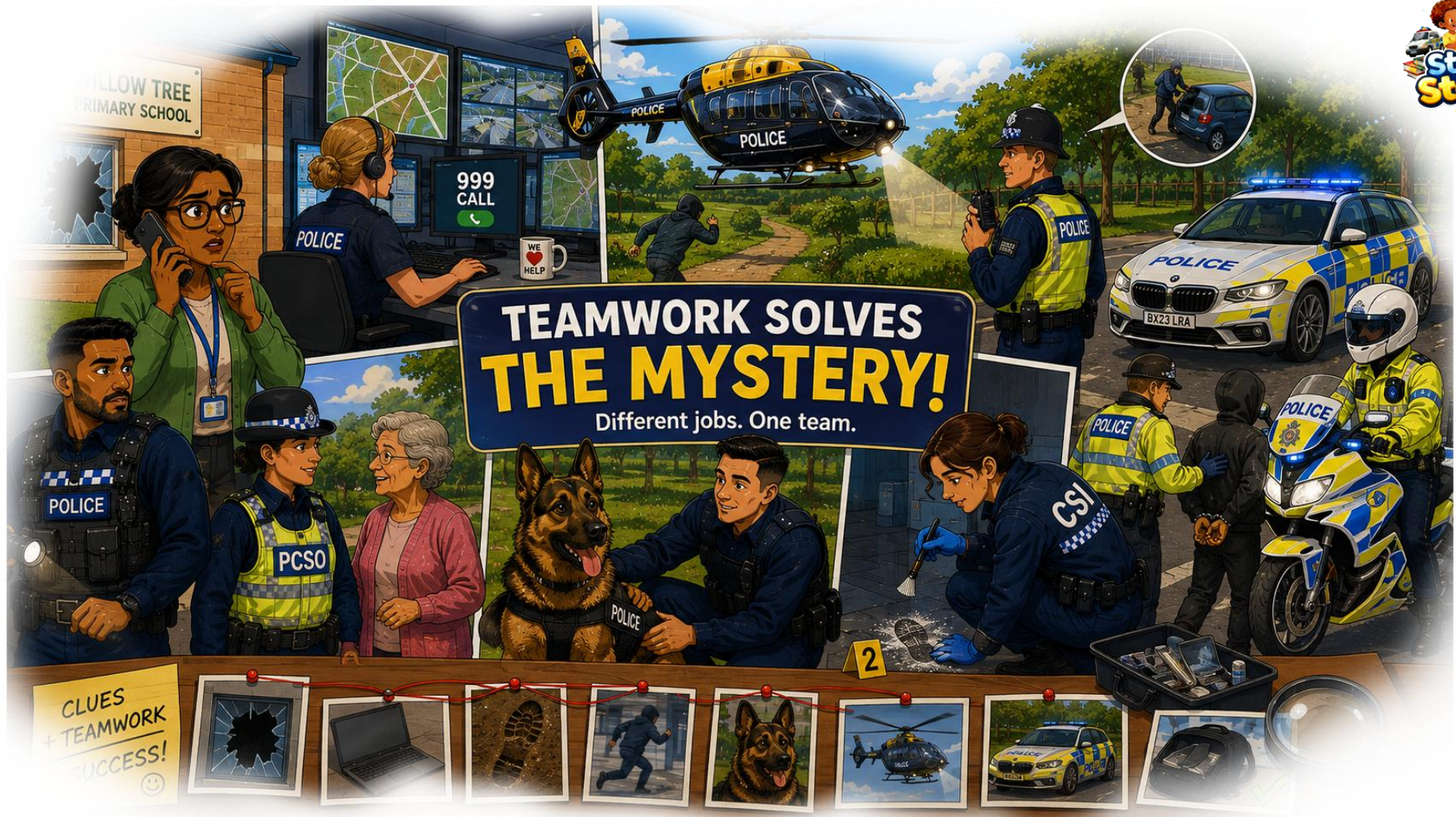






The Police Team to the Rescue



On this day, Mrs Patel arrived early for work at school.
As she unlocked the doors and put on the lights, she noticed a broken window.
She was worried that someone may have broken in to the school.
"Oh dear what has happened?"



Mrs Patel looked inside the classroom which had a broken window.
Cupboard doors were open, paper and broken glass were everywhere,
and some school laptops were missing.

She knew it was best not to go into the room, she didn't touch anything. She called 999.



The phone was answered quickly by a call handler "Police, what's your emergency?"

Mrs Patel explained what she had seen.

The call handler listened carefully, while looking at details for the school on her screens.

She called the police officers on duty. They went to help straight away.



The message came over the police radio of PC Garfield.
 "We have a report of a possible burglary at Willow Tree Primary School."
 The response officers got in their car and drove to the school.



The officers arrived at the school.

The first thing they did, was to make sure that everyone was safe.
They asked Mrs Patel to keep the teachers and the children away from the classroom.



Then they walked round the school, checking every room.
The burglar had gone.



More officers came to help, they started talking to local people.
A neighbour spoke to the police "I saw someone running towards the park."
That was an important clue.



The local PCSOs joined the officers.
They knocked on the doors of all the houses in the street, to speak to the neighbours.
Luckily, one doorbell camera had a video of a person running away from the school.



The video had shown the man running towards the park.
Near the park, officers found muddy footprints.
They followed them as best they could, trying to see where they were leading.
They knew they needed more help, it was time to call for the police dog unit.



Within minutes, the police Dog Unit arrived, and Max jumped out, ready to help. PC Garfield gave him the command "search Max". Max started to sniff the ground, he was following the smell of the footprints, his nose led him and the officers towards the woods.



All of a sudden, Max stopped beside a tree. He had found a bag. When the officers looked inside the bag, they found some of the missing laptops.



PC Garfield had requested a police helicopter to help with the search for the burglar. A loud noise in the sky let everyone know that the police helicopter was now overhead. The crew was searching the fields below, looking to see if they could spot the burglar?



The helicopter crew saw someone running towards a parked car in a lane beyond the park.
He got into the car and drove away.
The helicopter could follow the car from above, and best of all, get the car registration.



The helicopter crew told the call handler the make and number of the car.
This meant the Roads policing officers were waiting ahead.
They safely stopped the car, and the driver was arrested.



Inside the car were the rest of the laptops stolen from the school.

The police now had them, but they had more work to do.

They still needed the evidence that the man had broken into the school and stolen them.



Crime scene investigating officers were looking for clues in the school.
They looked for fingerprints and footprints.
Every clue was carefully collected.



Back at the station, the police put all the clues together.
 Everyone worked to solve the mystery of who had stolen the laptops from the school.
 What a team!



PC Garfield and PC Bannell returned the laptops to the school secretary, Mrs Heath. She was delighted. "We are so grateful, please thank all your team."



Control room, response officers, PCSOs, dog unit, helicopter, roads policing and CSI.
They all have different jobs,
but they are one big police team!