



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly just to remind you on a few key messages from last week:

Attendance

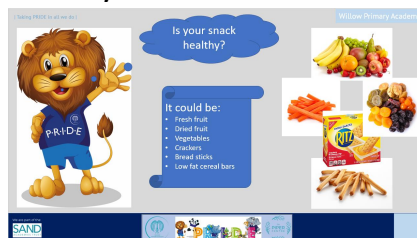
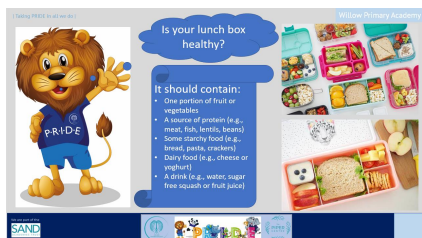
We are having a drive on attendance and being punctual to school. As we enter the Summer Term and important tests for Year 2 and Year 6, it is important that children's attendance is good.

Home Learning

As stated last week, following consultation with parents we have moved to an online method for homework. If anyone has any issues with this we will be giving the children opportunity to complete homework with a teacher at lunchtimes.

Healthy Eating

Just a reminder to make lunchboxes and snacks healthy



Visit

Mrs Arthur and Mrs Tonks took four children from Elm Class to Knoll Care Home with Nico during the week. The children reads to the residents and shared some of their work.

Coronation Dance

All of the children began the celebrations for the upcoming Coronation. They all joined in with a special dance choreographed by West End Productions. We are hoping we can visit Knoll Care Home with some children on Friday 8th May to share our dance



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Acorn

The children in Acorn class loved their trip to Robinswood Hill last week! They found lots of different minibeasts in different habitats, including snails, worms, tadpoles and newts!

In Maths, we have been learning how to add and take away and have started to write number sentences to show the 'story' of what is happening.

This week, the children have started working with a grown-up to write sentences in a brand new learning journey book! This is to help us get ready for Year 1! There have been some amazing sentences about our trip. We even showed them to Mr Hales!

We have started our topic, 'Big Wide World' and have been enjoying stories about different cultures.

Birch

In Birch class, we have been enjoying our new history project called Magnificent Monarchs. Last week we learnt a lot of new vocabulary. We applied this vocabulary to today's lesson where we created a timeline of the monarchs we have had since Anglo-Saxon times to now! We are very excited about this project and the coronation of the King!

In maths, we have been impressing our adults with our knowledge of statistics. We have been interpreting tables, drawing tally charts and pictograms! In English, we have been writing a setting description about the pond from our story Tad. We have been using some great adjectives to describe!

Ash

In Ash class, we have been getting stuck into our new class story 'Pumpkin Soup'. We have been writing instructions on how to make pumpkin soup and have now moved onto using our knowledge of adjectives to improve our writing and grab our readers attention. The children created persuasive posters to encourage people to go to 'Duck's Soup Stand' and independently used a range of vocabulary. We have also been learning about position and direction in Maths. The children have been learning whole, half, quarter and three-quarter turns, including the skill of knowing their left and right. This has been tricky as there is so many new skills and a lot of new vocabulary to learn but the children have been so determined to master this skill.

Chestnut

Chestnut class have had an exciting start to the term,. We have been set a surprise mission to travel around the world just like Nellie Bly. To prepare us for this mission, we used props to create a world map. The children worked extremely well together and used their imagination to consider what each of the resources could represent. We cannot wait for our next mission.

In maths we have been finding fractions of amounts whilst in English we have been preparing to write our diary entries based on the story 'Jim and the Beanstalk' by Raymond Briggs



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Elm

Elm class have started working on fractions this week. We have found it a bit tricky but are showing our PRIDE value of determination!

The children have enjoyed tennis in PE and are working very well at supporting each other.

In Geography we have started exploring features of rivers. The children were very excited to know that the longest river in English was the River Severn which is just on our doorstep!

Maple

Maple Class have had a busy week. We really enjoyed taking part in the coronation dance workshop. We have also been reading Tin Forest and writing a character and setting description as well as a diary from the old man's point of view. In Maths, we have been learning about mixed number fractions, proper and improper fractions and adding them together.

Oak

Oak class have been learning how to work out the average/mean of a set of numbers in maths. We have been writing sport's commentary on high diving giraffes in English. We have been working very hard to prepare for our SATS which are coming up in just over a week!

In Art, we have been experimenting with distortion and abstract art. We love being creative in Oak class.



