



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

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Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of another year it gives us time to reflect on the year that has just gone by. This brings with it happy memories of the amazing achievements of your children. They always amaze us at how they demonstrate the PRIDE Values. This has included representing the school in events, the determination in lessons, the respect they show to each other and the staff and the positivity to everything they do.

Education is much more than learning lessons, studying subjects and taking tests. I hope that over the last year that we have achieved more than simply filling your head with facts and figures – we hope that we have sparked an interest in them to always improve; to strive to be better; to be the best that they can be; to never be afraid to get things wrong, because that is how we learn; to have fun; to co-operate and collaborate; to be generous; to respect others; to share their interests; to enjoy music; to be creative, in all its forms; to try new things.

It has been great to see all of the achievements over the last year and I want to thank all members of our community for their support in achieving this. We have had many achievements this year and the biggest has certainly been when we had our external review of school. They agreed with leaders that we should be seeking 'GOOD' at our next Ofsted inspection. This is an amazing achievement and we could not have done this without your help and support.

I look forward to welcoming all of the children in Years 1-6 back to school on Wednesday 6th September 2023. I'm also excited to meet our new children who will be joining Reception.

I hope that all of you have a great summer holidays and we manage to enjoy some time in the sunshine.

Pete Hales, Headteacher



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Attendance



Dame Rachel de Souza has said the return to school in September is 'critical' for 'getting pupils into school and settled into the school routine'.

Pupils who miss the second, third and fourth day of a new term are likely to have a significantly higher overall absence rate than their peers, according to new analysis from the children's commissioner, Rachel de Souza. And pupils with an unauthorised absence on any day in the first week of term had an overall unauthorised absence rate of 25 per cent. This was compared to an overall unauthorised absence rate of 2 per cent for pupils who didn't miss any sessions in the first week. Dame Rachel de Souza has produced a new report highlighting the importance of the return to school as "critical" for "getting pupils into school and settled into the school routine".

In the report, Back into school: New insights into school absence, an analysis of around 32,000 pupils suggested that children who are absent for the second, third and fourth day of a new term are predicted an overall absence of around 43 per cent (or 30 days) across the term. And, while the study found that Fridays were the most common day for pupils to miss school, the analysis revealed that those that miss school mid-week are more likely to be "habitually absent".

The data was taken from three multi-academy trusts (MATs) from across the country and with primary, secondary and all-through schools.

The study also found that pupils with an education, health and care plan (EHCP) and those with pupil premium were more likely to have a higher level of absence overall than their peers.



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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 – Star and Zenaya

Ash – Lily and Archie

Birch – Remy

Chestnut – Calian, Lacey-Mai and Alisha

Elm – Violet and Megan

Maple – Shia

Oak – All of Oak Class

PRIDE Champions

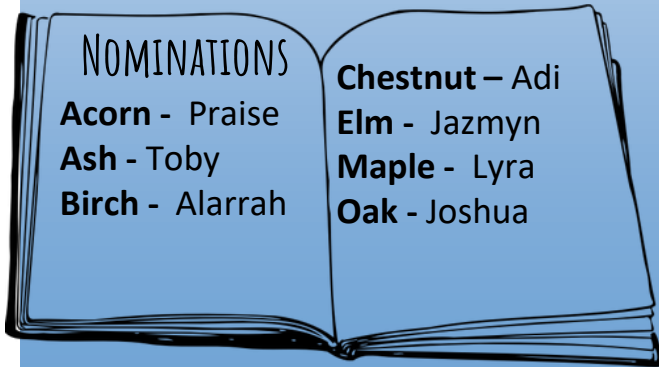
Birch – Amy-Rose

Maple – Daniel S





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, ARCHIE
BIRCH – JOSHUA, ETHAN, ANDREW
CHESTNUT – SAMUEL, ADRIAN, ELIZA
ELM – DELROY, EFE, VIOLET
MAPLE – LILY, LYRA, WILLOW
OAK – NAZER, OSCAR, SAM



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: **89.46%**
Our year so far: **92.99%**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	92.90%
Ash	86.05%
Birch	81.91%
Chestnut	93.38%
Elm	85.78%
Maple	86.30%
Oak	97.50%



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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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





E-bikes and e-scooters fire safety guidance

E-bikes and e-scooters are becoming increasingly popular. Most are powered by lithium-ion batteries which can be charged in the home. The use of these batteries in a wide range of household products is becoming increasingly common.

It is important when charging e-bikes and e-scooters, you do so safely to avoid a risk of a fire starting and putting your families and homes at risk.

With an increased use of e-bikes and e-scooters, comes a corresponding fire safety concern associated with their charging and storage. The use of these products is expected to continue to rise. Some fire services and fire investigators have seen a rise in e-bike and e-scooter battery fires.

Currently there is limited data relating to the number of fires, but London Fire Brigade reported 8 fires caused by e-bikes and e-scooters in 2019. This rose to twenty-four in 2020 and fifty-nine by December 2021.

On occasions batteries can fail catastrophically, they can 'explode' and/or lead to a rapidly developing fire.

The incorrect disposal of lithium-ion batteries in general household and recycling waste can lead to significant waste fires. Prevention messaging is therefore important in supporting both FRS protection and operational staff.

