



# Pride News...

## Headteacher's Message...

Date - Issue 14.07.23

Dear Parents / Carers

Well, this has been a very unpredictable week. The weather nearly stopped Sports Day, but we got there in the end!

### Sports Day

Thank you so much for everyone's understanding with the very late cancellation of Sports Day. It was great that we were able to reschedule this quickly and the children got to participate in most events before the rain came again. I thought the children all tried very hard and it was great to hear the level of encouragement that was coming from all classes for the friends. It is fantastic when we see the PRIDE Values come to life!

### Athlete Sponsorship Event

We are delighted to have raised £632 from the Athlete Event. £235 of this money will go directly back to school to contribute towards the purchase of equipment. The children will be receiving their prizes before the end of term.

### Rest of Term

The rest of term is looking very busy as we prepare for the Summer Holidays. We have the following things happening:

- **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (afternoon)** – Year 6 Leavers Play (1.00 pm start)
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 (morning)** – Year 6 Leavers Play (10.00 am start)
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023** – Willow Primary Academy Open Afternoon (1.00 pm start)
- **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023** – Friends of Willow Fun Day (1.30 pm start)
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 (afternoon)** – Year 6 Leavers Assembly (1.00 pm start)
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Please note that school finishes at the usual time at 3.00pm on every day.

### Paperless and Cashless School

From September 2023 we will be a paperless and cashless school. If you have not yet signed up for Class Dojo or Parent Pay, then please action this as soon as possible. This will help with staff workload and make sure the school is more sustainable.

### Late Pick Up

Can I just remind parents that it is important to pick up children on time at the end of the school day. It is taking a lot of staff time looking after children after school. This is an important time of the school day for preparation for the next school day



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## Acorn

The children in Acorn class have enjoyed learning about Pirates this week, using the story 'Pirates Love Underpants'. They have been making telescopes, treasure maps and have role-played in the Small World area, using the toy pirate ship. They have also learned some Pirate songs and have enjoyed a Pirate Wake and Shake! Later this week, they will be making paper plate fish.

In Maths, they have been making different numbers on ten frames and recapping on one more and one less.

## Ash

Ash class have been learning about mass and capacity. They have been exploring the vocabulary heavier and lighter and measuring in ml and litres.

We have been using sentence starters to make our writing more interesting and thinking about how we can effectively link events in English. The children have been loving our book 'Storm Whale'.

Ash class really enjoyed careers week! We were very lucky and got to go to the train station and Dinky Street.

## Birch

What a busy few weeks we've had! Last week was careers week and we enjoyed our trip to Kidzania. We were very well behaved on the coach and our adults were very proud of us.

This week we have made our greeting cards with moving parts. We worked hard to follow our design plans and create them independently. Our adults were impressed with our determination during our DT lesson.

We enjoyed taking part in sports day on Thursday and we are looking forward to taking part in the bench ball competition on Friday!

## Chestnut

Chestnut class have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in outdoor learning this year. It was a sad day on Tuesday, as it was our last one. We had lots of fun designing nature cookies and creating stories with them.

This children have been showing their persuasive skills this week in English, as they have been designing their own playground equipment. The adults were super impressed with our creativity.

Chestnut class also loved taking part in sports day, even if it did rain on us right at the end!



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## Elm

Elm class have been busy preparing for Sports Day this week and have showed great determination and excellence during the practices.

We are completing our last unit in Maths looking at Statistics and the children have been interpreting and drawing bar charts and line graphs.

The pupils have written newspaper reports in English based on the film 'Pigeon Impossible' and will be finishing off the unit by writing setting descriptions next week.

In Music, children have almost finished their compositions based on The Peer Gynt Suite by Greig. They have composed their rhythmic sections and coda and will practice and perform these to each other in class.

## Maple

Maple Class have had a busy couple of weeks. We really enjoyed Careers week, especially going to KidZania, and finding out more about the jobs that we would like to do in the future.

This week, we have been preparing for Sports Day, designing our soups and learning about Expressionism in Art.

We are looking forward to going back to the allotment next Thursday and picking the potatoes and onions that we planted to use in our soup.

## Oak

This week in Oak Class, we enjoyed a workshop on probots and drones! We learned how to code the probots to draw lots of interesting shapes. We participated in an 'increase the peace' workshop where we learned about knife safety through lots of activities including rapping.

We competed in races this week for sports day - we showed determination, positivity and excellence within these races! We discussed our worries and concerns about moving up to secondary school in PSHE. We made moving mechanisms using cams in DT.

We've also been working super hard to rehearse our leaver's play which we are performing next week. We hope you can come along to watch!



