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Headteacher's Message...

Date - Issue 10.11.2023

Dear Families

It has been great to welcome the children back to school following the half term holiday. This is one of my favourite terms of the school year with all the excitement of Christmas coming up. We have several events which further information will come out in due course. The dates of these are:

- Friday 8th December 2023 – Christmas Jumper Day
- Tuesday 19th December 2023 (9.30 am to 10.30 am) – Acorn, Ash and Birch Nativity
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Reminders

It has been noted that some children's lunchboxes are not always appropriate. Please can we ensure that we are adhering to our Lunchbox Policy which can be found [here](#)



Have a great weekend!

Pete Hales



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Positive Noticing Day – 15th November 2023

We are delighted to be participating in Positive Noticing Day on Wednesday 15th November 2023.

We will be spending amount of time through the day thinking about the power of positive noticing. It is simple, practical and highly effective. Being Positively Noticed by others builds your self esteem, supports behaviour and promotes good mental health.

We will be encouraging pupils to positively notice one another which might include: We will be sending a blank positive label home for you to use. We know that children who are positively noticed by their parents are happier, healthier and more resilient and secure. You may wish to use Positive Noticing Day as an opportunity to start daily Positive Noticing in your home. You can create and share positive labels as a family and save them - stick them on the fridge, the back of the door or put them in an old picture frame.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- 'I noticed you washed your plate, that's really helped me this morning, you are very thoughtful, thank you'
- 'Doing your homework without me asking shows real independence. I love the determination you are showing'
- 'You are so good at sharing with your sister. You are such a kind person.'
- 'I noticed that you were really kind to Theo at school. That made me really proud of you'
- 'Thank you for putting your clothes in the wash basket. I notice you are following the routine and remembering it perfectly. You are really trying and I appreciate it.'

We hope you enjoy the day and want to say 'we notice you' and the effort you make to support your children, to engage them in learning and enrich our school community. You can find out more about Positive Noticing and Positive Noticing Day at www.PositiveNoticingDay.com/HomeAdults



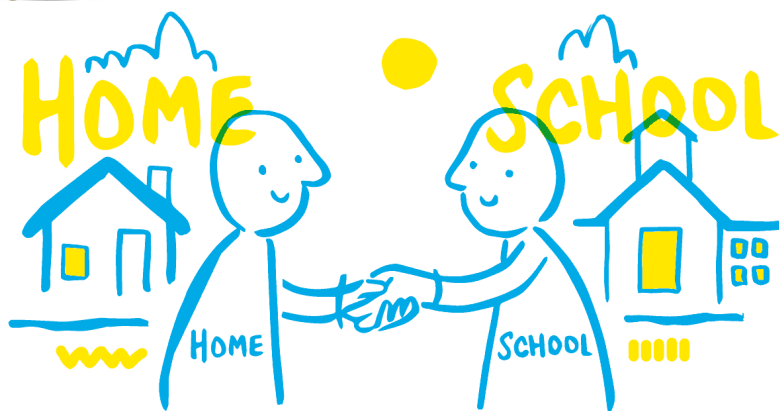
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Family Engagement



At Willow it is vital that we are working in partnership with our families. To help Support you and your child or children we have some events coming up!

It would be great if you could join us for these!



Phonics Session

If your child is in either Ash or Birch then come and join our Phonics Lead to help understand how you can support their learning further and see Phonics in action.

Tuesday 14th November from
9.00 am to 10.00 am

Coffee Morning

Come and join our SENDCo, Beth Griffin for a coffee and a chat.

This is an informal opportunity to find out more about how we can support your child at Willow.

Tuesday 23rd November from
9.00 am to 10.00 am



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Spotlight on the Curriculum



Spotlight on the Curriculum Maths Fluency:

Maths fluency plays an important role in the national curriculum. It means that a child is able to quickly use their skills to establish the best way to solve a problem. In order to support the pupils at Willow to develop their fluency and mental maths skills, we have introduced KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) throughout school. KIRFs are a way of helping a child to learn by heart, key facts and information which they need to have instant recall of. Daily fluency sessions are incorporated into our timetables to enable us to specifically focus on these key skills.

They are designed to support the development of mental maths skills that underpin much of the maths work in our school. They are particularly useful when calculating, adding, subtracting, multiplying or dividing. They contain number facts such as number bonds and times tables that need constant practise and rehearsal, so children can recall them quickly and accurately. Instant recall of facts helps enormously with mental agility in maths lessons. When children move onto written calculations, knowing these key facts is very beneficial.

Each half term, children will focus on a Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRF) to practise and learn in for the half term. Teachers will assess whether children have achieved each them at the end of the half term.

Over their time at Willow, we believe that if the fluency skills are developed fully, children will be more confident with number work, understand its relevance, and be able to access the curriculum much more easily. They will be able to apply what they have learnt to a wide range of problems that confront us.

