



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date - Issue 29.09.2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I can't believe that we have already completed 4 weeks of the Autumn Term. I'm incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into their classes and how they are so focused on their learning. We have really hit the ground running with a real focus on the 'PRIDE Values'. I have challenged staff to do '1% better' in everything we do this year, ensuring that we continue our upward trajectory.

Birch Class Trip

Birch Class were lucky enough to get out of school last week and visit the Dr Jenner's House. The feedback we received absolutely blew me away:

Thank you so much for your recent trip with year 2 to Dr Jenner's House. I wanted to write personally to say how delightful and well behaved the children were - they were an absolute credit to the school and their teacher! Our favourite school this year!!

Parents Evening

Don't forget that next week is Parent's Evening. It would be great to see as many parents as possible attend. If you have not yet made an appointment, then please see your child's class teacher.

Reception Class Phonics Session

On Tuesday 3rd October from 9.15 am there will be an introduction to phonics in the hall, followed by an opportunity to watch your child do phonics in class. We will follow this with a Stay and Play session where you can play alongside your child during Busy Time, before heading off home.

Events

Keep an eye on Class Dojo for events that are coming up! It is always great to see families in school. The more we work together the better it is for your child.

Have a great weekend!

Pete Hales, Headteacher



Pride News...

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 – Jacob and Freddie

Ash – Cody and Giorgio

Birch – Logan and Lily

Chestnut – Kalel and Lavinia

Elm – Finley and Zofia

Maple – Phoebe and Lily

Oak – Susan and Lacey

PRIDE Champions





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 – PRAISE, ELIORA AND FRANCES

BIRCH – LILY, HANNA AND NIMAH

CHESTNUT – AQUAN, KEELEY AND
KALEL

ELM – SAMUEL, ZOFIA & LACEY

MAPLE – SHAYLA-RAI, SAM, CHELSEA

OAK – DANIEL S, JENSON AND EVAN



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: 93.97%
Our year so far: 94.29%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	94.94%
Ash	96.8%
Birch	85.2%
Chestnut	95.1%
Elm	94.8%
Maple	88%
Oak	96.3%



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





Pride News...

Open sessions

for Parents & Children
starting school in September 2024

Saturday 14th October
with tours at 10 am and 11 am

Tuesday 17th October
with tours at 10 am and 11 am

Friday 20th October between
1.30 pm and 3.30 pm



For more information
call 01452 526442





Secondary School Applications Information for Year 6 Parents

If your child is due to transfer from primary to secondary school in September 2024. Local authorities co-ordinate secondary transfer admissions for all maintained (non-fee paying) schools. This means parent/carers should apply to the local authority in which they live (the council to which they pay council tax).

If you live in Gloucestershire, you should apply for your child's secondary school place online at this [link](#) between 1 September and 31 October 2023.

It is important that you submit your application by 31 October 2023.

Applications received after the national closing date of 31 October 2023 will be treated as late applications. Late applicants are less likely to be offered a place at one of their preferred schools, as these applications will be processed after 1 March 2024, in accordance with Birmingham's coordinated admissions scheme.

Information about the application process is available on the council's [website](#)





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Don't forget that it is Parents Evening next Tuesday and Wednesday - please book a time slot with your child's class teacher

There will be staff available to supervise children whilst they play with toys and games

Tea and Coffee will be available





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Ribston Hall High School Open Evening and Mornings



Our Open Evening and Mornings are a fantastic opportunity for families with children in any year groups to find out about Ribston Hall. Bookings are now open.

Our Open Evening is being held on Tuesday 17th October,
and Open Mornings on Wednesday 18th October,
Thursday 19th October
and Monday 23rd October

www.ribstonhall.gloucs.sch.uk/join-us/school-tours/open-day





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MUSIC

Ever wanted to try an instrument but not sure which one is for you? Then come along to our

TRY AN INSTRUMENT DAY!

We will have a wide range of instruments for you to try along with an expert team of tutors to guide you.

Saturday 7th October, 10am - 12pm,
Sir Thomas Rich's School



Let us know you're coming at gloucestershiremusic.paritor.com

Open to children & adults of all ages.

T 01452 427242 W gloucestershiremusic.co.uk

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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 3rd October 2023 (3.30 pm to 5.30 pm) – Parents Evening
- Tuesday 3rd October 2023 (9.15 am to 10.45 am) - Reception Class Phonics Session
- 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 10th November 2023 – Maple 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
- Tuesday 21st November 2023 – Individual School Photographs
- 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