Key messages

The following messages can be useful in communicating the risk and minimising the risk of fire to the public:

Charging

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions when charging and always unplug your charger when it's finished charging.
- Ensure you have working smoke alarms. If you charge or store your e-bike or e-scooter in a garage or kitchen ensure you install detection, we recommend heat alarms rather than smoke detectors for these areas.
- Charge batteries whilst you are awake and alert so if a fire should occur you can respond quickly. Don't leave batteries to charge while you are asleep or away from the home.
- Always use the manufacturer approved charger for the product, and if you spot any signs of wear and tear or damage buy an official replacement charger for your product from a reputable seller.

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- Do not cover chargers or battery packs when charging as this could lead to overheating or even a fire.
- Do not charge batteries or store your e-bike or e-scooter near combustible or flammable materials.
- Do not overcharge your battery – check the manufacturer's instructions for charge times.
- Do not overload socket outlets or use inappropriate extension leads (use un-coiled extensions and ensure the lead is suitably rated for what you are plugging in to it).
- In the event of an e-bike, e-scooter or lithium-ion battery fire – do not attempt to extinguish the fire. Get out, stay out, call 999.

Storage

- Avoid storing or charging e-bikes and e-scooters on escape routes or in communal areas of a multi occupied building. If there's a fire, it can affect people's ability to escape.
- Responsible Persons should consider the risks posed by e-bikes and e-scooters where they are charged or left in common areas such as means of escape, bike stores and mobility scooter charging rooms. They may wish to offer advice to residents on the safe use, storage and charging of these products.
- Store e-bikes and e-scooters and their batteries in a cool place. Avoid storing them in excessively hot or cold areas.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for the storage and maintenance of lithium-ion batteries if they are not going to be used for extended periods of time.

Buying

- Buy e-bikes, e-scooters and chargers and batteries from reputable retailers.
- Many fires involve counterfeit electrical goods. Items which don't meet British or European standards pose a huge fire risk and while genuine chargers (or battery packs) may cost more, it's not worth putting your life at risk and potentially destroying your home by buying a fake charger to save a few pounds.
- If buying an e-bike conversion kit, purchase from a reputable seller and check that it complies with British or European standards. Take particular care if buying from online auction or fulfilment platforms. Also be aware that if buying separate components, you should check that they are compatible.
- Register your product with the manufacturer to validate any warranties – batteries are usually included in warranties. Registering makes it easier for manufacturers to contact you in the event of safety or recall information.
- Check any products you have bought are not subject to a product recall. You can do this but checking [Electrical Safety First's website](#) or the [government website](#).

Damage and disposal

- Batteries can be damaged by dropping them or crashing e-bikes or e-scooters. Where the battery is damaged, it can overheat and catch fire without warning. Check your battery regularly for any signs of damage and if you suspect it is damaged it should be replaced and should not be used or charged.
- If you need to dispose of a damaged or end of life battery, don't dispose of it in your household waste or normal recycling. These batteries, when punctured or crushed can cause fires in bin lorries, recycling and waste centres. Your e- bike or e- scooter



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manufacturer may offer a recycling service. Alternatively check with your local authority for suitable battery recycling arrangements in your area.

Enjoy and ride your e-bike or e-scooter safely and ensure you are using these products within the law. Further information can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/electric-bike-rules> and [for e-scooters](#)

Further information around lithium-ion batteries is available from NFCC via [FRS Learn](#)

Watch out in water

“This has highlighted the dangers posed when a child is left unsupervised for a short period of time and even in the shallowest of water.”

Coroner's report, bath seat drowning of 7-month-old

Drowning happens silently. A drowning child can't speak or control their arms. They slip quietly under the water. It's only in the movies they splash about and cry for help. It's a scary thought.

But once you understand how and where drowning happens, there are things you can do to prevent it.

Babies and small children – mostly drown at home in the bath or in the garden, in just a few centimetres of water. Keep your baby or young child in arm's reach all the time when they're in or near water.

Baths

- Get everything you need ready before bath time. You'll need to stay with your baby or young child all the time they're in the bath.
- Bath seats are great for supporting your baby in the bath but they're not safety aids. Don't leave your baby alone in one even for a moment. They can topple or your baby can slip out.
- Don't rely on your toddler to keep an eye on the baby while you pop out for a towel, as they're still too young to understand danger.

In the garden

- Empty the paddling pool out after you've used it
- Turn a pond into a sandpit, or fence it in or cover it while your children are little
- Make sure your child can't get to the neighbour's pond
- Be alert to ponds, pools or hot tubs when visiting other people's homes.

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Older children – can still get into difficulties. They may over-estimate how strong a swimmer they are or under-estimate risks in the sea or open water. Teach them to float until help arrives.

Out and about

- Teach older children to choose safe places to swim like public pools and beaches with lifeguards
- Explain the dangers of swimming in open water, including strong currents, deep, cold water and things under the surface they can't see.

At the beach

- Teach children to swim between the two-coloured red and yellow flags – these mark the areas patrolled by lifeguards
- Inflatables can be swept out to sea when the wind is blowing – keep children off inflatables when the orange windsock is flying and always keep an eye on them.


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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

All school events will be added to the first newsletter of next academic year