	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Autumn 1	I can say numbers 0 to 5 and back from 5 to 0 in order	I know number bonds for each number to 5	I know number bonds to 20	I know number bonds for each number up to 20	I know number bonds of 100	I can find factor pairs of a number	I can identify common factors of a pair of numbers
Autumn 2	I can say numbers 0 to 10 and back from 10 to 0 in order	I know number bonds to 10	I know doubles and halves for numbers to 20	I know the 3 times table (\times and \div)	I know the 6 and 9 times table (\times and \div)	I can recognise prime numbers up to 20	I can convert between fractions, decimals and %s
Spring 1	I can partition numbers to 5 in two groups	I can recognise numbers to 50	I know the 2 times table (\times and \div)	I know the 4 times table (\times and \div)	I know the 7 and 11 times table (\times and \div)	I can recognise equivalent fractions and decimals.	I can find a fraction of an amount
Spring 2	I can partition numbers to 10 in two groups	I know halves and doubles to 10	I know the 10 times table (\times and \div)	I know the 8 times table (\times and \div)	I know all times tables up to 12×12 (\times and \div)	I know decimal number bonds to 1 and 10	I can find a percentage of an amount
Summer 1	I can count, read and write numbers to 20	I know number bonds for each number up to 10	I know the 5 times table (\times and \div)	I can recall facts about durations of time	I can multiply and divide a single digit by 10 and 100	I can recall metric conversion	Revision of KIRFs
Summer 2	I can use physical representations to add and subtract two single digit numbers and count on or back to find the answer	I can tell the time to the nearest half an hour	I can tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes	I can tell the time to the nearest minute	I can recognise simple equivalent fractions	I can recall square numbers to 12 and their square roots	Revision of KIRFs



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In Other News

Online Safety Tip of the Week



Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

Child on Child Abuse

Child-on-child abuse is when one child or young person causes harm to another, either in person or online. Keeping Children Safe in Education references different forms of child-on-child abuse.

The following document provides advice for families on supporting your child if they suffer from child on child abuse:

[Internet-Matters-Online-child-on-child-abuse-guide-Jan23.pdf \(sandmat.uk\)](#)



Positive Noticing Day

Remembrance honours those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life.

We unite to remember the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from Britain and the Commonwealth.

Courage

Glossary

Courage - the quality shown by someone who decides to do something difficult or dangerous, even though they may be afraid.



Selfless

Glossary

Selfless - the quality of caring more for what other people need and want rather than for what you yourself need and want.



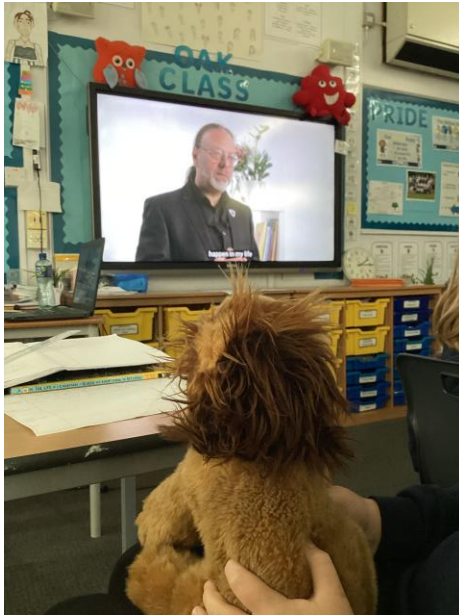
Time to Remember





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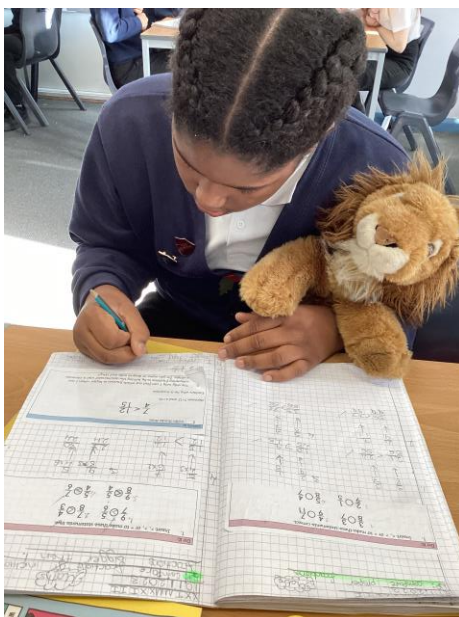
Willow's Learning!!!



Willow met SF Said this week!



Willow celebrated remembrance day this week.



Willow learned how to compare fractions in 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 – James and Alaia

Ash – Frances

Birch – Chelsea and Lily

Chestnut –

Elm - Brody DG and Samuel

Maple – Jenson and Violet

Oak – Jasmine and Lyra

PRIDE Champions

Ash – Eiora

Chestnut – Keeley and Lavinia





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, CHARLIE & SYREESE
BIRCH – CHRYSTAL, CHELSEA & LILY
CHESTNUT – TOMMY, KEELEY & AQUAN
ELM – ELIANA, ADI & IZOBEL
MAPLE – SHAYLA-RAI, SUMMER
& KAILEN
OAK – VASLAT, CAIN & DANIEL S



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: 93.46%
Our year so far: 92.84 %

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	91.44 %
Ash	93.75%
Birch	92.50%
Chestnut	91.85%
Elm	95.83%
Maple	93.75%
Oak	93.98%



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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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

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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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AFTER-SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

(AT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL)

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

To find out what sports are on offer at your child's school, for more information and to book, please click on the link below or copy it into your browser.

THE-SPORTS-PROJECT.CLASS4KIDS.CO.UK

We are fully inclusive whenever possible, so please put your child on the waiting list, if the club is full, and we will do our best to open up to all children

"You know what I like about The Sports Project, you take us past our limits, it's so much fun"
Ethan Y6

What your child will experience:

Sports Development,
including demonstrating:

Skills

Game understanding
Small-sided games
Tactical decision-making
Technique problem-solving

Social-emotional Learning,
including demonstrating:

Independence
Self-esteem
Empathy
Resilience
Responsibility

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