



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date - Issue 22.09.2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Statutory Assessments

Thank you to the parents that attended the session regarding Statutory Assessments for Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6. All of the information is available on our school website [here](#).

Parents Evening

Don't forget to sign up for a slot at Parents Evening with your child's class teacher. We will be sharing lots of useful information.

Football

Willow's football team participated in the second 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 lost two and drew one with Kyron scoring our only goal. We didn't qualify for the next round but the boys put a huge amount of effort against some very tough opposition. Onto our next tournament on Thursday 5th October! Thanks to the parents for their support!!!

Coffee Morning

On Thursday 28th September we are holding a Coffee Morning for families of children at Willow and The Piper Centre. This is an opportunity to meet the Headteacher and Head of The Piper Centre and share any successes or worries that you may have. The Coffee Morning starts at 9.00 am.

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.

Pete Hales, Headteacher



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Head Pupils Message

Lola

Hi, I am Lola Thomas. I wanted to be Head Girl because I wanted to show and teach the younger children how to show the PRIDE values all the time. I have been to the school for 5 years plus Pre School. My hobbies are art and playing netball. I have two siblings that go to the school. They are Levi in Reception and Kyrell in Year 1. I hope to be a great Head Girl and I am so grateful for getting Head Girl.



Willow

Hello, my name is Willow. I am in Year 6 (Oak Class) and I have been appointed. I feel very honoured and proud to be given this role. I will always be determined to show the PRIDE values and to be a good role model and also Head Girl to the pupils. I am very grateful for this opportunity and I hope the pupils can respect the PRIDE values and follow in my footsteps to maybe become a PRIDE Champion.



AJ

Hello, my name is AJ. I am in year six and the new head boy at Willow Primary Academy alongside my friend Cain. I was really determined to become head boy and Cain and I are both really thrilled, and are looking forward to working with the head girls to welcome all the new students and their families to our School. Cain and I are part of the school football team and work very well together and take great pride in representing our school and look forward to all the new challenges our final year brings our way.



Cain

Hi, my name is Cain and I was delighted to be named as Head Boy. I am really grateful and I like to show our three golden rules: be ready, be respectful and be safe. I wanted to be Head Boy because I love helping others.





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Meet the Prefects



Meet our amazing Prefects!
They are Efe, Leah, Anayah,
Summer, Shia-Rae, Winter,
Jazmyn, Violet, Samuel, Sam,
Alisha and Obidullah





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Acorn

We are now at school full time! We have impressed our adults so much with how grown-up and settled we have been!

We have been doing phonics every day and now we know 10 sounds! We have even started to read some words using Fred Talk!

In Maths, we are learning about things that are the same and those which match to make a pair or a set. We have also been sorting into groups that are the same.

Every day, we take part in Drawing Club. We have loved using our imagination for our drawings and have even been trying to write!

Birch

Birch class have had another amazing week in year 2! We have been showing great determination in our writing and handwriting.

Most of us are learning how to join our handwriting. We look forward to this lesson every week!

In Maths, we have been continuing to impress our adults with our ability to estimate where numbers go on a number line. We have been using what we already know to help us answer lots of reasoning and problem-solving questions.

One of our favourite things to do each day is the Daily Mile. We love getting outside and exercising together.

We had an amazing time on our trip this week! We learnt lots about Edward Jenner!

Ash

Ash class have been working hard on using adjectives to describe characters from our story 'What the Ladybird Heard'. They have been working on using appropriate adjectives and thinking of different ways to describe them like their appearance and their personality.

We have been learning about human and physical features in Geography and the children showed their adults brilliant understanding of this. When they noted down all human and physical features they could think of in their books.

We have been working on our teamwork and communication and the children have been respectful Rhino's during their busy time playing games where they need to take turns and share.

Chestnut

Chestnut class have been learning about the features of persuasive letters. We wrote our own letters persuading the little birds not to bully others.

In Maths, we have been identifying numbers on a number line and counting in 50s and 100s from 0.

We enjoyed the Stone Age to Iron Age workshop last week and are looking forward to learning more about this period of time in History.



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Elm

Elm Class have enjoyed playing dodgeball to warm up in their PE lessons and are beginning to dribble a ball with control using a hockey stick. In Geography, they have been using four-figure grid references to locate places on a map. They worked extremely well with their partners showing our value of respect. In Computing, they children explored the world wide web and were comparing websites and web pages. They enjoyed looking at some of the photos on our school website.

Maple

This week in Maple class we have been working really hard to write an object description based on the book 'Flotsam' by David Wiesner. We have been thinking about including expanded noun phrases and similes into our writing. In Science, we have been learning about the difference between mass and weight. We used Newton meters to measure both mass and weight of various everyday objects, Willow enjoyed helping out. In History, we are learning about the Tudors. Queen Elizabeth I asked for our help, to investigate whether her mother, Anne Boleyn, was rightly executed for treason. The children demonstrated lots of enthusiasm, asking lots of questions and making a final decision based on the research they had made.

