



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

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Dear Parents / Carers

We have certainly been blessed with some sunshine this week. It has been very hot in school!

It has been great to see children being able to go out of the school and demonstrate the PRIDE Values during the visits.

Ash Class

Ash Class did Willow proud at the Victorian classroom. They were very respectful and engaged in everything throughout the session. They got to dress up like a Victorian child, use real slate boards and slate pens to write their names and a sentence, and some children even tried some of the punishments like the back straightener and the finger stocks.

Oak Class

Today Oak Class have been to the MAD Museum and the Butterfly Farm. At the MAD Museum they will have been looking at the different forms of Mechanical Art and Design.

Careers Week

Excitement is building for our Careers Week which begins on Monday 3rd July. There are lots of exciting events planned for this week including trips on train, a visit to Dinky Street or a visit to Kidzania. Your child should have brought a letter home regarding the trips that they are going on. A voluntary contribution would be appreciated.

Upcoming Events

We have lots of events and opportunities for parents and families to engage with school over the coming weeks. Please keep an eye on Class Dojo to know when these are happening.

Suncream and Hats

We are all thrilled that the weather is becoming warmer and that the sun makes an appearance but please ensure your child applies suncream before they come into school and brings a named sunhat with them.



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Acorn

This week, we have been learning the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We have listened to the story (thinking about what happens at the beginning, middle and end), have retold the story using a story map and actions, have acted the story out with our friends, have drawn our own story maps and have written a caption to match a picture in our writing books!

In Maths, we have been thinking about all of the ways we can make the numbers 6, 7, 8 and 9. We have also thought about what is one more/one less than these numbers and if they are odd or even.

It has been so hot this week, so the children have learned how to make their own fans to help them cool down! They even made some for the grown ups!

Birch

In English, we have been learning about newspaper reports. We are excited to write our own about spotting the giant from our story Grandad's Secret Giant.

In Music, we have been learning a new song. It is all about home. We worked in groups to think about the sounds we hear at home. We learnt what a conductor was and then took it turns to be a conductor for our groups.

In Science we have been continuing our animal survival project. This week we have learnt what offspring is. We worked in our table groups to match the offspring to its parent. Then we grouped them into their animal groups. We had some great discussions about what we noticed in each group!

Ash

This week, Ash class went on a trip to the Dean Heritage Centre. We went back in time to the Victorian era and attended school. We started by paying our teacher and arranging ourselves in the classroom, boys and the front and girls at the back. The children used real slate board and slate pens to write their name and a sentence. Some children got to experience some of the punishments like the back straightener and the finger stocks. The teacher also demonstrated how teachers would use the cane... this was shown on a pillow not on any of our children luckily!

Chestnut

In English this week, we have begun our unit based on the story 'Arthur and the golden rope'. We have been thinking about unlikely heroes and writing a character description on what we think they look like.

In maths, we have been learning about measurement, with a focus on mass this week, where we have been comparing and ordering.

In History, we have been learning about the Roman army including understanding the hierarchy and the roles of the soldiers.



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Elm

This week Elm Class have been creating their own printing designs based on the work of William Morris in DT. They are going to be designing their own wall hanging using these techniques next week. The children really enjoyed the Commando Joe's session this week, where they had to design a new city. Children were really imaginative when using the equipment and some of them thought carefully about how to defend their cities. The adults want to say a massive well done to Elm Class for completing their multiplication tables check in very mature manner. They were focused and determined, and all pupils tried their best.

Maple

This week, Maple Class have started a new text in English – The Tempest. We have enjoyed writing character descriptions focusing on starting sentences in different ways.

In Maths, we have been consolidating our learning on acute, obtuse and right angles.. We have also learnt about reflex angles.

In Science, we have continued our learning on separating mixtures. This week, we experimented using filter paper to separate different sand and water, stones and water and soil and water.

Oak

This week, Oak class wrote a setting description based on the novel, 'Dracula'.

The children were challenged to use personification and pathetic fallacy in their work. We have been consolidating our learning of fractions in maths.

We had an interesting discussion about pregnancy in PSHE and what a baby can and cannot do in the womb. We have been learning about inheritance and genes in science; we enjoyed collecting data within our class based on physical traits that can be inherited.

