



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date - Issue 31.03.23

Dear Families

We have made it to the end of another Egg-citing term at Willow Primary Academy! There have been so many highlights of this term.

Small Schools Cup Final

Well done to the boys that represented Willow in the recent Smalls Schools Cup Final. We played Shurdington and following goals from Jenson (2) and Cody (1) we ran out winners, 3 – 0

We have produced a little video of some of the pictures of the final which can be viewed [here](#).

Speak Out, Stay Safe

The children engaged well with the recent Speak Out, Stay Safe Assembly and work. It is always useful for Children to know who they are to speak too.



Reading Newsletter

If you haven't seen we have a new newsletter which will be published once a term. If you would like to have a look at this it can be found [here](#)

Reading Survey

We want to establish parental views on Reading so that we can shape our provision further. There is a survey that has been shared with parents which can be accessed [here](#). We have had 18 responses to the reading survey so far!

Spring / Summer Menu

We have new menus for Spring and Summer which can be found on our website [here](#). The price of school meals will be increasing to £2.54 from Tuesday 18th April 2023.

Have a great Easter Holidays and I hope you have an Egg-cellent time!

Pete Hales



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Acorn

Acorn class have been enjoying their learning about minibeasts this week. We started our learning off by going on a minibeast safari in the Wild World. We found so many different types of bugs! We have learned about insects having 6 legs and 3 body parts and have created our own pictures of 'The Snail', inspired by the artist Matisse.

In Maths, we have been becoming more familiar with how to make 5 and 10 in lots of different ways!

We have started whole class reading sessions, which we are really enjoying! Last week, we read 'The Enormous Turnip' and focused on new vocabulary and answering retrieval questions. This week, we have been sequencing the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.

Birch

Last week we went on our trip to St Barnabas Church to learn all about the Easter story. We were very well behaved and enjoyed our sunny walk there and back. Inside we visited 5 different stations that taught us about different parts of the Easter story. Our favourite stations were the 'last supper' and the 'Garden of Gethsemane'. We thoroughly enjoyed decorating stones to show things that make us happy. Back in the classroom, we have been working hard in our writing lessons. We are learning to write a non-chronological report about Captain James Cook. If you see any of us, ask us a fact about him! In science, we have amazed our adults with our science knowledge and today we wrote fact files about plants and what they need to grow.

Ash

In Ash Class, we have made London Taxis based on our learning in our main topic and our knowledge of axles, wheels and chassis. The children did an amazing job and even got to use the saw for our axles!

Throughout the week, we have been learning about the Easter Story and been doing Easter based activities in provision. The children have been getting very creative with their making and writing about the story and things we associate with Easter.

To conclude our learning about Seasonal Change, the children have been spotting signs of Spring and we have been comparing this to what we remember from Winter. Our lovely sunny day on Monday was a large topic of conversation and the children compared this to when we had snow to use as arguments for why they believe it is now Spring.

Chestnut

On Monday, Chestnut class demonstrated lots of courage by standing up in front of the rest of the school and their parents to talk about what they have been learning this year. The adults were super proud of them.

In maths we are showing lots of determination to understand how to subtract money and showing our skills in giving the correct change.

We have also been showing lots of focus in English this week as we have been preparing to write our own independent newspaper reports based on 'The lion and the mouse' by Jerry Pinkney.



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Elm

Elm Class have really enjoyed using the film 'Tadeo Jones' to write a setting description and diary entry this week.

We were really impressed by the vocabulary the children were using in both.

In Music, the children have been composing their own music based on Beethoven's Symphony No. 5. They have been using fast and slow rhythms and contrasting motifs.

The children have been creating classification keys in Science and will be continuing to create these to identify animals after Easter.

Maple

Maple Class have had another busy week. We have been continuing our work on converting measurements in Maths. Miss Powell was very impressed with our work!

In Geography, we have been learning about food miles and the journey that our food goes on before it reaches us. Finally, in PSHE, we have been learning about body image and how to be positive.

Oak

What a fantastic week we've had to end this term! We completed our final mock SATS this week. Lots of Oak class are showing good progress and are on track to pass their SATS in May.

We had fun creating 'Timmy the turtle' out of recycled materials to raise awareness of plastic pollution in our oceans. We also enjoyed a trip to the library to take out some new books to read over the Easter holidays.



