



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date - Issue 06.10.2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Parents Evening

Thank you to all the families that attended Parents Evening over the last week. It is always a great opportunity for us to share your child's progress and plan the next steps for the rest of the academic year. I hope that you found the session informative, and it will help you to support your child at home as well.

Football Team

Willow's football team participated in the Small Schools Tournament. The team was Cain, Lahkye, Deacon, Jenson (C), Archie, Daniel and Kyron. We first played Longford Park with Kyron grabbing the winner. Next up was Croft where we drew 0-0. The third game was against Castle Hill, and we lost 1-0. We did equalise but the final whistle had just gone. The final match of the group stage was against Birdlip and we won 1-0 with Kyron scoring again. We finished third in the group and went through to play Shurdington but lost the final game 1-0. Well done to the boys and thanks to the parents for their support!

Flu Vaccinations

Annual flu vaccination will take place at school on Friday 13th October. Please return the consent form either declining or consenting as soon as possible.

Nico

Nico is missing you all at school. He has been taking his medicine and hopes to return next week. He is looking forward to coming back to school to see you all.

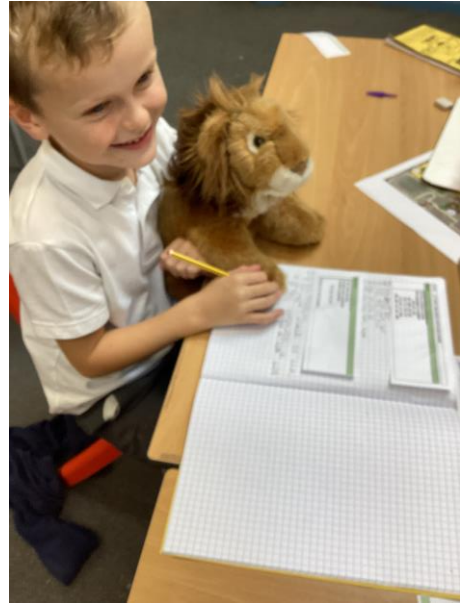
Have a great weekend!

Pete Hales, Headteacher



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Willow's Learning!!!





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Spotlight on the Curriculum



Spotlight on the Curriculum Willow Reading:

At Willow Primary, we are passionate about ensuring all children become confident and enthusiastic readers. We value reading as a key life skill, one that lays the foundations for lifelong learning. We encourage and inspire all pupils to read widely across both fiction and non-fiction to develop their knowledge of themselves and the world in which they live and to gain knowledge across the curriculum. We aim to establish an appreciation and a love of reading and to develop pupils' comprehension skills.

How do we achieve this?

All children in Acorn, Ash and Birch will access daily phonics lessons

Pupils in Birch Class who have finished Phonics take part in daily comprehension lessons

All children in Chestnut, Elm, Maple and Oak will take part in daily whole class reading sessions

Throughout the school children in Years 1 – 6 take part in DEAR (drop everything and read) time

Every day classes experience story time and reading for pleasure

If children are not achieving as we would like appropriate support is provided



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In Other News

Online Safety Tip of the Week



Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

Online Safety – Monitoring Systems

As a school we have a number of systems and processes that we use to keep pupils safe online. We use a filtering and monitoring system which identifies any searches that may contain inappropriate information. This system works on any device which is managed by the Academy Trust. Online safety is included in our curriculum as part of providing a broad and balanced curriculum. Remember to encourage your children to always tell a trusted adult if they do not feel safe online and to never share passwords or important information.



Reception Class Open Sessions



On the above dates are amazing Reception Class will be opening their doors for a chance to view the brilliant offer we have for your children. There will be an opportunity to hear from Pete Hales, Headteacher and see the Reception Class. You can either see this with the children or we are opening our doors on a Saturday morning. You can come more than once! We are looking forward to meeting you and your child!

Harvest Festival Collection

We are currently collecting items of food as part of our Harvest festival. If you have any donations of non-perishable items like tins and jars, please do send them in. The children will be giving these to a local food bank. Thanks in advance – even the smallest donation will help support local families.





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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...

