



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

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Dear Parents / Carers

Young Voices

Young Voices was such a magical experience for the children and staff that attended. We were treated to a great musical mix from Heather Small, the Beat Box Collective and also brilliant dancing from Urban Striders. The children were so well behaved and enjoyed singing so much with 6500 other children. Thank you so much to the parents for their support!



Wall Wraps

I am delighted that the new wall wraps have arrived and have been successfully installed. It has really helped to develop the school environment. We are always looking at ways to improve the school and the environment is just one of the areas we are looking at.



Swimming

It is great that Chestnut and Elm have been able to start swimming this week. I hope they enjoy their time doing this and develop some essential skills.

Pete Hales



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Acorn

We have had wonderful start to 2023! We have started our new topic, 'Ready, Steady Grow', where we are learning about the farm and where food comes from. The children have been enjoying playing the small world farmyard and have been helping to make our farm display with their art work.

Lots of children have been wanting to write during Busy Time this week – Miss Simmonds has been very impressed!

In Maths, we have been learning about numbers 6, 7 and 8 and we are just about to start some adding for the first time!

Ash

Ash class have had an exciting first few weeks of school.

We returned to find a spaceship had crashed into the classroom belonging to a mysterious alien called Beegu. We have explored Beegu's story and have been using our knowledge of adjectives to describe our character.

We have also started our learning about 'Seasonal Changes'. The children have been predicting what they believe will happen as Winter turns into Spring. We can't wait to see if we were correct!

Birch

Birch class have had an amazing start to the new term. In English we have started a new story called 'Ocean Meets Sky.' We have written a character description, a setting description and next week we will be writing our own version of the story,

In Maths, we have been impressing our adults with our multiplication and division knowledge.

Our new project for this term is called Coastline. So far, we have learnt what a coastline is and how to use a compass for directions. We can't wait to learn more!

Chestnut

Chestnut class have had a brilliant start to the new year.

We have been exploring setting descriptions in English using the book 'Wolves' by Emily Gravett as our stimuli whilst in maths we have been comparing and ordering fractions.

The earth is the focus for geography this term, we have been learning about tectonic plates and longitude and latitude lines and we have been having loads of fun making composts containers in outdoor learning.



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Elm

Elm class have been very busy this week learning about the twelve times table. The children have found this a little bit tricky but have been very determined in answering the questions.

In literacy we have been reading The Barnabus Project. The children have had the chance to create their own perfect pet and explore the use of similes and metaphors.

In ICT this week, the children loved designing their own animations.

The children had the opportunity to make their own circuits in science. They loved making lots of noise with the buzzers.

Maple

Maple Class have been very busy this week.

In Maths, we have been learning about prime numbers and squared numbers. Miss Powell has been very impressed!

We have also been reading our new class text - Hansel and Gretel. We will be using this as a basis to write own story over the next few weeks.

In Art, we have been learning about different types of shading using pencil, ink wash and biro. We experimented with smudging, stippling, cross-hatching and scribbling.

Oak

Oak class have had an amazing start to the new year. The class are showing exceptional progress in adding fractions in our maths lessons.

The children have enjoyed reading, 'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick' in our writing lessons. We are currently writing fiction stories based on one of the illustrations. They are enjoying writing a mysterious story.

In other lessons, we have enjoyed creating bridges, learning about daylight in the Arctic and Antarctic and setting new year's resolutions.



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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 – Star and Zenaya
Ash – Lily and Archie
Birch – Mason and Avie
Chestnut – Marianne, Jacob and Finley
Elm – Violet & Brian
Maple – Evan and Isaiah
Oak – Logan, Malik and Holly.

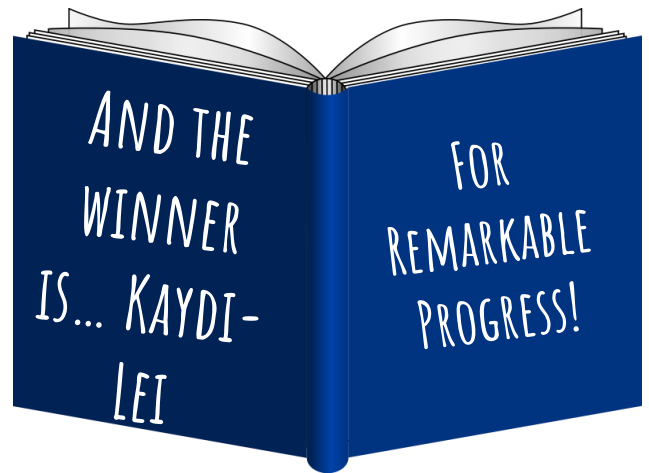
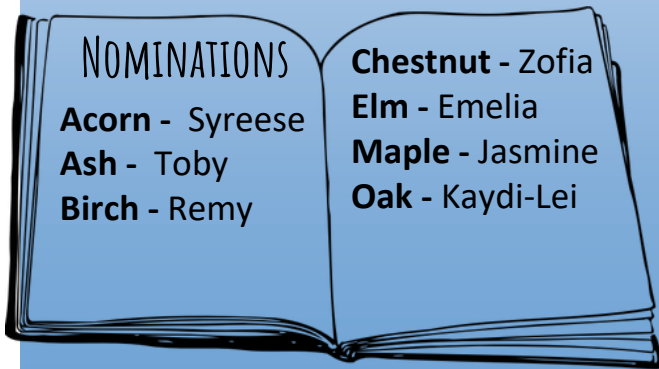
PRIDE Champions





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: **94.51**

Our year so far: **92.71**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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Class	Attendance
Acorn	98.10
Ash	92.48
Birch	96.98
Chestnut	95.50
Elm	93.30
Maple	89.95
Oak	95.58





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

Wednesday 18th January – Coffee afternoon and information for Adult education/Family learning courses

Wednesday 1st February – Birch Class Trip

Monday 13th February 2023 – Parents Evening (further details to follow)

Tuesday 14th February 2023 – Parents Evening (further details to follow)

Friday 17th February 2023 – INSET Day

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

Friends of Willow Events:

Further details to follow





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Census Day Lunch

Please note that Thursday 19th January 2023 is Census Day.

The receipt of funding from the Government per year is dependent on the uptake of meals on census day, and we would therefore encourage pupils to have a school meal on this day, even if they just want a jacket potato as this really helps with funding for the school.

Thank you for continued support.

Census Day Menu

Hot Dog
or

Vegetarian Hot Dog

With Chips, Coleslaw and
Salad

Sponge & Custard

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feeding the imagination





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Free Family Led Cycle Ride

February Half-Term 2023

Experience the fun of cycling as a family

Thursday 23rd February 2023

11am to 12pm

*Starting and finishing at **Kingsway Manor Farm Park**
Kingsway, Quedgeley, GL2 2AW (meeting by the
playground)*

Mixture of cycle paths and quiet roads

*Run by qualified, DBS checked and
experienced cycling instructors and ride
leaders*

**All children must be accompanied by an adult*

*For more information and to book a space,
please email*

thinktravel@gloucestershire.gov.uk



The Bike Month Challenge

LOVE TO RIDE

