



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date - Issue 27.10.2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Baby Time

It is time for Nikki Hendry to disappear from school for a while. She goes on maternity leave today. We have been working in the background to ensure that we have adequate support in place and Deb Arthur will be stepping into Nikki's role. We wish Nikki and her new addition to her family all the best and can't wait for her to come back so we can all have cuddles (with the baby!)

Harvest Festival

It was great to welcome some families to our Harvest Festival earlier this week. The children led the Harvest Festival and Lola, Willow, Vaslat, Summer, Cain and AJ did a great job with their readings. The singing was beautiful and a huge thanks to Carly for helping prepare the children!

Food Bank

Gloucester Foodbank were absolutely delighted with the donations we received as part of our Harvest Festival and sent us the following message:

Thank you so much for your Harvest Festival collection for our Foodbank. The need for our services has dramatically increased recently and your donations will go a long way to help us provide for the local people in great need.



Have a great half term!

Pete Hales, Headteacher



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Swimming



Swimming is going to take place at Willow Primary Academy this year! Due to the closure of the main swimming provider in the city (GL1) we have had to seek alternative arrangements. We have an undercover pop-up pool arriving in November. The children in years 2 – 6 will swim daily from 13th November – 24th November. The children in these year groups will swim for 30 minutes a day. The pool is heated and under a shelter so swimming will take place no matter the weather. The children will be taught to swim by a qualified swimming teacher and there will also be a qualified lifeguard present for every session too.

Your child will need:

- Sliders or flip flops to walk from school to the pool.
- A dressing gown or oversized fleece to cover themselves as soon as they get out of the pool.
- A towel to dry themselves in.
- Swimming goggles if they wish
- A swimming hat is necessary for swimming in a pop-up pool. You may buy one before these sessions or borrow one from school.

Please look out for a separate letter, sign the consent form and return to school by Wednesday 8th November 2023.

If you have any questions then please do ask in the office or Mrs Stephens.





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Willow's Learning!!!





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Spotlight on the Curriculum



Spotlight on the Curriculum SEN:



At Willow Primary Academy, we have a high percentage of SEN pupils. To support communication between home and school, we have recently invested in a new online system, EduKey. EduKey is a platform for parents and staff to upload key documents relating to your child's SEN, parents to make comments about their child's plans/provision and be informed of all updates as they occur. For parents of children with SEN, a copy of a sign up letter should have been given to you at parents evening. If you cannot access the system or require a new letter, please contact the class teacher or the SENCO, Mrs Griffin.

What is included on EduKey?

Latest My Plan (+)/EHCP documents

Professional reports

Pupil Passports

Observations

Progress against My Plan (+)/EHCP outcomes

Behaviour Support Plans or Risk Assessments (if required)



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In Other News

Online Safety Tip of the Week



Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

Physical Abuse

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023 categorises four main types of abuse: these are physical, emotional, sexual and neglect. Physical abuse is when someone hurts or harms a child or young person on purpose. It can include hitting, shaking, throwing. Physical harm may also be caused when a parent fabricates or induces symptoms of illness in a child. Chastisement can also be classed as physical abuse when excessive force is used. Physical abuse can have long term effects on physical and mental health. For more information see:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/physical-abuse>



Firework Safety





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In Other News

New Lunch Menu

GCC Autumn Winter Menu 2023/2024		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 4 November 27 November 18 December 22 January 19 February 11 March	Option One Option Two Option Three Vegetables Dessert	Macaroni Cheese Vegetable Curry with Rice Jackpot Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese Seasonal Vegetables Cinnamon Swirl	BQ Chicken with Rice Vegetable Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Jackpot Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese Seasonal Vegetables Orange Citrus Cake with Custard	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Vegetable Roast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Jackpot Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese Seasonal Vegetables Strawberry Jelly with Meringue	Spaghetti Bolognese with Homemade Garlic Bread Shepherd's Pie Jackpot Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise Apple Cumble with Custard	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup Vegan Sausage with Chips & Tomato Ketchup Jackpot Potato with Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise Peas & Baked Beans Chocolate Shortbread
WEEK TWO 13 November 4 December 8 January 29 January 25 February 18 March	Option One Option Two Option Three Vegetables Dessert	Vegetable Pasta Bake Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Cucumber Dip & Potato Wedges Jackpot Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese Seasonal Vegetables Lemon & Berry Cake	Pork Sausage with Mash & Potato & Gravy Vegetable Fajitas with Rice Jackpot Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise Seasonal Vegetables Egg Pudding with Chocolate Sauce	Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Vegan Sausage with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Jackpot Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Salmon Mayonnaise Seasonal Vegetables Chocolate Orange Cookies	Greek Chicken Pita with Cucumber Dip & Potato Wedges BBQ Quorn with Rice Jackpot Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise Greek Salad Plum & Vanilla Cumble with Custard	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips Jackpot Potato with Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise Peas & Baked Beans Cinnamon Cookie
WEEK THREE 20 November 11 December 15 January 5 February 4 March	Option One Option Two Option Three Vegetables Dessert	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice Tomato Arabiatto Pasta Jackpot Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese Seasonal Vegetables Vanilla Shortbread	Chicken & Broccoli Pasta Cheese & Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes Jackpot Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise Seasonal Vegetables Pear & Chocolate Upside Down Cake with Custard	Roast Cornish with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Vegan Quorn with Roast Potatoes & Gravy Jackpot Potato with Baked Beans or Cheese Seasonal Vegetables Strawberry Jelly	Cottage Pie Vegan Burger with Potato Wedges Jackpot Potato with Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise Seasonal Vegetables Peach Cumble with Custard	Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Ketchup Cheese & Red Pepper Fajitas with Chips & Tomato Ketchup Jackpot Potato with Cheese or Tuna Mayonnaise Peas & Baked Beans Fruity Shortbread
MENU KEY		Added Plant Power Wholemeal Vegan Chef's Special				
		Available Daily Fresh Bread – Salad Selection – Fresh Fruit and Yogurt				
		caterlink feeding the imagination				

