Programming 1- scratch music	Creating media- stop motion animation	Programming 2- micro bits	Data handling- Mars Rover 1
Year 6	Online Safety	Computing systems and networks- Bletchley Park	Programming- introduction to python	Creating media- history of computers	Programming 2- crumble kits	Data handling- Big data

Computing at Thomas Willingale School

Computing at our school is the finest subject at Thomas Willingale School. From Microsoft Paint to Scratch, every year group has their own activities to do with computing! For example, in Nursery, we start using something called Bee Bots. In Year 6, the children are learning to be more responsible for their online choices. They have made colourful posters about being SMART!

Safe

Stay safe online and never ever share any of your private information with anyone unless they are your parents or are very close and dear to you.

Meet

Meeting someone online can be very dangerous even though you may have permission from a parent or guardian you should still always have at least one adult with you.

Accepting

Lots of nasty and mean people often send viruses and cyber bully, that is why you should never accept emails, text messages and calls from unknown strangers.

Reliable

Many people post hurtful and unkind comments which most of the time are not true, that is why you should always have a trusted adult with whom you should feel comfortable around.

Tell

If you ever feel worried nervous or scared about something you've seen, **YOU SHOULD TELL A TRUSTED ADULT.**



Here are some people to whom I talked about computing:

Elsie F: “I think computing is a very good thing for children to learn and understand the dangers of the virtual world”

Elias: I really enjoy writing and researching it is a lot of fun. I love it!

Toby: I really enjoy it when we get to do computing games like TTRS [Times Table Rockstars].

Elodie: Computing is very exciting and fun, you get to simultaneously play games, learn and have fun.

Emily A: Computing at our school is a very important subject as it teaches kids the dangers of the internet as well as saying that it is an amazing place but only if you use it correctly.



Reporter: Lina

Computing: Online safety



The Breck foundation:

On the 23rd of September 2025, a person from the charity The Breck Foundation came into the school to talk about online safety and the dangers of being online such as catfishing, grooming and scamming. Their work aims to prevent unsettling encounters online that span to the outside world. They hope that their work will spread awareness about grooming, catfishing, and scamming for a better world online for children and adults.

[Online Safety | Breck Foundation](#)

Online safety:

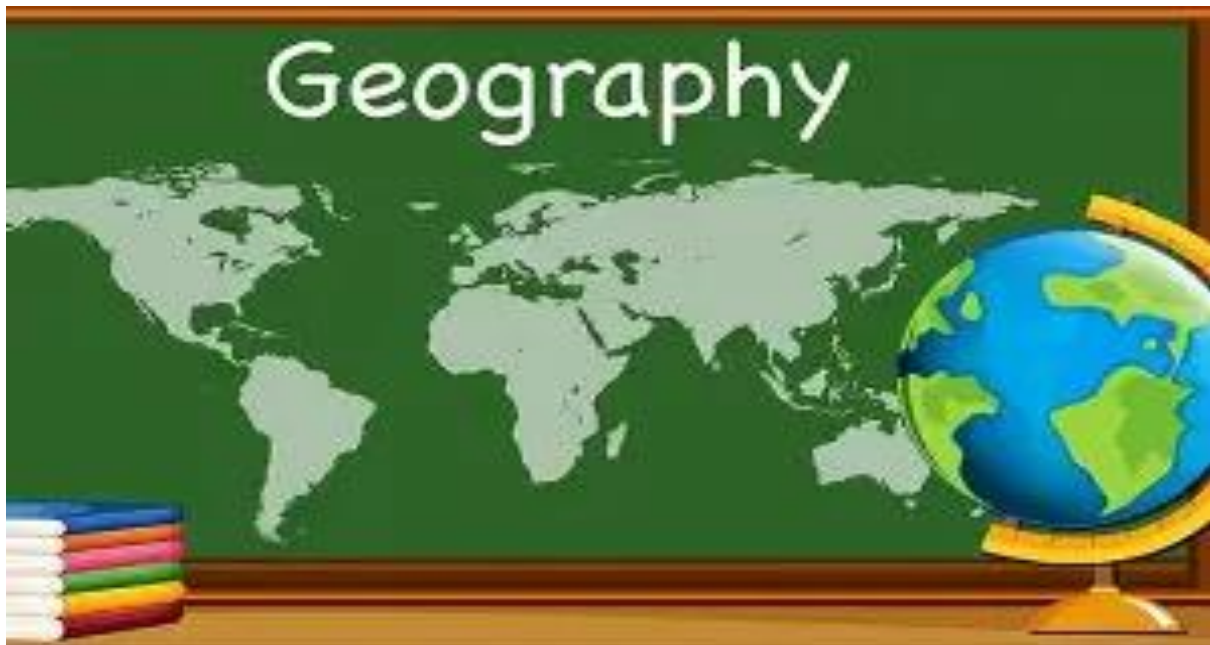
Digital footprints and staying safe online:

The digital world is an insightful and amazing place where there are infinite possibilities of playing games, posting videos, and messaging friends but to be safe online you must do these 5 things.

