



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date - Issue 30.06.23

Dear Parents / Carers

Classes in September 2023

Yesterday, we told the children which teachers and Learning Partners they would have in September. The classes will be as follows:

- **Acorn** - Miss Simmonds, Miss Purveur and Miss Fan
- **Ash** - Miss Green, Miss Tocknell, Miss Cornock and Mrs Smith
- **Birch** - Miss Aston and Mrs Tanner
- **Chestnut** - Miss Poweel, Miss Elloitt and Miss Bee
- **Elm** - Mrs Tonks, Mrs Stephens, Miss Pearce and Miss Roy
- **Maple** - Mrs Morgan-Partridge and Miss Cornwall
- **Oak** - Miss Flynn, Mrs Kenna, Mrs Pollard and Mrs Juhasz

Children will come home with transition books towards the end of the academic year and have lots of opportunities to meet any new staff

Football

What a great way to finish the year! Beating our local rivals, Grange Primary Academy, 6 - 0. The goal scorers were AJ (2), Ruben, Daniel, Jenson and Harry. Well done to all the boys, especially the Year 6 players, as they signed off their time at Willow with a comprehensive win!

Cashless School

From 6th September 2023, Willow Primary Academy will be moving to a cashless school. All payment for any items will need to be made through ParentPay. If you are not registered for ParentPay we will send individual letters home shortly.

Willow Careers Week

Next week is Careers Week. This should be a really exciting week with lots of different trips and visitors. Make sure you have returned your consent forms and voluntary contributions for the following trips:

Acorn and Ash - Train trip and Dinky Street
Piper Centre - Dinky Street
Birch, Chestnut, Elm, Maple and Oak - Kidzania

Don't forget to continue to raise money for the School for Sports Event on Tuesday! You can register for an online sponsorship form.

Have a great weekend!

Pete Hales



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Acorn

This week in Acorn class, we have started looking at the story 'The Rainbow Fish'. We have learned lots of new vocabulary such as 'entire', 'emerged' and 'possessions'. We are looking forward to doing some Rainbow Fish art work to put up on display!

In Maths, we have been counting past 20, ordering teen numbers and making teen numbers with Numicon.

Finally, we have really enjoyed our transition sessions in Ash class. We have done a reading session with Year 1, have had Busy Time in our new classroom and have been to the Wild World with Miss Green!

Ash

This week, we have started our new story 'The Storm Whale' in English. The children have been using ambitious vocabulary to discuss how our main character might care for the whale in the story and infer about his feelings.

We have been learning about money in Maths. The children have been showing different ways to make amounts like 10p, 20p, 50p £1 etc.

Ash class have been very grown up and have been showing how ready they are for year 2 every day!

Birch

This week we have been working hard to write a sequel narrative for the story Grandad's Secret Giant. We have enjoyed exploring different ideas for our writing.

In Maths, we have been reviewing our addition and subtraction knowledge. Our adults have been very impressed with how much we have remembered.

This term, we have been enjoying our Magnificent Monarchs unit. So far, we have learnt about Alfred the Great, William the Conqueror and Henry VIII. We are looking forward to learning about Elizabeth I, Queen Victoria and Elizabeth II.

Chestnut

This week Chestnut class have been showing lots of determination and focus to complete their end of year tests. The adults in the class are super proud of their efforts.

In maths, we have just started our unit on angles where we have been understanding what an angle looks like.

In English, the children are preparing to write a persuasive letter to the Author of 'Arthur and the Golden rope' to convince him to write them in as the hero in their next story.



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Elm

In Elm Class this week, we have been writing playscripts for our story, 'Mrs Noah's Pockets'. The children have used their wonderful imaginations for this.

In Maths, we have been converting measurements. The children found this tricky to start with but are showing great determination.

In PE, the children have been practising their skills in preparation for sports day. They have really shown their competitive sides!

Maple

This week, Maple Class have been continuing our work on The Tempest. We wrote our own diary entries as if we were Caliban or Ariel.

In Maths, we have continued our work on angles and have learnt how to use a protractor to measure and draw acute, obtuse and reflex angles. In addition, we have found angles at a point and at a point on a straight line.

In Science, we have been learning about irreversible and reversible changes and have grouped materials based on whether the changes are reversible or irreversible after they have been heated.

Oak

This week Oak Class have been working hard to understand figurative language and use it in their writing. In Maths, we have been reviewing our algebra knowledge.

This term, Oak class have been enjoying their swimming sessions – our teachers are seeing so much progress! We have been enjoying our PSHE unit – we have had mature and interesting conversations and puberty and relationships. We have also been working very hard to rehearse our leaver's play. We would love our adults at home to help us memorise our lines and understand how to act them out best to suit the scene.



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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 – Kyrell and Brenin

Ash – Logan and Chelsea

Birch – Oakley

Chestnut –

Elm – Emelia and Kayla

Maple – Jasmine and Willow

Oak – Logan and Oscar

PRIDE Champions

Birch – Kalel

Chestnut - Maddie and Samuel





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, CHRYSTAL AND TALIAH
BIRCH – ETHAN, JOSHUA AND AQUAN
CHESTNUT – ADI, ELIZA AND SAMUEL
ELM – EFE, SUMMER AND BRIAN
MAPLE – DANIEL S, SHIA-RAE AND
DANIEL M
OAK – NAZAR, HOLLY AND LILLY-BELLE



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: 91.5%

Our year so far: 93.1%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	91.4%
Ash	93.8%
Birch	89.5%
Chestnut	94.3%
Elm	82.1%
Maple	91.4%
Oak	95.3%



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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MEET THE FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM



NIKKI HENDRY

MY NAME IS NIKKI HENDRY AND I AM THE DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD OF WILLOW PRIMARY ACADEMY, I HAVE WORKED HERE SINCE 2006.

