



# Pride News...

## Headteacher's Message...

Date - Issue 23.06.2023

Dear Parents / Carers

This week, marks a year since I started at Willow Primary Academy.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all their efforts throughout the year. The success of Willow Primary Academy is built on the efforts of everyone and in this past year, we have enjoyed many successes. Thank you for the dedication that each one of you has shown. You have certainly shown PRIDE in everything you do.

We've come through a year that was filled with both challenges and victories. How reassuring it's been to know that we can count on all of you regardless of what faces us. On behalf of Willow Primary Academy, please allow me to extend my personal and genuine appreciation to each and every one of you for your valuable contributions to this school. Working with you this past year has been a pleasure.

### **SEND Review**

This week we have had a review of our special educational needs provision and the report shows how far we have come this year. The strength of leadership of SEND by Mrs Griffin is clear and even though we still have work to do we are making steps in the right direction.

### **Collection of Pupils**

Can I take this opportunity to remind all times that school finishes at 3.00pm and it is imperative that you are on time for collection of our child. If you are late, for whatever reason, can you make every effort to contact school to inform us. This should be a rare occurrence.

### **Car Parking**

I would like to remind all parents that the car park at school is for staff and visitors only. If you need to come to the school office then you must park sensibly outside of school and walk into school. The car park is not for parents at any time of the day as it causes a Health and Safety risk to pupils. We have also received some concerns about parking in the local area. We understand this can be a challenge but please be mindful of where you park so we do not create blindspots or block our neighbours' drives.

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** – Elijah and Frances

**Ash** – Taliyah and Demitri

**Birch** – Bonnie and Thomas

**Chestnut** – Brody DG and Alfie

**Elm** - Lily and Jazmyn

**Maple** – Lyra and Daniel S

**Oak** – Kaydi, Lola and Cody

### PRIDE Champions

Erin





## 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, HANNA, LILY  
BIRCH – ETHAN, AQUAN AND AVIE  
CHESTNUT – ZOFIA, ELIZA AND SAMUEL  
ELM – EFE, SUMMER, KACPER  
MAPLE – WILLOW, VASLAT, AJ, ARCHIE  
OAK – OSCAR, NAZAR AND KEOMI



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: 91.6%**  
**Our year so far: 93.1%**

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	98.2%
Ash	81.0%
Birch	92.8%
Chestnut	94.0%
Elm	86.4%
Maple	91.4%
Oak	93.8%



## 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





# Pride News...

Class photos are being taken on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023.  
Make sure you have full school uniform so we all look our best!

Oak Class it would be great if you all wore your Leavers hoodies!







# Pride News...

Gloucester City  
**HAF** holiday activities & food

## A Quick Guide to HAF



The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme is funded by the DfE and is aimed at school aged children - from Reception to Year 11 who receive benefits related Free School Meals (FSM). The aim of HAF is for **children and young people** to



Working with lots of different organisations, the HAF programme provides a range of free activities for children & their families in communities right across the City from activity camps, open access play sessions, music workshops, fun fitness sessions, boxing, swimming and more !

You can take part in HAF if **both** of the following apply to you:

- ☒ you receive benefits related Free School Meals\*\*
- ☒ you are of school age - Reception to Year 11

\*\* If you receive Universal Infant Free School Meals you must also be eligible for benefit related FSM to be able to take part in HAF

The HAF programme happens in the Spring, Summer & Winter school holidays only.



**Spring (Easter)**  
2 weeks



**Summer**  
4 weeks



**Winter (Christmas)**  
2 weeks

### How to get involved:

Bookings for all HAF activities are made through a centralised activity booking system - known as **CABS**. If you are using CABS for the first time you will need to make an account. If you already have an account then you just need to make sure that you know what your user name and password is - you will need these to log in.

Setting up a CABS account is easy:

Go to: <https://gloucestershirecounty.coordinate.cloud/account/register> OR scan this QR Code with a phone camera for quick access



### HAF

For some activities we have been able to secure extra funding to extend the HAF offer to include other children and young people who are not eligible for FSM but would benefit from having access to activities - this is known as **HAF**. If you would like your children to take part in HAF activities you will also need to create a CABS account. You can then book spaces on the activities that are available to you.

If you need any HAF related help then please contact us:

e: [gloscityhaf@gmail.com](mailto:gloscityhaf@gmail.com)

t: 01452 595423

**HAF** offers some great opportunities  
for more information visit: [www.gloscityhaf.co.uk](http://www.gloscityhaf.co.uk)



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## With The Ball



### Multisports and CheerDance Summer Holiday Club

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, GL13PY

25+ Sports, Activities and Styles of Dance

Sibling & Pupil Premium Discounts

No Experience Required



(9:00am - 3:00pm)

**£24**  
(1 day)

**£66**  
(3 days)

Week 1- Tues 25th July - Thurs 27th July

Week 2- Mon 7th August - Thurs 10th August

Week 3- Tues 22nd August - Thurs 24th August

Contact:  
laurastorey@withtheball.co.uk  
07842821013

Suitable  
For Ages  
4-11



[www.withtheball.co.uk](http://www.withtheball.co.uk)





# Pride News...

| Taking PRIDE in all we do |

Willow Primary Academy



Is your snack healthy?

It could be:

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



We are part of the  
**SAND**  
community



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Willow Primary Academy



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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| Positivity | Respect | Individuality | Determination | Excellence |

[willow.sandmat.uk](http://willow.sandmat.uk)



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Willow Primary Academy are looking to hold an inspiring and exciting careers week from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 6 from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### Term Dates for 2023 – 2024

Term 1 from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Term 2 from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

Term 3 from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Term 4 from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

### School Events

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 (morning)** – Class Photographs

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 (afternoon)** – Acorn Class Assembly

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023** – Willow v Grange (football match)

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023** – start of Willow Primary Academy Careers Week

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023** – Trip to Kidzania and Dinky Street

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (afternoon)** – Willow Primary Academy Sports Day

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023** – Chestnut Class Trip

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (afternoon)** – Year 6 Leavers Play

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 (morning)** – Year 6 Leavers Play

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023** – Willow Primary Academy Open Afternoon

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023** – Friends of Willow Fun Day

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (afternoon)** – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