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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** – Frances and Eli

**Ash** – John-Boy and Hanna

**Birch** – Alarrah

**Chestnut** – Phoenix and Kyron

**Elm** – Skyla and Delroy

**Maple** – Lacey and Jenson

**Oak** – Nazar and Sarah-J

### PRIDE Champions

Chestnut - Dylan





## WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD

### NOMINATIONS

**Acorn** – Kailem

**Ash** - Archie

**Birch** - Bonnie

**Chestnut-Zofia**

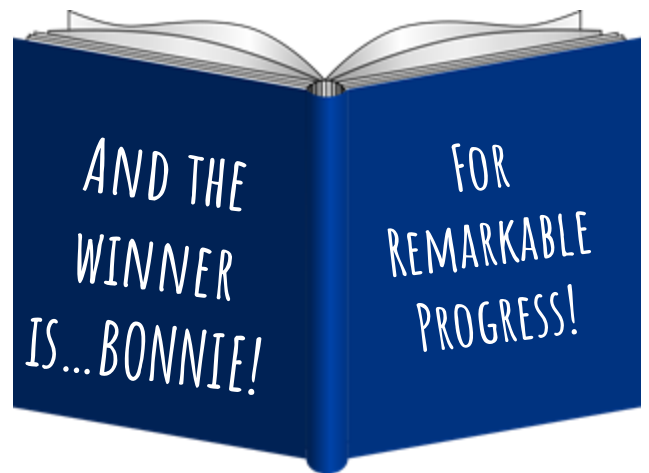
**Elm** - Brian

**Maple** – Daniel S

**Oak** - Oscar



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 NIMAH  
BIRCH – JOSHUA, ETHAN AND BONNIE  
CHESTNUT – SAMUEL, ADI, ZOFIA  
ELM – EFE, KAYLA AND CHELSEA  
MAPLE – LILY, DANIEL S AND CAIN  
OAK – NAZAR, CODY AND MISHA



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: 91.2%**

**Our year so far: 93.08**

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



| Class    | Attendance |
|----------|------------|
| Acorn    | 90.1%      |
| Ash      | 93.6%      |
| Birch    | 93.2%      |
| Chestnut | 98%        |
| Elm      | 86.7%      |
| Maple    | 88.9%      |
| Oak      | 87.8%      |



## 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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## HAVE A GO

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

### FREE ENTRY

AGES 11-16 | 11:00-15:00  
7TH-11TH AUG & 21ST-25TH AUG

It doesn't matter what skills you have, if you love music come and have a go at:

- SINGING & SONGWRITING**
- MAKING BEATS**
- PRODUCING A TRACK**
- DJING**
- BEATBOXING**



Scan to find out more & book or visit:  
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SEE REVERSE PAGE FOR MORE DETAILS

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## ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

Have a Go is an inclusive school holiday programme in association with Gloucestershire County Council HAF (Holiday Activities and Food programme) with the aim of providing young people in receipt of free school meals access to music-making activities. Lunch is provided daily for all those attending.

Through the four days, young people and children will gain experience learning through multiple music activities such as; Singing, Songwriting, Rapping, DJ'ing, Music Production and playing instruments, whilst having fun and making new friends. They will spend time learning how to set up/ use equipment as well as creating new music/songs, working as a team and collaborating with other young people.

Have a Go will not be running on Wednesday 9th or Wednesday 23rd August, instead our Music Bus will be in Kings Square.

Please note: our HAF programme is not provided as part of our Short Breaks offer for young people with disabilities. If young people in your family have additional support needs, please contact us before booking a space to discuss these. For further information & a list of our inclusive activities, please visit our website or contact [lholder@themusicworks.org.uk](mailto:lholder@themusicworks.org.uk).

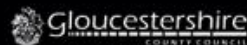
## FREE ENTRY

Places are FREE but must be booked in advance via the QR code or URL below. Priority will be given to young people in receipt of free school meals, however there are other places available. There are limited spaces available so it is on a first come, first served basis.

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Scan to find out more & book or visit:  
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## Join us... Summer Fete 2023

Date: 27 July 2023

Time: 11:00 to 16:00

Place: The Knoll

335A Stroud Road, Gloucester, GL4 0BD

A fun and gathering day to all family and friends to enjoy summer fete and 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of one service user.

Honourable Mayor and Sheriff (deputy Mayor) will be join with us.

- Live music.
- Sports for children and adult
- Tombola
- Raffle tickets
- Ice-cream van
- BBQ/refreshment
- Lemonade/squash/juice
- Tea/coffee
- Family and friends gathering and sharing.





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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

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