



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

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Dear Parents / Carers

Sporting Achievements

It was great to how well the school netball team played against Harweood Junior School on Friday 27th January. Even though the team lost they should really determination to score twice, and it was great for Obidullah to be chosen as player of the match.

The football team played St James Primary School in the Knockout Cup Competition. The boys were two-nil down at half term but again showed amazing determination to turn the game round and win 3-2. It was great to see the celebration of the boys at the end and as always, we had fantastic parental support.

Yesterday, Willow lost the Netball Match 8-4 but are showing huge improvements. Lola was chosen as Willow's player of the match and scored all 4 of our points! Great effort!! As we hadn't played Huntley before this was classed as two games. We won the first half won 2-1 and lost the second half 1-0. Well done boys. We finished top of the league. Great to have some new players join! Well done to Deacon, Dylan and Davien. A special mention to Sam and Josh who played in goal for Huntley due to an injury to their keeper. Really showed our PRIDE Value of Respect!

Sponsored Read

This week, the children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in 'National Story-Telling Week'. To start the week off, we took part in a virtual workshop led by the storyteller Wendy Shearer. The children were so immersed and mesmerised by her effective storytelling. She was great! Miss Simmonds then set the children a challenge of becoming storytellers themselves. Each class learned a story off by heart and then performed them to another class in school. There were some amazing performances! Well done everyone!

We look forward to hearing all about your sponsored read next week and are looking forward to seeing how much money has been raised for new library books. Please bring all sponsorship forms and money into school by **THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY**, in a sealed envelope.

Next Week

Nico and I wanted to let you know that we will not be in school next week. I have been asked by SAND Academies Trust to attend some training which will really help both Willow Primary Academy and The Piper Centre. I am leaving the school in very safe hands and representatives from SAND Academies Trust will be on site to support. I will be checking in with school during the week and still available to parents via Class Dojo or email (pete.hales@willow.sandmat.uk) if leaders on site are unable to help with any queries.

I hope you have a great weekend!

Pete Hales



Pride News...

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 – Shaylan

Ash – Christopher and Chelsea

Birch – Joshua and Haleema

Chestnut – Kaitlin, Calian and Lacey-Mai

Elm – Delroy

Maple – Lola and Davien

Oak – Cody

PRIDE Champions

Acorn Class - Henry

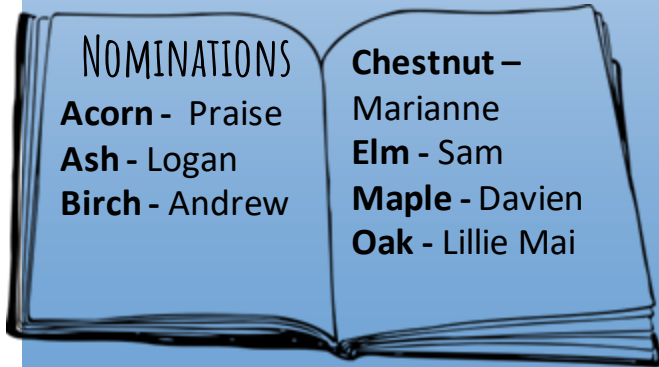
Elm Class – Violet

Oak Class - Josh





WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD



STAR READER...



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!



Pride News...

Attendance Superstars

This week: 94.12%
Our year so far: 93.85%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	97.45%
Ash	90.98%
Birch	97.12%
Chestnut	96.58%
Elm	86.79%
Maple	93.75%
Oak	97.78%





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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 March 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

Friday 10th February – Year 5 and Year 6 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.

Monday 17th April – INSET Day

May 2023 – start of Key Stage 1 SAT's

Tuesday 9th May – start of Key Stage 2 SAT's week

Monday 22nd May to Wednesday 24th May – Year 6 Residential

Thursday 25th May – Year 6 Trip to Skillszone

Friday 26th May – Year 5 Trip to Skillszone

Monday 5th June – start of Year 4 multiplication tests

Monday 12th June – start of phonics screening check

Monday 3rd July – start of Willow Primary Academy Careers Week





Pride News...



Willow Primary Academy are looking to hold an inspiring and exciting careers week from Monday 3rd July 2023. They will be taking part in workshops, activities and talks around their future throughout the week.

We are looking for a variety of people interested in talking to our pupils about their career. We want to expand children's horizons, and this is a fantastic way to provide them with first-hand knowledge of potential career opportunities.

Working with you, we would determine which year groups would be best for you to work with and whether you could offer a talk or a workshop.

We would anticipate that talks would last for approximately 30 minutes and would involve a short presentation. Workshops would be more practical hands-on demonstration for pupils and would last around about an hour. We could also bring pupils to a place of work to further enhance their experience.

If this is of interest to you, please don't hesitate to contact me. Alternatively, if you know of anybody who may be interested, then please pass on the information

