



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been great to see new Reception children in school and already beginning to recognise their first sounds! Reading is such an integral part of the school curriculum and no day is lost with the teaching of reading at Willow. It has been fantastic to see the other new children settle so well into school and begin to make friends and learn the Willow Way. They are already demonstrating our PRIDE values.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all the families that came to the Meet the Teacher event. It was great to see you in school. I hope that you found this useful and a good opportunity to see your child's class.

Willow Football Team

Willow's football team participated in the first round of the 7-a-side tournament. The team was Cain, Dylan, Deacon, Archie, Jenson (C), Daniel, AJ and Kyron. We played three matches. We drew 0 – 0 with Kingsway Primary School and Meadowside. In the last game we won 1 – 0 with Kyron grabbing the winner. This put us level with Meadowside on 7 points. It went to penalties and after 5 penalties each the scores were level. Sudden death!!! We unfortunately missed our penalty but go through to the next round as runners up!!! A huge congratulations to the boys!!! Thanks to the parents for their support!!! We are through to the next round!

Home School Agreement

Included within the Newsletter is a copy of our Home School Agreement. This is also available on our website [here](#). I hope you can take some time to read this and share the information with your child.

Important Forms

Please can all families (Willow and Piper Centre) complete the following [form](#) to authorise family or friends to pick up.

We are ensuring we have everyone's email address, as the school has new systems in place that require an email address. Please complete the [form](#) by clicking on the link.

Upcoming Event

Next week (Thursday 21st September from 2.30pm) we have the opportunity for families of children in Birch, Elm and Oak to hear about an update on Statutory Assessments. This will be an opportunity to hear about the changes to Key Stage 1 SAT's and how you can help prepare your child for the Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check and Year 6 SAT's.

Have a great weekend!

Pete Hales, Headteacher



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As pupil of Willow I will:

Come to school every day.
Do my best in class.
Be well behaved and sensible.
Be polite and helpful to others, respecting all other members of our school community.
Share and talk about any problems I have and ask for help when I need it.
Wear school uniform, remembering that I represent my school at all times.
Take care of school equipment, our building and the school surroundings.

If I have a problem:

I'll try talking to the other person to see if we can sort things out.
I'll tell a grown up as soon as I can.
The grown up will follow up the problem as soon as possible.

Together we will try to:

Share any concerns or problems that might affect the child's work or behaviour.
Support the child's educational and social development.
Prepare the child to be a confident and happy member of society.



WILLOW PRIMARY ACADEMY

HOME-SCHOOL AGREEMENT



Taking PRIDE
in all we do!

Welcome:

Welcome to our lovely school where everyone takes pride in all they do. Willow Primary is a small school with an attached Specialist Resource Centre catering for 210 pupils in total.

Our aim is to make every one of our pupils feel valued and successful, to achieve and understand themselves as individuals.

The children are at the heart of everything we do, developing academically and socially in our friendly environment which offers safety and security whilst nurturing confidence and independence.



As a family we try to:

Make sure our child attends school every day.
Make sure our child arrives on time, properly equipped for school.
Inform the school on the first day of any absence.
Make the school aware of any concerns or problems that might affect our child's work or behaviour.
Support the school's policies and guidelines for behaviour.
Support your child in any work sent home and other home learning opportunities.
Attend parents' evenings and discussions about our child's progress.
Get to know about our child's life at school.



The staff at Willow will ensure that:

We care for your child's safety and happiness.
Encourage children to believe in themselves and feel valued.
We provide a balanced, stimulating, and well-taught curriculum to meet the individual needs of your child.
We achieve high standards of work and behaviour through building good relationships and developing a sense of responsibility.
We will keep you informed about general school matters and your child's progress in particular.
We will be open and welcoming at all times.
Contact parents at an early stage should any problems arise.





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Head Boy / Girl



Congratulations!

I am delighted to share that Lola, Willow, Cain and AJ have been appointed to be Head Girls and Head Boys for this academic year!





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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 – First winners next week!

Ash – Alfie and Charlie

Birch – Ronald and TJ

Chestnut – Sophia and Tommy

Elm – Adi and Cameron

Maple – Emily, Shayla-Rai

Oak – Daniel M and Davien

PRIDE Champions





Reading at Home



We will also now have a Remarkable Reader for progress, but there will also be a winner for the person who has read the most at home!

Please make sure reading diaries are in school **EVERY DAY!**

In order for your child to become a skilled, fluent reader, they need to be reading regularly. The more they can read accurately and automatically (without having to stop to sound out), the more they will be able to understand (comprehend) what is happening.

We are therefore encouraging our pupils to read as much as they can at home and record it in their reading diaries. Diaries will be checked once a week by the class teacher and children will be given a Dojo Point for the number of times they have read.





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!



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Attendance Superstars

This week: 94.59 %
Our year so far: 94.59 %

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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Class	Attendance
Acorn	98.82%
Ash	96.95%
Birch	94.67%
Chestnut	93.93%
Elm	96.21%
Maple	93.79%
Oak	99.74%



Reminder

Gates are open by **8.40am** and school starts at **8.45am**, gates are closed at **8.50am**. 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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Friends of Willow Meeting Tuesday 19th September 3:30pm – 4:00pm

We would like to invite you to our first meeting of the school year, you are welcome to bring your children. We like to arrange to do activities throughout the year to raise funds for the school - last year we paid for a Pantomime to visit the school and have another one organised for this year, but we need to raise funds to pay for these lovely activities.

We would love some new members to help us, so please come along for tea and biscuits and see what we are about . Look forward to meeting you all!





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Willow Primary Academy



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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Pate's Grammar School

NURTURING EXCELLENCE



Pate's Open Evening

Tuesday 3rd October 2023, doors open 5pm

(no pre-booking required, just drop in)

**Head Master's presentations will take place
at 5.15pm & 6.30pm.**

There will be student-guided tours of the school, and staff will be available to answer any questions. Pupils are invited to join in with experiments and demonstrations, as well as tackle the climbing wall!
(There will be parking on-site)

*NB: This event is aimed at primary school families. The Sixth Form
Open Evening will take place on Tuesday 23rd January 2024.*

Pate's is a free grammar school for boys and girls aged 11-18 years.

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Outstanding



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NEW VENUE

The Chamwell Centre, Longlevens, Gloucester.

Term time lessons will be starting on
Wednesday 8th November for a 7 week term.
Our half an hour lessons will be between 4 – 6pm.

The Chamwell Centre hydrotherapy pool is heated to 34°. Our small groups are led with the teacher in the water, we provide a great environment for children to learn to swim or improve their swim technique!

We start children from 3yrs, and take them through Duckling 1-4 and Stage 1-4 of the ASA national plan. Holly Derrick Swim School has been established in the area for 15 years, with our other venues in Stroud and Stonehouse.
We have limited spaces for this new venue so get in touch to secure yours!

Contact Holly Derrick
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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 19th September 2023 (9.15 am to 9.45 am) – Reception Parents Phonics Session
- Tuesday 19th September 2023 (3:30pm to 4:00pm) – Friends of Willow Meeting (Tea & biscuits!)
- Wednesday 20th September 2023 – Birch Class Trip
- 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 21st September 2023 (3.00 pm to 5.00 pm) - Second Round of Football Tournament
- Thursday 28th September 2023 (9.00 am to 10.00 am) – Coffee Morning with Headteacher
- Tuesday 3rd October 2023 (3.30 pm to 5.30 pm) – Parents Evening
- Wednesday 4th October 2023 (3.30 pm to 5.30pm) – 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 20th 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

