



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date - Issue 11.11.2022

Dear Parents / Carers

This term has started with a real sense of excitement and there is so much planned for this term in the run to Christmas!

Parents Evenings

Thank you to all the parents that have come to Parents Evenings in the last week. I hope you have enjoyed hearing about the successes of your child. It is so important we continue to work together.

Giant Construction Workshop

The children have absolutely LOVED the 'Kapla Giant Construction Workshop' today! They displayed every PRIDE value to develop our whole school creation. Our pupils were highly praised by our visitor for their behaviour and attitude; it was faultless! Thank you to all of the parents who came to see our construction museum at the end of the day. There was a great turn out! Thanks also to those who stayed behind to deconstruct and tidy away! A proud day to be a member of the WillowPride!



Auditions

It was great to see so many children audition for the Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance. I can't wait to see the final performance. If your child has been sent home with a script, then can you help them learn their lines!

Really Wild Reading Festival

We are absolutely delighted to be part of the Really Wild Reading Festival which starts on Monday 14th November. There are a selection of events both in person and virtual to ensure that all children have access to the Festival



Parking

Just a reminder to parents that the area outside of school has double yellow lines and this should not be an area that parents park. It makes it difficult for vehicles entering the school car park. Please can I request that parents are mindful as to where they park.

School Day

Just a reminder that the gates open at 8.45 am and remain open for 10 minutes until 8.55 am. The gates are open at 8.45am and we expect the children in and ready to learn. As of Monday 14th November 2022, all children will need to be in at 8.55am (gates will then be locked). If you arrive after 8.55 am, you will need to sign your child in at Reception. The carpark entrance is only for the Piper Centre

After School Club

Willow Primary Academy will be providing an after-school club from January 2023 in partnership with VIP's Children's Club and their website can be found [here](#). The booking forms can be found [here](#).

Pete Hales



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Acorn

In Acorn, we have been enjoying our new project, 'Let's Explore' and our text, 'We're going on a Bear Hunt!' We have been making our own maps using large construction and small world toys. We have used these to retell the story, using actions and expression. We have remembered the story really well!

Our Maths focus has been finding one more and one less. The children are getting more and more confident with recognising numerals too!

Sadly, Mrs Spencer has only one week left with us. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work and we wish her lots of success as a qualified teacher.

Birch

We have had a great start to term 2. In Science we have started our new project called Habitats. We have learnt about different types of habitats and what they need to provide for animals and plants. In maths, we have been learning different methods to help us with our addition and subtraction. We have been reading the book 'The Dark' by Lemony Snicket for our English lessons. We are going to use it to write a setting description about Laszlo's house. In art, we are learning about still life drawings. We have had a go at our first sketch of still life. We are looking forward to the rest of this term.

Ash

In Ash class, we have enjoyed starting our new topics for this half term. We have been writing autobiographies in English. The children have enjoyed writing about themselves and recounting memories from special events in their lives. We have also been learning about how to draw an effective self-portrait using different techniques, such as using shapes to construct a face and using continuous lines, focussing on the features on our face which links to our topic Human Sense in Science. We will be exploring our body and how our senses help us. We have also started practicing for our Nativity. We cannot wait!

Chestnut

Chestnut class has had a busy start to the new term. In maths, we have been learning our 3- and 4-times table whilst in English we are writing our own version on 'The Dragon Machine' by Helen Ward. In Science, we have been learning about the human body including names our bones and joints. Our topic in geography is 'our planet, our world' where we have been learning the names of many countries across the global and identifying their capital cities.



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Elm

Since we've been back after half term, we have had a real focus on learning new times tables (6, 7 and 9s). The children have been chanting, singing and using flashcards to try and memorise the facts.

Some children have been working extra hard with their reading and are making excellent progress!! Some have moved up 2 or 3 reading levels which is brilliant - keep up the good work Elm Class!

This week the children finished their Art project by creating their own masterpieces. There was a very peaceful mood in the classroom.

Maple

Maple Class have been working hard this week. We have been reading the story 'Journey' by Arron Becker and have used this as a basis to write our own stories about a journey. In Maths, we have been doing lots of work on mental addition and subtraction and looking at the numbers involved to see if we can work the answer out mentally, with a jotting or using a written method. In PSHE, we have been learning about racism we have also done some coding in Computing. We learned about timers and used them in our game.

Oak

Oak class have had a fantastic start to term 2. The children completed their first mock SATS assessments. Miss Flynn and Mrs Kenna were very impressed with the reading scores! Oak class have been writing a setting description in English based on 'A Tower to the Sun'. They have been using personification, similes and they have also focused on adding parenthesis into their sentences. In Maths, the children have been comparing and ordering fractions. They have showed great determination! In DT, they cooked healthy meals with their friends. This was a very fun afternoon and some of the children shared their food with Mr Hales. In project, the children are learning about the abolition of slavery which links nicely to our new class story, 'Freedom' by Catherine Johnson.



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PRIDE AWARDS!

These children have shown what it means to be:

- ★ **Be Positive**
- ★ **Be Respectful**
- ★ **Be Individual**
- ★ **Be Determined**
- ★ **Be Excellent**

PRIDE Award WINNERS...