1. Strong password strong security it is important to have strong passwords to insure no one can go through your accounts whether that be on Roblox or your banking app it is key for staying safe.
2. Keep personal information secure anything from your name or what school you visit can reveal so much about you making it easy for people to find you.
3. Think before you click pop-ups, advertisements or friend requests think pop-ups can put viruses in your device advertisements can make you pay subscriptions or unknowingly charge your accounts.
4. Only play or search things on trusted websites as some are sites can be misleading.
5. If you feel uncomfortable or see bad behaviour report it because if you see it or experience or see cyberbullying happening it can happen to other people making you and others, feel sad.

These tips can help you have a safe and healthy footprint online as well as making sure you prevent unsettling encounters online.

Reporter: Elizabeth



A few words from our Geography Subject Leader, Miss Chohan

Geography at Thomas Willingale is far more than maps and place names—it is the gateway to a lifetime of curiosity, discovery, and understanding. At its heart, geography inspires children to become explorers of the world, encouraging them to look beyond their immediate surroundings and imagine distant lands, unfamiliar climates, and vibrant cultures.

Through geography, pupils learn to see the Earth as a vast, interconnected tapestry. They discover the icy wonders of the Arctic, the bustling energy of megacities, and the delicate balance of rainforests. Each lesson becomes a journey, sparking awe at the diversity of landscapes and the resilience of people who call them home.

By exploring new places, children develop empathy and respect for cultures different from their own. They begin to understand how climate shapes lives, how traditions grow from the land, and how communities adapt to challenges. This knowledge nurtures global citizens who value sustainability and cooperation.

Geography empowers young learners to ask bold questions: *What lies beyond the horizon? How do people thrive in deserts or mountains?* It fuels imagination while grounding them in real-world issues. In primary schools, geography is not just a subject—it is an invitation to adventure, a compass guiding children toward curiosity, compassion, and a lifelong love of learning.

"The study of geography is about more than just memorising places on a map. It's about understanding the complexity of our world, appreciating the diversity of cultures that exists across continents. And in the end, it's about using all that knowledge to help bridge divides and bring people together." - Barack Obama

Units of study covered across the school in Geography

YEAR GROUPS	TOPICS STUDIED
1	Weather Watchers Amazing Spaces and Places (human and physical Geography)
2	Great and Ghastly Events (human and physical Geography) Australian Adventure (human and physical Geography) From Field to Fork (local are exploration)
3	Transport and Trade (human and physical Geography) Land of Hope and Glory (locational knowledge)
4	Buildings (human and physical Geography) Robot Wars (human and physical Geography) Eurovision (human and physical Geography)
5	Achievements and Legacies (human and physical Geography) Earthquake Zones (human and physical Geography)
6	Conflict, Crime and Punishment (map work) Land of the Free (human and physical Geography) Shake Things Up (earthquakes)

Countries Researched by our Reporters

Malta

Malta is one of the smallest countries in the world, but one of the hottest! It can get up to 30 degrees. Malta is a Catholic island with a rich history and beautiful landscapes. Malta has no rivers, lakes, or mountains. The country has gentle hills and terraced fields.

Malta is a small island in the Mediterranean Sea. Different people from Europe, North Africa, and the Middle East ruled Malta until the 1900s. Malta's capital is Valletta.

Did you know? Malta has been inhabited for over 7,000 years! And some of the ancient structures still exist today, including the megalithic Temples which are some of the oldest free-standing buildings in the world!

'Ghar-Dalam,' the "cave of darkness," is thought to be the earliest inhabited cave in Malta. The remains in the cave give an insight into the people who lived in them thousands of years ago.

Malta has a population of 515,000 and their official languages are Maltese and English. The currency used in Malta is the Euro. The Maltese Cross (an eight-pointed cross) is the country's national symbol, and the national colours are red and white.