Oak

Oak Class have learned lots this week! The highlight of our week was dissecting a sheep's heart!! We learned that this is structured very similarly to a human heart. In teams, we were able to locate the vena cava (where the blood enters the heart from the body, the four chambers that the blood travels through and the aorta (where the blood exits the heart back into the body). We experimented with tints, tones and shades in art. We learned the difference between simple past and present perfect tense in English before writing a diary entry. We are celebrating 'deaf awareness week' in reading. Finally, we learned how to hold a hockey stick correctly, travel and push pass to another player in PE. Keep up the hard work, Oak Class!



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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 – Isla and Logan

Ash – Kyrell and Elijah

Birch – Archie and Hanna

Chestnut – Ethan and Keeley

Elm – Anayah and Izobel

Maple – Summer and Kayla

Oak – Morgan and Leah H

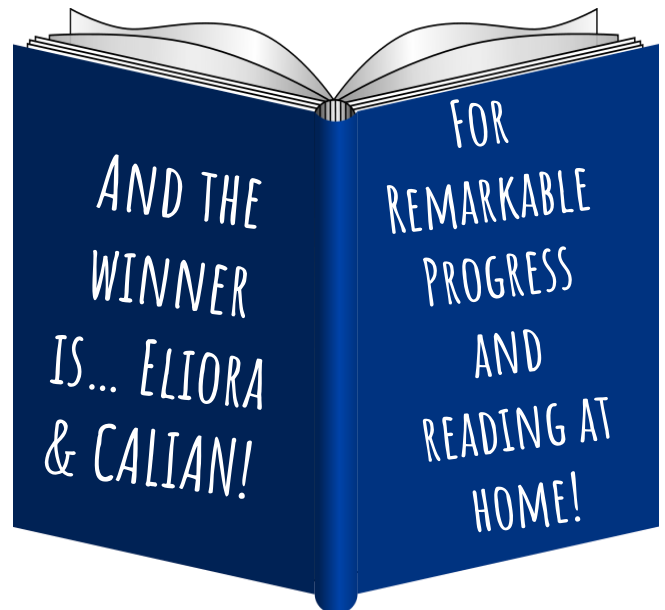
PRIDE Champions





STAR READER...

WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD



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 – ELIORA, HENRY, PRAISE
BIRCH – LILY, CHELSEA AND LOGAN
CHESTNUT – KEELEY AND THEO
ELM – SAMUEL, ADI, ELIANA, LACEY
MAPLE – DELROY, SUMMER AND SAM
OAK – DANIEL S, JENSON AND VASLAT



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: 93.4 %
Our year so far: 94.3%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	98.5%
Ash	97.5%
Birch	94.6%
Chestnut	94.1%
Elm	96.8%
Maple	89.3%
Oak	99.1%



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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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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Dates for Your Diary

School Events

- 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 20th 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 10th November 2023 – School Individual Photograph
- 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
- Friday 8th March 2024 – Oak Class trip to Pitt River Museum
- Friday 15th March 2024 – Red Nose Day
- Thursday 21st March 2024 (9.00 am to 10.00 am) – Coffee Morning with Writing Leads
- Friday 22nd March 2024 (1.15 pm to 1.45 pm) – Easter Celebration
- Monday 8th July 2024 – Oak Class Residential





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22nd September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

Operation Encompass is an innovative project in which schools and nurseries in Gloucestershire are participating, and which is run in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership and Gloucestershire Police. Many other Local Authorities both nationally and locally have successfully implemented Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass commenced on 4th March 2019 for schools and 14th December 2020 for nurseries and aims to support children and young people who are affected by domestic abuse. Witnessing or experiencing domestic abuse is really distressing for a child or young person, who often see the abuse, hear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards, or can be physically hurt by trying to stop the abuse.

As a result, following any domestic abuse incident being reported to the police, the police will contact the setting to share relevant, necessary and proportionate information to nominated setting staff. This will ensure that the setting is made aware at the earliest possible opportunity and can subsequently provide support to children in a way that means they feel safe and listened to. This will include the use of specialised Total Communication and interaction approaches where appropriate

Willow Primary Academy and the Piper Centre has members of staff who have been fully trained in liaising with police and Children's Social Care when required, and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child or young person following the notification of a domestic abuse incident.

I believe that this project demonstrates our Willow Primary Academy's commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children, and to providing the best possible care and support for our pupils.

In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about the project or require further information, please contact our DSLs in the setting who are *Nikki Hendry, Pete Hales, Mandy Walton, Carly Tonks or Debra Arthur*.

Please be aware that this is a police led project and therefore any complaints that you have regarding this process must be directed through the police complaints process.

You can also find out more information here <http://www.operationencompass.org/> and <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03y9r5h>

Yours,

Pete Hales
Head Teacher



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Archway School

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We would like to invite you to Archway School's Open Evening and Open Mornings. See for yourselves what a wonderful, friendly, forward thinking, high achieving school we are. Ofsted have rated us 'Good' in all areas.

Open Evening

Thursday 28th September 6.00pm – 7.30pm with welcome speeches in the Main Hall at 6pm and 6.20pm

Open Mornings

26th and 27th September 2023

Tour at 9.20am

No need to book, just turn up!



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For further information please contact our Year 7 Transition Team at Year7transitionteam@archwayschool.net





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Run the Rainbow

Saturday 14 October 2023
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Run, walk or even skip through this fun-filled family challenge for a brilliant local cause.



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