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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 – Praise and Eli

Ash – Archie and Toby

Birch – Archie and Andrew

Chestnut – Skyler and Lacey-Mai

Elm – Jazmyn and Phoebe

Maple – Leah H and Lily

Oak – Joshua

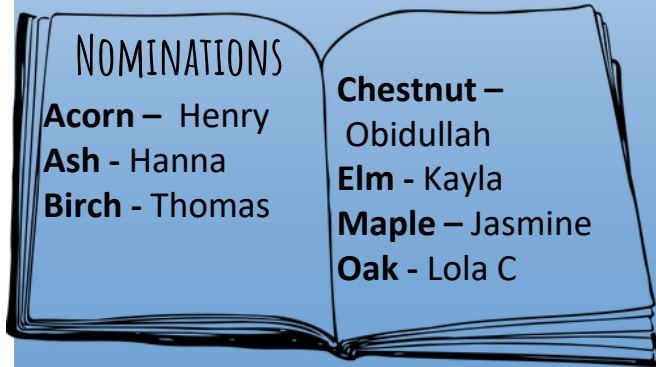
PRIDE Champions

Izobel
Georgia

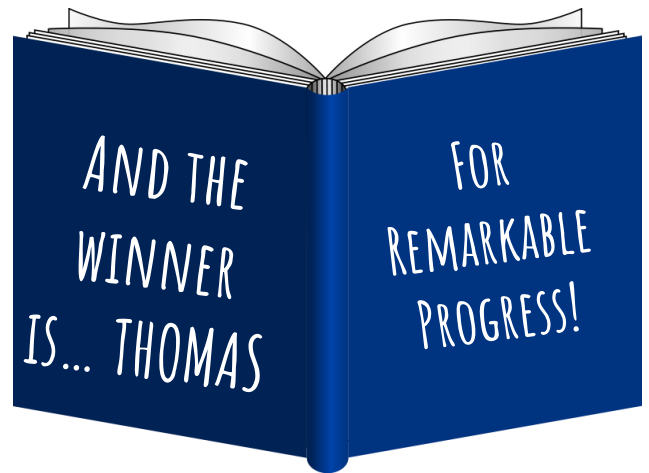




WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD



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: 90.12%

Our year so far: 93.12 %

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn`	89.82%
Ash	93.41%
Birch	87.23%
Chestnut	92.37%
Elm	85.04%
Maple	88.68%
Oak	91.53%



REMINDER

Gates are open by **8.45am** gates are closed shortly after.

Please make sure your children are in school for **8.45am** if the gates are closed and you have to access school at Reception please sign in on the sign in pad this will then be classed as late.





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Dates for Your Diary

Term Dates for 2022 – 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

Monday 17th April – INSET Day

May 2023 – start of Key Stage 1 SAT's

Monday 8th May 2023 – Bank Holiday, King's Coronation

Tuesday 9th May 2023 – start of Key Stage 2 SAT's week

Monday 22nd May to Wednesday 24th May 2023 – Year 6 Residential

Thursday 25th May 2023 – Year 6 Trip to Skillzone

Friday 26th May 2023 – Year 5 Trip to Skillzone

Monday 5th June 2023 – start of Year 4 multiplication tests

Monday 12th June 2023 – start of phonics screening check

Monday 3rd July 2023 – start of Willow Primary Academy Careers Week

























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HALF TERM READING CHALLENGE!

To inspire your children to read during the Easter holidays, I have sent home a reading challenge for them to complete. If they complete some of these challenges, they will receive a certificate. Pupils who complete 8-10 will receive 5 Dojo points too! Don't forget, you can visit a local library to find some new books, visit a charity shop or you can listen to stories being read on YouTube! Please upload photos of your child completing these activities and send them to the class teacher, via Dojo message. Have fun!

Half Term Reading Challenge

See how many challenges you can complete this half term. Tick each challenge off when you have completed it. There will be a certificate for anyone who manages to complete 10 challenges (that's just one every day if you start today). Good luck and happy reading!

Read a book outside. 	Read a book that someone else chooses. 	Read a book that you have never read before. 	Read a book under the covers with a torch. 
Share your book and take it in turns to read a page each. 	Read a book with chapters. 	Read a non-fiction book about something that interests you. 	Read a recipe. 
Read to your pet or your teddies. 	Read in your pyjamas. 	Read a fiction book. 	Read a book that someone in your family read when they were young. 
Read a poem. 	Read a book that is set in a different country. 	Read a poetry book. 	Read a book that features mythical creatures, such as dragons or aliens. 
Read a book whilst upside down. 	Read a comic book. 	Read a book that is set in space. 	Read with a whisper voice. 

Half Term Reading Challenge

My Book Recommendation for a friend

Title: _____

Author: _____

I liked it because... _____

Book Review

Book name: _____

Author: _____

Reviewed by: _____

This book is about... _____

This book is great if you like... _____





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The Library

Author Reading

with Tracey Corderoy

Quedgeley Library

Thursday 13 April

2.30pm



Join children's author **Tracey Corderoy** for an interactive storytelling session. With readings from 'The One-Stop Story' and 'Blast Off'. There will be drawing, games and quizzes. stories.



Ideal for children aged 6-11 years

Free to attend. Booking is essential.

Scan the QR code or visit gloucestershire.spydus.co.uk



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Kids Eat Out For Less This Easter Break!

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Kids Eat for £1 with no purchase necessary across the Easter Holidays with new vegan and nutritionally balanced meal options added.