This can also be found on our website [here](#)



Don't forget to sign up for the new clubs after half term –

* Street Hockey on Tuesday

* Dodgeball on Wednesday

To book, please visit <https://the-sports-project.class4kids.co.uk>



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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...

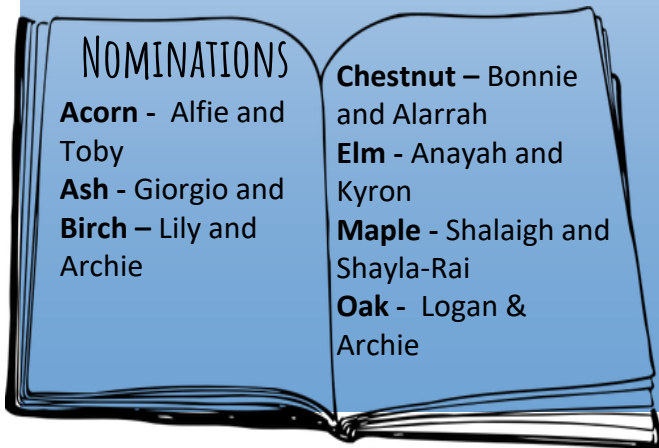
Acorn – Molly and Ramsey
Ash – Lacie-Mae and Casey-Joe
Birch – Callum and Nimah
Chestnut – Ethan and Keeley
Elm – Cameron and Alisha
Maple – Kailen and Delroy
Oak – Lily and Theo

PRIDE Champions

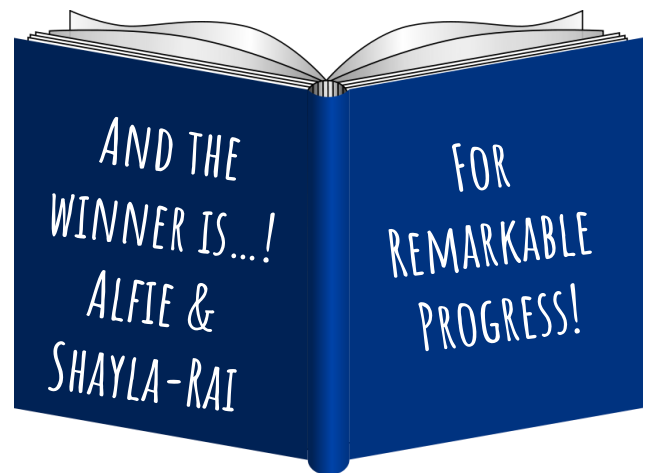




WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD



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 – CHRYSTAL, LILY AND CHELSEA
CHESTNUT – KEELEY, TOMMY AND
ETHAN
ELM – LACEY-MAI, ZOFIA AND ADI
MAPLE – SUMMER, SHAYLA-RAI AND
DELROY
OAK – ARCHIE AND LOGAN



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: 92.35%
Our year so far: 92.78%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	94.57%
Ash	94.00%
Birch	97.33%
Chestnut	85.45%
Elm	99.33%
Maple	82.31%
Oak	94.07%



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

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 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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Forest School Gloucester Park

Friday 3rd November
12 noon-4pm

Arts & Crafts including:
Seed bombs & Willowcraft
(All undercover)

To book sessions
07713980556,
gloucesterparkcommunitycafe
@mail.com or at the Cafe

12 noon-1pm,
1pm- 2pm,
2pm-3pm,
3pm-4pm

The Cafe will
be open for
hot/cold food
/drinks



Join the Tree Trail



Free event
for
Children

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Saturday Arts and Crafts

for kids aged
4-11
**Starting
Saturday
28th October**
10.30am-11.30am
or
11.45am-12.45pm

Venue: Gloucester Park
Cafe (under gazebo cover)

**£1.50 per child
per session**

**A Drink and A
Snack included**

Please book by
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