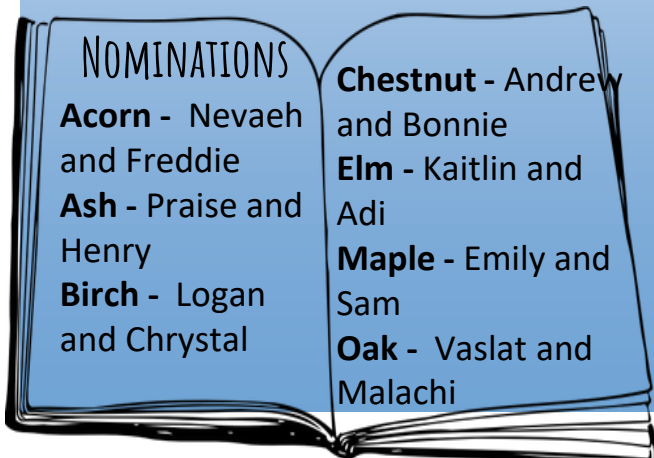
Acorn – Jersie-Mae and Jackson
Ash – Zenaya and Praise
Birch – Taliyah and Toby
Chestnut – Oakley and Amy-Rose
Elm – Eliza and Lacey- Mai
Maple – Chelsea and Skyla
Oak – Jenson and Cain

PRIDE Champions

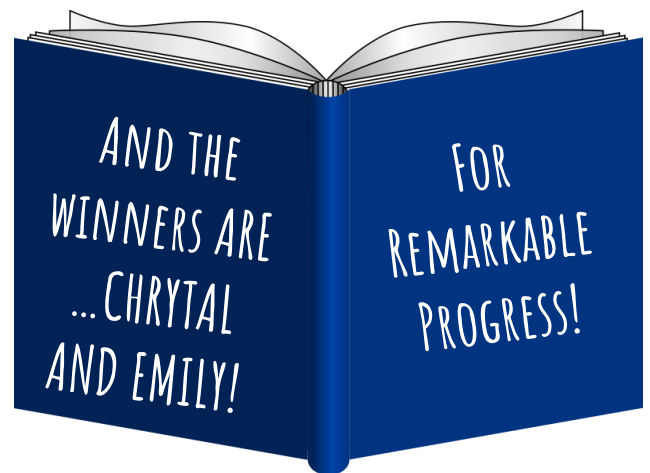




WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD



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 – NIMAH, JOHN-BOY AND CHELSEA
CHESTNUT – KEELEY, OAKLEY AND AQUAN
ELM – SAMUEL, PHOENIX AND ADI
MAPLE – DELROY, SHAYLA-RAI AND
CHELSEA
OAK – VASLAT, DANIEL S AND DANIEL M



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: 92.81%
Our year so far: 94%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	91.89%
Ash	93.43%
Birch	90.67%
Chestnut	95.91%
Elm	92.33%
Maple	89.62%
Oak	95.19%



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





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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COVID-19 symptoms and what to do

COVID-19 symptoms can include:

- a high temperature or shivering (chills) – a high temperature means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste
- shortness of breath
- feeling tired or exhausted
- an aching body
- a headache
- a sore throat
- a blocked or runny nose
- loss of appetite
- diarrhoea
- feeling sick or being sick

The symptoms are very similar to symptoms of other illnesses, such as colds and flu.

What to do if you have symptoms of COVID-19

Try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if you or your child **have symptoms** and either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to work, school, childcare, or do your normal activities.

You can go back to your normal activities when you feel better or do not have a high temperature.

You are no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if you have symptoms.

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KIDS MTB CLUB

At FLYUP, we offer two types of clubs suitable for ages 8-16 years

Kids Holiday Club

These sessions run through most of the school holidays from 9am - 4pm and we offer both beginner and intermediate groups

MTB Kids skills Club

Skills Club caters for all abilities and runs during term time in a 5 week block on either Saturdays or Sundays. We invite the children to book a session with one of the coaches to assess what group they should join.

For more information, scan the QR code or visit 417bikepark.co.uk



With The Ball  

Multisports and CheerDance October Holiday Club

Tues 31st October, Weds 1st & Thurs 2nd November

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, GL13PY

25+ Sports, Activities and Styles of Dance

Sibling & Pupil Premium Discounts



Suitable for Reception - Year 6

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HM Government  **HELP PAYING FOR CHILDCARE** 

MONEY TOWARDS CHILDCARE

Any one of the following schemes...

Age 0-11	Age 0-16	Age 0-15
Get up to £4000 per child for working families	Claim back up to 85% of costs for working families	Claim back up to 70% of costs for working families
TAX-FREE CHILDCARE	UNIVERSAL CREDIT	TAX CREDITS

... can be used with

FREE HOURS OF CHILDCARE

Age 2	Age 3-4	Age 3-4
For families getting certain government support	For all families	For working families
15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE	10 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE	30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE

For full details visit:
childcarechoices.gov.uk

Getting childcare vouchers?
Go to GOV.UK to find out more

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We can accept childcare vouchers for breakfast club, just look for Willow Primary Academy in the list of providers!





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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

- Friday 13th October 2023 – Flu Vaccinations
- 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
- Friday 22nd March 2024 (1.15 pm to 1.45 pm) – Easter Celebration
- Monday 8th July 2024 – Oak Class Residential