Morrisons

Kids under 16 eat for free at Morrisons Café when an adult spends £4.49 or more on a meal.

IKEA

Kids Can enjoy Pasta with Tomato Sauce and a soft drink for 95p or any other Kids Meal for £1.50. Available every day from 11am from IKEA restaurants.

Farmhouse Inns
Dining & Carvery

Two kids can eat for FREE per paying adult Monday-Friday at Farmhouse Inns From 3rd-14th April 2023. Signup to their newsletter to claim your voucher.

Dunelm

One free Kids Menu with every £4 Spend at Pausa Cafe Monday-Friday After 3pm In Dunelm stores.

SIZZLING

Monday-Friday between 3-7pm, you can enjoy a kids' main meal for £1, with the purchase of every 1 adult main meal bought in the same transaction.

BELLA ITALIA

Kids can enjoy three delicious courses & a drink for just £1 with the purchase of every adult main from 4-6pm on Monday-Thursday! Suitable for 2-11 year olds.

dobbies
garden centres

Kids Eat Free At Dobbies with an adult traditional breakfast or main course. Includes kids breakfasts, lunch menu or pick 'n' mix meal, plus a drink.

Travelodge

Up to 2 two children aged 15 or under eat free, when an adult orders the full priced breakfast.

YO! 活

From the 3rd of April, kids eat free all day YO! when dining with a full-paying adult (minimum £10 spend). See website for full terms.

Brewer's Fayre

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE when with every adult breakfast purchased at Brewer's Fayre, Table Table & Beefeater.

Harvester

We recommend downloading Harvester & Toby Carvery App because they often have good offers over school holidays for kids.

M&S CAFÉ

Free Kid's Munch Menu when you spend £5 in the Cafe on weekdays. Offer currently valid in Scotland until Friday 14th April 2023.

(We expect this offer to be available across the UK Soon)

Information Correct At Time Of Posting. Please see individual website for the latest offers and full terms.





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HAVE A GO FREE ENTRY

EASTER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

THE HUB | AGES 11-16 | MONDAY 3RD - THURSDAY 6TH APRIL | 11AM-3PM

Want to start making music this Easter? It doesn't matter what skills you have, if you love music, come and have a go:

- Singing & songwriting
- Making beats
- Producing a track
- DJing
- Beatboxing

And more!

Places are on a **first come, first served** basis and must be booked in advance. Scan the QR or visit: www.themusicworks.org.uk/events/have-a-go
Any queries email: bookings@themusicworks.org.uk

FIND US:
Kings House, 27 St. Aldate St, Gloucester, GL1 1RP
What3words: stores.toys.times

SCAN QR TO BOOK

Gloucestershire

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ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Have a Go is an inclusive school holiday programme in association with Gloucestershire County Council HAF (Holiday Activities and Food programme) with the aim of providing young people in receipt of free school meals access to music-making activities. Lunch is provided daily for all those attending.

Through the four days, young people and children will gain experience learning through multiple music activities such as; Singing, Song-writing, Rapping, DJ'ing, Music Production and playing instruments, whilst having fun and making new friends. They will spend time learning how to set up/use equipment as well as creating new music/songs, working as a team and collaborating with other young people. Through these sessions, young people will develop social and musical skills, whilst building on their knowledge and self-confidence.

Please note: our HAF programme is not provided as part of our Short Breaks offer for young people with disabilities. If young people in your family have additional support needs, please contact us before booking a space to discuss these. For further information & a list of our inclusive activities, please visit our website or contact lholder@themusicworks.org.uk.

FREE ENTRY

Places are FREE but must be booked in advance via the QR code or URL below. There are limited spaces available so it is on a first come, first served basis and priority will be given to young people in receipt of free school meals.

SCAN QR TO BOOK

W: www.themusicworks.org.uk/events/have-a-go
E: bookings@themusicworks.org.uk
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SHARK SQUAD SWIM LESSONS JUST £7 PER SESSION



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ALL ABILITIES, BEGINNERS TO
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With The Ball **CheerDance**

Multisports and CheerDance Easter Holiday Club

(9:00am - 3:00pm)

£24
(1 day)

£66
(3 days)

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, GL13PY

25+ Sports, Activities and Styles of Dance

Tues 4th, Wed 5th & Thurs 6th April

Weds 12th, Thurs 13th, Fri 14th April

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No Experience Required

Contact:
laurastorey@withtheball.co.uk
07842821013

Suitable
For Ages
4-11

 www.withtheball.co.uk





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Booking for the spring Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) is now open.

To see what's happening in your area and when, visit your district HAF site:

Cheltenham <https://orlo.uk/TwgU7>

Gloucester <https://orlo.uk/OTvX4>

Tewkesbury <https://orlo.uk/b1w90>

Stroud <https://orlo.uk/eOuly>

Cotswolds <https://orlo.uk/dYgsq>

Forest Of Dean <https://orlo.uk/iCHTz>





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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