I HAVE A DEGREE IN HEALTH, COMMUNITY & SOCIAL CARE. A HUGE PASSION OF MINE IS SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WHEREVER POSSIBLE. I AM VERY APPROACHABLE, HONEST, A GOOD LISTENER AND ENDEAVOUR TO SUPPORT ANYONE WHERE POSSIBLE.

I LOVE SPENDING TIME AT HOME WITH MY DAUGHTER, MY PARTNER AND MY LABRADOR FREDDIE. WE LOVE GOING ON FAMILY WALKS TOGETHER. I LOVE MUSIC, COOKING AND SPENDING TIME WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.



DEBRA ARTHUR

I HAVE BEEN AT WILLOW PRIMARY ACADEMY SINCE JUNE 2021 AND VERY KEEN TO BE PART OF THIS TEAM, PREVIOUSLY A FAMILY SUPPORT WORKER FOR CCP AND ALSO WORKED AS PRESCHOOL MANAGER IN SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE FOR 12 YEARS. MY PASSION IS SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES AND BEING A LISTENING AND SUPPORTIVE MEMBER OF THE TEAM.

I HAVE 4 CHILDREN AND 8 GRANDCHILDREN AND FIND THAT KEEPS ME VERY BUSY! I LOVE TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES AND WATCHING LIVE MUSIC.





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THE FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM



NIKKI HENDRY



DEBRA ARTHUR

WE ARE THE FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM AT WILLOW PRIMARY ACADEMY AND WE CAN OFFER EARLY HELP SUPPORT AROUND SOME OF THE FOLLOWING (THIS IS NOT AN EXTENSIVE LIST, SO PLEASE ALWAYS ASK):

- A LISTENING EAR/SOMEONE TO TALK TO
- **ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATION OF SERVICES**
- **DIRECTION OF SUPPORT AROUND HOUSING**
- **REFERRALS TO EXTERNAL FAMILY SUPPORT WORK AND OTHER AGENCIES**
- **ONE TO ONE EMOTIONAL SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILD**
- **REFERRALS TO GLOUCESTERSHIRE BUNDLES**
- **ACCESS TO FOOD BANK VOUCHERS**
- **DEBT ADVICE AND REFERRALS**
- **ADVICE AROUND DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SUPPORT AVAILABLE**

WE ARE ON THE PLAYGROUND FIRST THING IN THE MORNING DAILY

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Run the Rainbow

Saturday 15 July 2023
Cotswold Airport

Prices from £10

Get ready for powdered paint, foam, music, and inflatables as this 5k route turns you into a kaleidoscope of colour.

Run, walk or even skip through this fun-filled family challenge for a brilliant local cause.

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A DAY**

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AT A VENUE NEAR YOU
MON - FRI - 9:00AM - 3:00PM
TAG RUGBY, FOOTBALL, DANCE, CIRCUS SKILLS, FENCING,
CHEERLEADING, STREET HOCKEY, ULTIMATE FRIZBEE, CRICKET,
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AND MORE

BOOK YOUR PLACE AT
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project.class4kids.co.uk/camps





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**Special
DISCOUNT**

Book before the end of June
INDIVIDUAL DAYS £16 - 5 DAY BLOCK £60

From July
INDIVIDUAL DAYS £18 - 5 DAY BLOCK £70

The PE & Sports Project uses elite level coaching practice, to provide the children with a fun, engaging, successful and positive experience.

We use our advanced 'exploration-discovery-competition' model to give the children the independence and responsibility to think and to solve problems for themselves whilst supporting and encouraging their development in a wide range of different sports.

t: 0117 382 8444
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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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Play
GLOUCESTERSHIRE

PLAY GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S PLAY RANGERS

Summer Holiday Community Play Days

Date:

- 24th July
- 25th July
- 26th July
- 27th July
- 28th July
- 31st July
- 1st August
- 2nd August
- 3rd August
- 4th August
- 7th August
- 8th August
- 9th August
- 10th August
- 11th August
- 14th August
- 15th August
- 16th August
- 17th August
- 18th August
- 21st August
- 22nd August
- 23rd August
- 24th August
- 25th August
- 29th August
- 30th August
- 31st August
- 1st September

Locations:

- Bishops Cleeve Event / Wotton-Under-Edge
- Ayland Gardens / Tewkesbury
- Bourton-on-the-Water / Nailsworth
- Cotswolds HAF
- Avening / Bishops Cleeve Event
- Kingsway / Wotton-Under-Edge
- Ayland Gardens / Bishops Cleeve Event / Ruspidge
- Nailsworth
- Bishops Cleeve Event / Podsmead
- Cotswolds HAF / Kingsholm
- Kingsway
- Ayland Gardens / Bishops Cleeve Event / Ruspidge
- Bourton-on-the-Water / Nailsworth
- Podsmead
- Bishops Cleeve Event / Kingsholm
- Kingsway / Wotton-Under-Edge
- Ayland Gardens / Ruspidge
- Bourton-on-the-Water
- Podsmead
- Bishops Cleeve Event
- Kingsway / Wotton-Under-Edge
- Ayland Gardens / Stonehouse Park Opening tbc / Ruspidge
- Nailsworth
- Bishops Cleeve Event
- Cotswolds HAF / Kingsholm
- Ayland Gardens / Tewkesbury
- Bishops Cleeve Event / Bourton-on-the-Water
- Bredon / Bishops Cleeve Event
- Avening / Kingsholm

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FREE

UNDER 12'S ARE WELCOME AND SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT OR CARER. WE BELIEVE ALL CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO PLAY. PLEASE TALK TO US IF YOUR CHILD NEEDS ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO ENJOY PLAY RANGERS.





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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 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

Monday 17th July 2023 – Chestnut Class Trip

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