Acorn – George & Linda
Ash – Archie, Chrystal & Chelsea
Birch – Frankie & Bonnie-Kathleen
Chestnut – Brody B & Kaitlin
Elm – Skyla & Violet
Maple – Jenson & Kobi
Oak – Holly & Malik

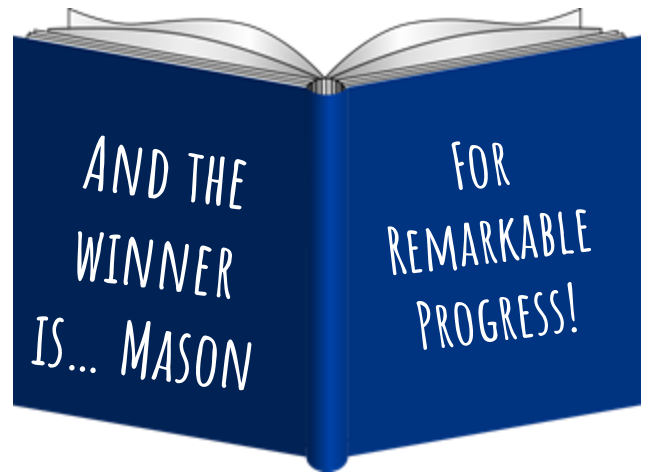
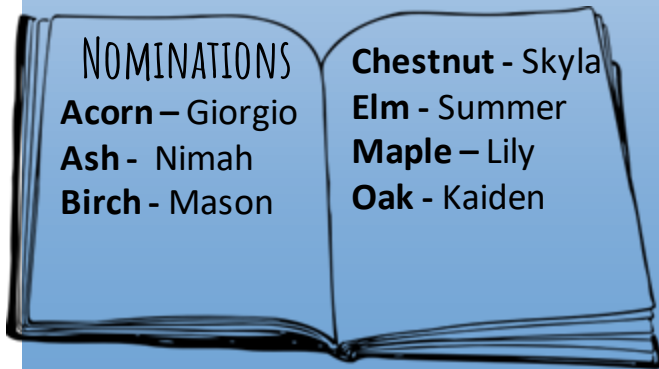
PRIDE Champions





STAR READER...

WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD



Each week teachers will nominate a star reader from their class. A star reader is someone who has shown progress in reading, shown enjoyment of reading someone who has overcome difficulties in reading or shares their love of reading with the class or a friend. At Willow Primary Academy, we know the key to knowledge is reading and we want to inspire a lifelong love of reading! Willow has a special surprise book for the Super Star Reader to take home, keep, read and enjoy!



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Attendance Superstars

This week: **92.53%**

Our year so far: **93.21%**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	95.68%
Ash	93.75%
Birch	94.24%
Chestnut	96.46%
Elm	87.36%
Maple	96.83%
Oak	94.25%



18 OR MORE DAYS
 - Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.
 - Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.



10 TO 17 DAYS
 - Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.
 - When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.



9 OR FEWER ABSENCES
 - Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.
 - Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.





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Dates for Your Diary

Term Dates for 2022 – 2023

Term 1 from Wednesday 7th September 2022 to Thursday 20th October 2022

Term 2 from Monday 31st October 2022 to Friday 16th December 2022

Term 3 from Wednesday 4th January 2023 to Thursday 16th February 2023

Term 4 from Monday 27th February 2023 to Friday 31st April 2023

Term 5 from Tuesday 18th April 2023 to Friday 26th May 2023

Term 6 from Monday 5th June 2023 to Tuesday 25th July 2023

School Events

Monday 15th November to Friday 18th November – Really Wild Reading Festival

Friday 18th November 2022 – BBC Children in Need To make donations onto Parent Pay please use the following link.

<https://app.parentpay.com/parentpayshop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=9471>

Monday 5th December 2022 - Maple Class Assembly (parents of Maple Class are invited)

Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December – EYFS / KS1 Nativity (more information to follow)

Tuesday 13th December – KS2 Christmas Performance (more information to follow)

Wednesday 14th December 2022 – Christmas lunch.

Tuesday 10th January 2023 – Young Voices (more information to follow)

Monday 30th January 2023 - Elm Class Assembly (parents of Elm Class are invited)

Thursday 23rd March 2023 – Screening vision and Measuring height and weight of children in Reception and Year 6.

Friends of Willow up coming events:

Friday 2nd December 2022 - Christmas Fair

Thursday 8th December 2022 - Christmas Pantomime performance



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Friday 18th November is Children in Need day and Willow Primary Academy are very excited to be joining in to raise some vital funds for them. To help raise money we would love for the children to come to school on Friday 18th November 2022 wearing spots! The children can wear as many spots as they wish, the spottier the better. Children are very welcome to wear Pudsey Bear or Blush Bear merchandise, the main stockist for this is Asda. They can even paint their face if they would like to!

To help fundraising even further we would like to hold a cupcake sale. Please could you bring in some cupcakes for us to sell at school. The cupcake sale will happen during breaktime so if your child would like to buy a cupcake they will need to bring in 50p as each cake will cost 50p. You do not have to bake the cakes (although you can if you wish) but there will be a prize for the best decorated in Key Stage 1, in Key Stage 2 and in the Piper Centre too. You can choose any decorations you like! Please ensure no cupcakes contain nuts.

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Willow Primary Academy

Cake Sale



Children in Need



Friday 18th November

Spotty Clothes



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Friends of Willow Christmas Fair

Friday 2nd December

3:15pm – 5:30pm



- Christmas stalls
- Games
- Gifts for children to buy for parents and wrap
- Christmas activities
- Refreshments
- Santa Grotto
- Gifts





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