



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date - Issue 13.10.2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Another week has absolutely flown by at Willow but first lets reflect on the sporting result from last week.

Netball

Last Friday, Willow played their first netball match of this years league. This team worked incredibly hard and were using exactly what they have learnt in club. Despite our best efforts we lost 3-1 with Lola scoring our only one. ALL players have improved and Mrs Stephens is very proud of you all. Well done especially to Anayah and Alisha who played their first ever game and Lola who was chosen as our player of the match by the other team!

Nico

Nico enjoyed returning to school at the beginning of this. The Prefects have been doing a great job looking after him at lunchtimes. They are really embracing all of their responsibilities.

Reading

Our focus continues to be on reading and this week in the newsletter we look at reading at home. Technology can be such a barrier to reading but picking up a book and inspiring children to read is key. We are always looking at ways to inspire our children and meeting authors like Michael Rosen or Jamie Littler can only help!!!



Oak Class Assembly

On Monday 16th October we have our first Class Assembly of the year! If you have a child in Oak Class then please come and join us at 2.45pm.

Auditions

The auditions for the Christmas Play will take place during the next week. Keep practicing those lines for Mrs Tonks!

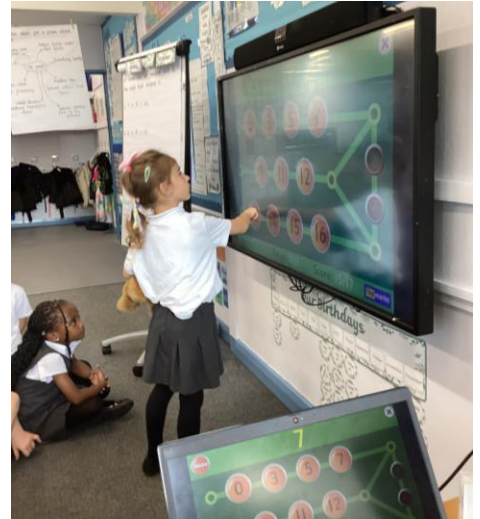
Have a great weekend!

Pete Hales, Headteacher



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Willow's Learning!!!





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Spotlight on the Curriculum



Spotlight on the Curriculum Reading at Home:

"Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background." (Pearson 2021)

At Willow, we place high importance on daily reading. Each child is provided with a reading record and books to take home. We ask that the reading records are signed daily and brought into school where they will be collected in and checked

How do we achieve this?

Build reading a story into a routine – a story at bedtime

Stick your feet up and let your child see you reading a book

Go to the library with your child

Read in fun places

Give books as birthday presents – this will show you value them





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In Other News

Online Safety Tip of the Week



Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

Safety around dogs

Here are 6 golden rules from the RSPCA for keeping your children safe and your dogs happy.

1. Never leave your child alone in the same room as a dog, even your own.
2. Teach your child not to approach dogs when they're: eating or having a treat, have a toy or something else they really like, are sleeping or are unwell, are injured or tired.
3. Don't let your child climb on dogs, pull their ears or do anything you wouldn't allow them to do to another child.
4. Play nicely and teach tricks. Teach your child how to play nicely with your dog.
5. Give your dog space if they need it.
6. Don't allow your child to approach a dog they don't know



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.





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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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 – Ezra and Alfie

Ash – Linda and Delilah

Birch – Alannah and Demitri

Chestnut – Archie and Avie

Elm – Teya and Skyler

Maple – Kacper and Lahkye

Oak – Vaslat and Archie

PRIDE Champions

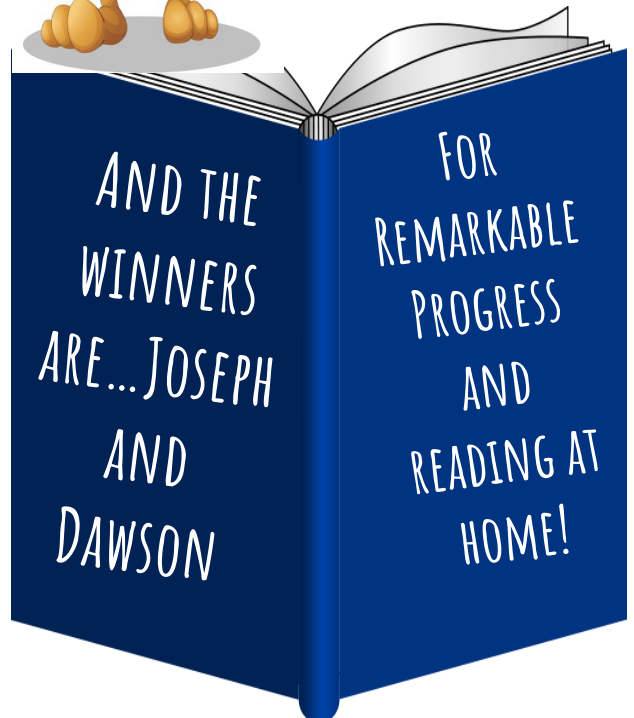




WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD



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 – FRANCES, ELIORA AND GIORGIO

BIRCH – JOHN-BOY, LILY

,NIMAH/HANNA

CHESTNUT – KEELEY, TOMMY AND
BONNIE

ELM – ADI, ZOFIA, PHOENIX

MAPLE – LAHKYE, SHAYLA-RAI, EFE

OAK – VASLAT, DANIEL S AND SHIA



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: 91.63%
Our year so far: 93.57%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	92.86%
Ash	94%
Birch	94%
Chestnut	86.82%
Elm	92.67%
Maple	88.08%
Oak	93.70%



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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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

- 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





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