The Maltese flag



Reporter: Elodie

India

India is a special Country that produces wonderful food. It is a mainly Hindu country, however there are also Muslims and people from other faiths. India is located in South Asia and is bordered by seven countries: Afghanistan, Pakistan, China, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, and Bangladesh. It is surrounded by water on three sides with the Indian Ocean to the south, the Arabian Sea and to the west, and the Bay of Bengal to the east. The Himalayas, the world's highest mountain range, are located in the northern part of India. The Thar Desert is situated in the northwest of India.

Around 7000 BCE the first settlements were built in the area. The Indus Valley civilisation developed as the first urban culture in South Asia. In the 18th several European countries set up outposts in the region and the English East India company established many settlements along the coast and trading centres. 1857 saw a rebellion of the Indians against the British governors, after which Queen Victoria of England took over the crown rule of India and between 1858 and 1947, the British Raj (kingdom) was established in India. In 1947, India was divided into India and Pakistan. 15 August is celebrated in India as Independence Day.

India has a population of 1.46 billion people. There are 22 official languages: Hindi is the most commonly spoken language and is spoken by more than half of the Indians. The currency used in India is the Indian rupee. The national symbols are the Lotus (national flower), tiger (national animal) and peacock (national bird).



Flag of India



Reporter: Aliana

Bulgaria

Bulgaria's seasons are hot and cold. In summer it is boiling hot, but in winter there is so much snow, about one meter deep. In Autumn and spring, it is pretty cold.

Bulgaria has a population of 7 million people. The major religions in this country are: Orthodox Christianity, Islam, Protestantism, Catholicism and Judaism. The official language spoken is Bulgarian. Bulgaria's currency is the Bulgarian Lev.

The capital of Bulgaria is Sofia. It is bordered by the following countries: Romania, Serbia, Macedonia, Greece, Turkey. Its lowest point is the Black Sea, and highest point is Musala Mountain. Bulgaria is located on the eastern part of the Balkan peninsula, where it borders the Black Sea. It's about the size of the U.S. state of [Tennessee](#). The Balkan Mountains pass through the centre of the country, and the Rhodope Mountains are located along the southern border with Greece. North of the Balkan Mountains, you'll find the Danubian Plain, which leads down to the Danube River.



Bulgarian Flag



Reporter: Nicole

Amazing Uk Wildlife

The UK is home to lots of fascinating wildlife. You could be strolling through the woodlands, hiking up the mountains or wandering along the coastline, you are sure to come across animals of all shapes and sizes.

Deer

There are six species of deer found in the British Isles. Two of those species were native (red deer and roe deer) and four were introduced (fallow deer, sika deer, Reeves's muntjac, and Chinese water deer. It is thought that there are over 2 million deer in the UK at the moment, more than at any time in the past.



Badgers

Badgers are short-legged members in the weasel family, with a black and white striped body. Although classed as a carnivore, with its large canine teeth, it eats all sorts of things including earthworms, beetles, mice, frogs, snails, wasps, acorns, bulbs, fruits and roots. Badgers usually live in woods and copses, in burrows underground (called setts) , in groups (or clans) of up to 15. They are nocturnal.



Robins

Did you know that the robin is the UK's national bird? Everyone is cheered up by the sight of a robin in the garden in the winter, with their distinctive red breasts and pretty song, and they are often associated with Christmas these days, appearing on Christmas cards.

The robin is a member of the thrush family and related to the blackbird and the nightingale. It's easy to spot one of these cute birds, with their brown feathers on top, a white belly and their famous red breast. Male and female robins look very similar, but young robins are mottled gold and brown and do not have a red breast.

Robins are omnivores, eating fruit and berries, and also small insects and spiders. Their favourite food is usually mealworms!



The Scottish wildcat

These cats are around twice the size of the cats we know and love.

Their thick coats, with very distinctive solid black and brown stripes, help protect them from the harsh Scottish winters. These sensory hairs combined with long whiskers allow them to detect the minute movements of prey such as rabbits, rats and hares.

Deforestation has led to there now being fewer than 400 Scottish wildcats left in the wild.



The capercaillie

These are huge woodland grouse. They were once native to Scotland, but they became extinct in 1785. All of the remaining population in Scotland are from Swedish stock.

They can be found on the ground and in the tree tops. They spend their days eating the surrounding berries, shoots and stems.

The UK capercaillie population has declined rapidly. Now classed as a 'Red List' species, they are now at risk of extinction for the second time.



Reporter: Aliana



Helping the environment at TWS

A few words from our subject leader, Mrs Lovell

As a school we have put together a climate action plan to do our best to start to think about our planet and how can better look after our environment.

We have lots of goals as a school, including lessening our carbon footprint by turning off electricity and using our heating efficiently. We now have an eco-council in place and our first job has been establishing a good recycling programme. We now have separate general waste, recycling and food bins and our eco team have done a great job spreading the word about what goes in which bin!