We are ending our week with a very exciting trip to the MAD museum and the butterfly farm! We can't wait to tell you all about this next week.



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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 – Cody

Ash – Nimah, Toby and TJ

Birch – Haleema and Lavinia

Chestnut – Marianne and Sam

Elm – Sam and Chelsea

Maple – AJ and Suzzie

Oak – We will share our PRIDE winners next week.

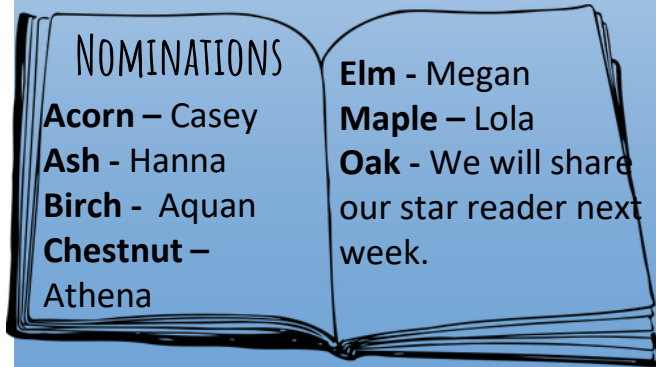
PRIDE Champions

Acorn - Sanaiyah-Lee

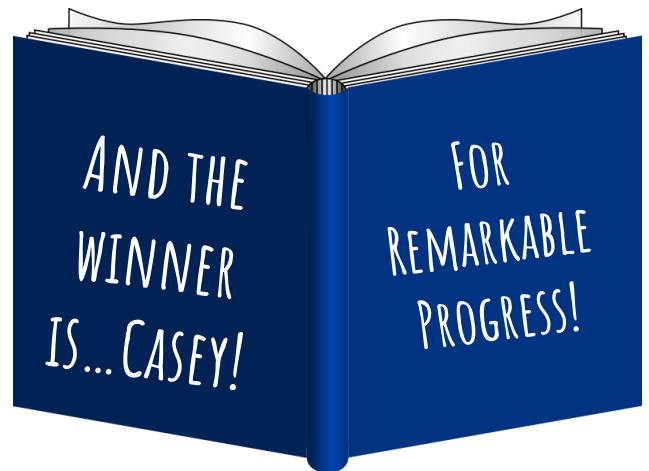




WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD



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 – LILY, CHELSEA, CHRYSAL

BIRCH – AQUAN, HALEEMA AND
LAVINIA

CHESTNUT – LACEY, ELIANA, SAM

ELM – EFE, BRIAN, DELROY

MAPLE – ARCHIE, AJ AND WILLOW

OAK – KAYDI-LEI, NAZAR AND OSCAR



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!!!



Pride News...

Attendance Superstars

This week: 94.2%

Our year so far: 93.2%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	96.1%
Ash	89.7%
Birch	90.4%
Chestnut	100.0%
Elm	85.1%
Maple	99.1%
Oak	97.7%



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.





Pride News...

Applications for FREE SCHOOL MEALS

If your child is currently in YEAR 2 you may need to apply for free school meals now in order to qualify for September, when your son or daughter will no longer qualify for free infant school meals as they will be in year 3 (KS2) .

To apply please follow this link:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Should you need any help at all please contact the school office and we can help you with your application.





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Come along to

Willow Funday

2023



WILLOW PRIMARY ACADEMY, GLOUCESTER

1:30pm

FRIDAY 21 JULY

and enjoy...

Soak the teacher

Scavenger hunt

Bouncy castles

Sweet stall

Ice lolly/icecream stall

Tombola

Adopt a pet stall

Selfie station

Face painting

Beat the goalie

Bottle flip





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Willow Bake Off

2023



£1

per entry

WILLOW PRIMARY ACADEMY, GLOUCESTER

FRIDAY 21 JULY

You can enter cakes, tray bakes and cupcakes and they need to be submitted by **9am on 21st July** to your teacher for judging at **11am**.

Cakes will be sold afterwards and all profits will go to the School.

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BAKE!





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[Taking PRIDE in all we do]



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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Dates for Your Diary

Term Dates for 2022 – 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 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