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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 – Shaylan and Syreese

Ash – Chelsea and Logan

Birch – Thomas

Chestnut – Brody B and Shayla-Kay

Elm – Jenson and Delroy

Maple – Lacey

Oak – Holly and Malik

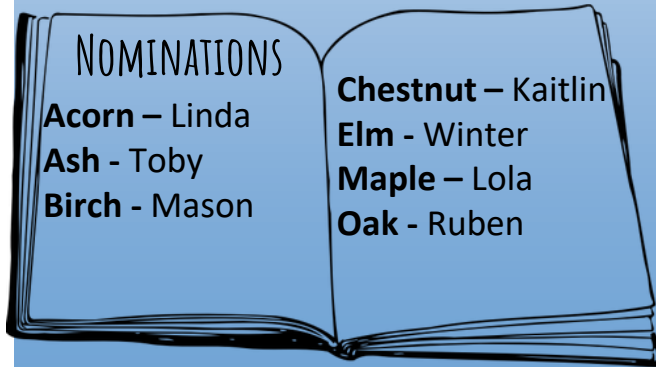
PRIDE Champions

Ethan





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!



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Attendance Superstars

This week:92.89%

Our year so far:93.77%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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| Class | Attendance |
|----------|------------|
| Acorn` | 90.48% |
| Ash | 91.34% |
| Birch | 88.46% |
| Chestnut | 90.53% |
| Elm | 90.18% |
| Maple | 98.08% |
| Oak | 99.57% |



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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Is your lunch box healthy?

It should contain:

- One portion of fruit or vegetables
- A source of protein (e.g., meat, fish, lentils, beans)
- Some starchy food (e.g., bread, pasta, crackers)
- Dairy food (e.g., cheese or yoghurt)
- A drink (e.g., water, sugar free squash or fruit juice)



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Is your snack healthy?

It could be:

- Fresh fruit
- Dried fruit
- Vegetables
- Crackers
- Bread sticks
- Low fat cereal bars



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Friday 28th April 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We warmly invite you to a special afternoon on Friday 5th May 2023, to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III!

School will open at 1:15 pm. You and your child/children can visit classrooms to take part in whichever activities you like. Each teacher will be hosting different activities from flag making, colouring, decorating biscuits, mask making and more.

Then at 2:00 pm families, children and friends can find your favourite spot outside for afternoon tea! Please bring a picnic with you to enjoy with your family. We will provide some tables and benches but you may wish to bring a picnic blanket too. You can bring sandwiches, salads, cake or scones, whatever you wish that is suitable for a picnic at school.

Fingers crossed the weather will be sunny! We are looking forward to celebrating this momentous occasion with our Willow Family.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Stephens



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

NEW HOME LEARNING INFORMATION

We are excited to let you know that we are now moving to an online home learning platform called **Doodle**. This will replace the use of homework books that we currently have in place. We feel this approach will better engage the pupils in their homework tasks, reduce the number of pupils misplacing their homework and better prepare them for the expectations when moving through Key Stage 2 and onto Secondary school.

All pupils have already logged onto the Doodle apps in school and have completed baseline assessments, so they are already familiar with the format and use of Doodle. They are always very excited to log in and complete the activities. We have included their individual log in details along with this letter so that they can now continue to log in and complete tasks at home. Using **Doodle for just 10 minutes per day** is proven to help children make more rapid progress.

As your child completes tasks, they earn stars. These stars will result in prizes back in school, so the more they earn, the more they win!

How to get started

1. Download all of the Doodle apps (DoodleMaths, DoodleTables, DoodleEnglish and DoodleSpell) onto an Apple, Android or Amazon device. You can also log in to the Doodle programmes through the website (doodlelearning.com) on laptops and desktops by clicking 'log in' and choosing a programme.
2. Use the username and password provided by your child's teacher to log in. You can use the same login details to access all four Doodle programmes.
3. For further support, watch the following video: <https://vimeo.com/506143677>

Support for parents and carers

- If you wish to view your child's progress then you will need to link your email address to your child's account by logging in, tapping on the arrow icon in the top left-hand corner and selecting Settings > Parent details. Or, visit parents.doodlelearning.com and head to Manage > Subscriptions.
- You'll then be able to view your child's progress by visiting parents.doodlelearning.com or downloading the free DoodleConnect app on Apple and Android devices.

Every Friday, teachers will provide an additional homework task linking to the broader curriculum on Class Dojo. The expectations and deadlines for these will be set by the teacher, so please keep an eye out for these each week.

If you have any questions about this then please ask your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Willow Team





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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





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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

May 2023 – start of Key Stage 1 SAT's

Friday 5th May 2023 – Coronation Celebration

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

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

Thursday 11th May – Year 2, 3 and 4 Football Tournament

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

Monday 22nd May 2023 – Birch Class Assembly

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 19th June 2023 – Ash Class Assembly

Monday 26th June 2023 – Acorn Class Assembly

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

