



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

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Dear Parents / Carers

What a fantastic first week back we have had at Willow Primary Academy.

During this week we have had a full school review which was undertaken by Dr Jan Saunders and Sarah Campagnaro from Cabot Learning Federation. This review began on Monday 5th June with an intensive phone call to members of the Senior Leadership Team. The team then arrived on the morning of Tuesday 6th June and looked at the following areas of school:

- Safeguarding and safeguarding culture
- The leadership and teaching of phonics and reading
- The leadership and teaching of writing
- The leadership and teaching of science

The main areas of strength that were found were as follows:

- Willow has a strong culture of safeguarding and ensures it does everything possible to ensure the safety of your child
- The use of the PRIDE values as a guide for children to help them understand how to be responsible citizens
- There is a clear rationale for the teaching of phonics and reading and is impacting upon pupil progress
- The support given to children in the Early Years. The processes and systems we have support our youngest learners for the next phase of their education
- All pupils spoke confidently about their learning in school
- Throughout the visit there was a calm and conducive learning environment
- All staff are on board with the journey that Willow is embarking upon

My favourite comment we received was:

"We had a lovely day at Willow, and you can feel a real sense of everyone driving for the same goal. By and large, what we saw feels like you should be seeking a good"

This shows the positive steps we have taken to move the school forward.

Have a great weekend!

Pete Hales



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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 – Giorgio and Kailem

Ash – Archie and Nimah

Birch – Kye

Chestnut – Deacon, Adi and Zofia

Elm - Phoebe and Summer

Maple – AJ and Calvin

Oak – Keomi and Lola Rose

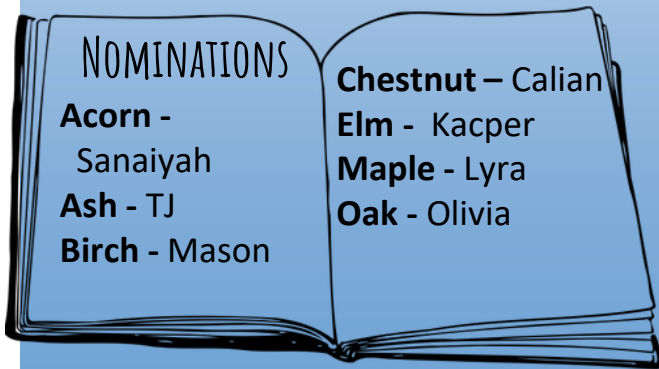
PRIDE Champions

Birch - Joshua





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!



THIS WEEK'S CLASS TOP DOODLERS ARE:

ASH – LOGAN, CRYSTAL, CHELSEA
BIRCH – ETHAN, JOSHUA, AQUAN
CHESTNUT – SAM, OBIDULLAH, LACEY
ELM – EFE, VIOLET, SUMMER
MAPLE – VASLAT, AJ AND MORGAN
OAK – LILLIE-MAI, RUBEN, OLIVIA



Each week teachers will monitor the activity on Doodle of the children in their class. They will look at the combined number of stars children have earned for all four of the Doodle apps.

Each week the top 3 Doodlers from each class will receive 10 extra PRIDE points to spend in the PRIDE shop.

Keep up the effort with the home learning.

HAPPY DOODLING!!!



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Attendance Superstars

This week: **96.0%**
Our year so far: **93.9%**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	96.1%
Ash	99.2%
Birch	91.7%
Chestnut	96.6%
Elm	90.5%
Maple	98.3%
Oak	98.8%



Reminder

Gates are open by 8.45am and close shortly after. Please ensure your child is on time and ready to learn.

If your child arrives late you need to take them to reception and you as the parent must sign them in on the screen.

Thank you for your cooperation





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TALENT SHOW

Do you have a special talent, passion or skill that you would like to share with others?

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE IT!!

Class Heats:
Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th July

GRAND FINAL
Monday 24th July

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST WITH YOUR CLASS TEACHER BY FRIDAY 14TH JULY





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

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

Term Dates for 2023 – 2024

Term 1 from Wednesday 6th September 2023 to Friday 27th October 2023

Term 2 from Tuesday 7th November 2023 to Friday 22nd December 2023

Term 3 from Monday 8th January 2024 to Thursday 8th February 2024

Term 4 from Monday 19th February 2024 to Friday 22nd March 2024

School Events

Monday 12th June 2023 – start of phonics screening check

Friday 16th June 2023 Year 6 trip to MAD museum (return at 4pm)

Monday 19th June 2023 – Ash Class Assembly

Monday 26th June 2023 (morning) – Class Photographs

Monday 26th June 2023 (afternoon) – Acorn Class Assembly

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

Wednesday 5th July 2023 – Trip to Kidzania and Dinky Street

Wednesday 12th July 2023 (afternoon) – Willow Primary Academy Sports Day

Thursday 20th July 2023 (afternoon) – Year 6 Leavers Play

Friday 21st July 2023 (morning) – Year 6 Leavers Play

Friday 21st July 2023 – Willow Primary Academy Open Afternoon

Friday 21st July 2023 – Friends of Willow Fun Day

Monday 24th July 2023 (afternoon) – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

