



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date - Issue 08.09.2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and welcome to our new families! I hope that you all had a great summer break. The term started for staff with two inset days where we spent time focusing on the teaching of reading and ensuring that we achieve our aim of 'Reading being the gateway to all learning'. We also spent time focusing on safeguarding and setting our goals for the year ahead. We have also had lots of work completed in school during the summer break to ensure the children have the best possible setting for them to learn and flourish.

It was really fantastic to welcome children back to school. Seeing happy and excited parents and children at breakfast club and walking through the gates from 8.45am was a wonderful sight. As I walked around school during the week, it was brilliant to see our children actively engaged in their learning and generally delighted to be back to business. It also reminded me, being back amongst staff and children, what an amazing school I have the privilege to lead. Next week we have our 'Meet the Teacher' event for Years 1 - 6. Hopefully, we have lots of parents / carers attend.

I have talked to the children about our biggest focus this year and that is attendance at school. Without their attendance being good we cannot make any of the other things happen. Our target this year is 97%. A big thank you to the majority of parents/carers who make sure their children attend school regularly!

We have begun planning for the academic year and all events are on Class Dojo and the newsletter. If you can it would be great to see as many of you at these as possible.

I hope that you all have a great year, and we can work together to achieve amazing things for your child. As ever, if you have any queries or questions then please do not hesitate to ask.

Pete Hales, Headteacher



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Key Messages . . .

School Day

Just a reminder that we have adjusted the timings of the school day to ensure that we are providing 32.5 hours of education. In the morning that gates will open at 8.40 am and close at 8.50 am with school starting at 8.45 am. The register will close at 8.50 am and any child arriving after this time will be marked as late. At the end of the school day the bell will sound at 3.15 pm. Parents / carers should arrive to collect at 3.15 pm with the latest pick up being 3.20 pm. If you are persistently late collecting your child, then we will follow this [policy](#).

After School Clubs

Willow are running three after school clubs. These are:

- Football for children in Chestnut, Elm, Maple and Oak
- Young Voices for children in Elm, Maple and Oak
- Netball for children in Chestnut, Elm, Maple and Oak

Click on this [link](#) to sign up

Class Dojo

Please ensure that you signed up for Class Dojo. This is our main method of communication., If you have any issues with this please talk to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Parent Pay

Willow Primary Academy is now a cashless school, and all payments need to be made via Parent Pay. This includes school lunches. School lunches need to be paid for in advance. We will be checking on a weekly basis and following the policy at this [link](#) if anyone is struggling to pay for their dinners. If you are not registered for Parent Pay, then please contact Lucy Sullivan or Jo Hall who will be happy to help.

Accidents and Injuries

We have introduced a new system for recording accidents and injuries. The system will generate an email which will be sent to you. If the incident is more serious, we will call. If it a head injury there will be a phone call made and a head injury letter will come home. If you have any queries, then please contact Deb Arthur.

Parking

I would like to remind all members of our school community to be mindful when parking. Families should not park on a yellow lines. This creates a hazard for other road users and then subsequently creates a hazard for our pupils. The school car park should not be used at all during drop off and pick up times.



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Pupil Leadership Team

Come and be a part of the Pupil Leadership Team. Do you have the skills to be a school prefect (Elm, Maple and Oak Class) or could you be Head Boy or Girl (Oak Class only)?

Applications must be submitted by Wednesday 13th September 2023 to Pete Hales

Nurturing good pupil leaders is an important element to Willow's success as a school. Children are encouraged to develop the necessary skills to enable them to take responsibility for their school and to then contribute positively both to the school and wider community.





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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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Dates for Your Diary

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

Term 5 from Tuesday 9th April 2024 to Friday 24th May 2024

Term 6 from Monday 3rd June 2024 to Friday 19th July 2024

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 th December 2023
	26 th December 2023
New Year Bank Holiday	1 st January 2024
Good Friday	29 th March 2024
Easter Monday	1 st April 2024
Early May Bank Holiday	6 th May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 th May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 th August 2024

All term dates can be found on our website [here](#)