This is such an important topic, and it is a really pivotal time for our planet. We want to be doing our bit as a school and educating our children to be the answer to our climate's problems. A few small measures can have a great impact.

Nature at TWS

Nature is incredible, which is why our school is working hard to make it thrive, we have done many things including forest school, growing many plants and different job roles to help nature, including litter picking and eco warriors.

Litter pickers

Thomas Willingale teaches children to put their litter in the bin but if the wind blows it away or something else like that happens then litter pickers come to the rescue. Mr. Reinke is head of the Litter Pickers, he trains them well, to pick up all the rubbish of the school grounds, and to double check Mr. Reinke and his helper also litter pick at the end of the day. “its very fun to litter pick” stated one of the litter pickers.

Eco warrior

One person from every class is chosen to be a Eco Warrior, Eco Warriors are here to save the world. The teacher thinks of great ideas on how to make nature better at TWS, but sometimes they need more ideas and that's where the Eco Warriors come in. The eco warriors are here to think of ideas to make the school better, they have already thought of many excellent ideas, and it's only been a few weeks. The Eco Warriors have monthly meetings with Mrs Lovell and Mrs Holland.

Reporter: Oliver

Cultural Traditions Around the World



HALLOWEEN AROUND THE WORLD

Halloween is amazing in England but how about Halloween in other parts of the world? Read on to find out more...

Mexico

In Mexico Halloween is celebrated as Dia de las brujas [day of the witches] primarily on October 31 st. Children often wear costumes and engage in trick or treating!



Australia

Halloween in Australia is on October 31st, featuring activities like trick-or treating, costume parties, and festive decorations.



South Africa

South Africa celebrates Halloween on the 31st of October but it's a bit different to how western countries celebrate it. Halloween parties and events like horror movie marathons are popular!

THAILAND

Halloween in Thailand is celebrated in urban areas like Bangkok, Phuket and Chiang Mai. They have Halloween themed events in clubs, bars and restaurants featuring costume contests, live music and themed food!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Reporter: Elsie

CHRISTMAS JOKES

What kind of photos do elves post on social media?

Elf-ies.

What is it called when Santa takes a break?

A Santa pause.

Why don't Christmas trees sew?

They always drop their needles.

What is the little snowman's favourite day at kindergarten?

Snow and tell

How does the snow globe feel this year?

A little shaken

What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

Ice Krispies

What did the stamp say to the Christmas card?

Stick with me, and we'll go places.

What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the regular alphabet?

The Christmas alphabet has no-el.

What's every parent's favourite Christmas carol?

"Silent Night.

How does Rudolph know when Christmas is coming?

He checks his calen-deer

Reporter: Elsie

CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES!

Many children around the world have many different traditions such as decorating the Christmas tree {every child's dream day}and baking cookies!

Many children enjoy making handmade ornaments and to spend time with family.



Another activity, a very famous activity is... WRITING LETTERS TO SANTA! All children love to ask for Christmas presents and the have time of their life when they get to open them, and their parents get to see their priceless faces!

My personal favourite is going ice skating, a magical experience that you can have with friends, family and truly anyone else! Christmas is a mystical and magical time of the year! MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Reporter: Lina

Christmas Poem



C is for candles warm and bright
H is for happiness both day and night.
R is for Rudolf with his dazzling nose.
I is for icicle and the cold wind that blows.
S is for Santa that man that gives you presents.
T is for tinsel that goes around the tree.
M is for Mary with Jesus awake.
A is for angels delivering important messages.
S is for singing at Christmas which brings joy and togetherness.

Reporter: Nicole

NEW YEARS EVE

New Year's Eve is a special holiday on December 31. It's the very last day of the year, right before New Year's Day.

Many countries, especially in the Western world, celebrate this day with big parties. These parties often end with everyone counting down to midnight. When the clock strikes twelve, it means a new year has begun! People often wear fun party hats and use noisemakers.

Many cities around the world have amazing fireworks shows. These bright, noisy displays are a popular way to welcome the new year. Famous cities for New Year's Eve celebrations include Berlin, Chicago, Edinburgh, London, New York, Paris, Rio de Janeiro, Sydney, and Tokyo. You can watch this on the tv but it is held very late [at 12 am] so you may get tired.

In some countries, New Year's Eve is also a public holiday. This means many people don't have to work. Some of these countries are Australia, Argentina, Brazil, France, Mexico, the Philippines, and Venezuela.



Reporter: Elsie