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School Events

- Tuesday 12th September 2023 (3.00 pm to 3.15 pm) – Meet the New Teacher
- Tuesday 19th September 2023 (9.15 am to 9.45 am) – Reception Parents Phonics Session
- Wednesday 20th September 2023 – Birch Class Trip
- Thursday 21st September 2023 – Football Match @Kingsway School
- Thursday 21st September 2023 (2.30 pm to 3.00 pm) – Update on Statutory Assessments for Maths (Parents of children in Birch, Elm and Oak)
- Thursday 28th September 2023 (9.00 am to 10.00 am) – Coffee Morning with Headteacher
- Monday 2nd October 2023 (3.30 pm to 5.30 pm) – Parents Evening
- Tuesday 3rd October 2023 (3.30 pm to 5.30 pm) – Parents Evening
- Monday 16th October 2023 (2.45 pm to 3.10 pm) – Oak Class Assembly
- Monday 23rd October 2023 (2.15 pm to 2.45 pm) – Harvest Assembly
- Thursday 26th October 2023 (9.00 am to 10.00 am) – Coffee Morning with Family Support Team
- Thursday 9th November 2023 – Elm Class Trip
- Friday 17th November 2023 – Children in Need
- Tuesday 14th November 2023 (9.00 am to 9.45 am) – Ash and Birch Parents Phonics Session
- Monday 16th November 2023 (2.45 pm to 3.10 pm) – Maple Class Assembly
- Thursday 23rd November 2023 (9.00 am to 10.00 am) – Coffee Morning with SENDCo
- Friday 8th December 2023 – Christmas Jumper Day
- Tuesday 19th December 2023 (9.30 am to 10.30 am) – Acorn, Ash and Birch Nativity
- Tuesday 19th December 2023 (1.30 pm to 3.00 pm) – Chestnut, Elm, Maple and Oak Christmas Performance
- Wednesday 20th December 2023 (9.30 am to 10.30 am) – Acorn, Ash and Birch Nativity
- Wednesday 20th December 2023 (1.30 pm to 3.00 pm) – Chestnut, Elm, Maple and Oak Christmas Performance
- Wednesday 10th January 2024 – Swimming starts for Chestnut and Elm Class
- Tuesday 23rd January 2024 (9.00 am to 10.00 am) – Coffee Morning with Reading Leads
- Thursday 22nd February 2024 (9.00 am to 10.00 am) – Coffee Morning with Maths Leads





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What are you searching for today?

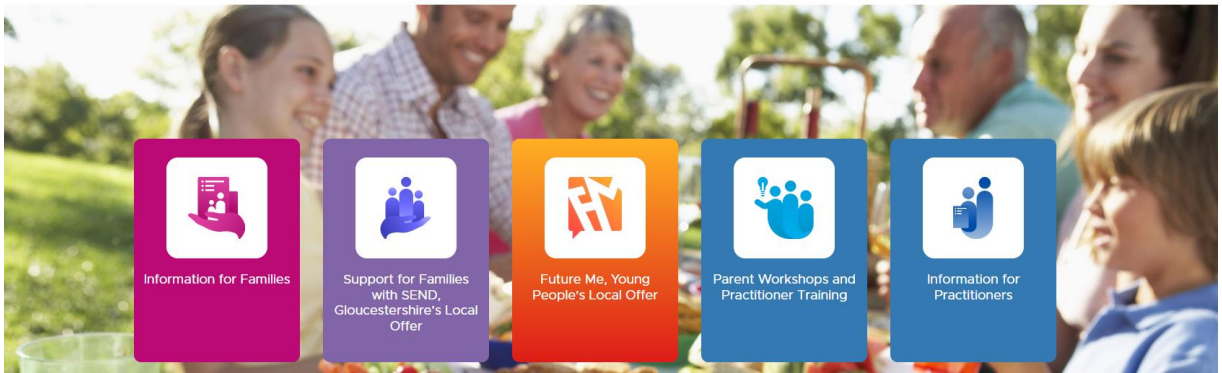


Saved list

Welcome to the glosfamilies directory

Welcome to Glosfamilies, an online directory bringing together information, services, resources, and things to do in Gloucestershire.

If you are a young person aged 0 - 19 years (or up to 25 with SEND), a parent, prospective parent, carer, or you work with children and families then read on to see what Gloucestershire has to offer you! For more information on how to use the directory please click [here](#).



Glos Families has been re-launched

Glos Families Directory is a great source of information for families. You can find it on:

<http://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/GloucestershireCountyCouncil/>





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24th Sep

Gloucestershire Boys' Choir

OPEN TO ALL BOYS WITH A LOVE OF SINGING

Open rehearsal

24/09/2023
Juniors (Years 3-6) 4.30-5.20PM
Seniors (Years 7-11) 5.10-6.00PM
Gloucestershire Academy of Music
Barbican House, Gloucester, GL1 2JF

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Battledown Family Fun Day
Saturday 23rd September 2023
12pm - 3pm
50p adults—children free

Raffle Prizes to include:

- £50 cash prize
- Family pass for 4 at Gloucestershire Steam Railway
- Voucher for afternoon tea at Bamaley House Cirencester
- Voucher for family pass at Sudeley Castle
- Cillon Photography experience vouchers x2
- Voucher for £20 at The Cheese Company
- Voucher for Cheltenham Wine Co £20.00



Stalls
Games
Bouncy
Castle

Pimms
Hotdogs
Ice-
Creams

Raffle
Tombola
Face
Painting

All welcome!

