



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date – 24.11.2023

Dear Families

Christmas Events

Here is a list of upcoming Christmas Events:

- 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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Further information about the performances will come out in due course.

School Uniform

This is a reminder about school uniform. This will come into effect from January 2024. The expectation is that children will come to school in the following:

- Plain white polo shirt
- Plain black joggers, leggings, skirts (with cycling shorts) or shorts
- Black skirts with cycling shorts
- A school jumper or cardigan with a logo (Piper Centre we are waiting for uniform with your Logo on)
- Plain black trainers

This applies to all children in both Willow and The Piper Centre.

Parking

It has been raised by one of our neighbours that parking outside the school is becoming an issue with some families parking on double yellow lines or blocking neighbours' drives. It is important that we are respectful of our local community and park in appropriate places.

Have a great weekend!

Pete Hales



Pride News...

Spotlight on the Curriculum



Spotlight on the Curriculum Writing



At Willow Primary Academy, we want our pupils to develop a love of writing, where they are able to use effective vocabulary. We want them to write clearly, accurately and coherently, adapting their language and style for a range of purposes and audiences. We strive for our pupils to develop independence, editing their work effectively during and after the writing process. We also aim to develop writers who are able to confidently use the essential skills of grammar, punctuation and spelling.

How do we do this?

Spelling and grammar sessions daily for Y1-6

Lots of opportunities for writing in Reception through Drawing club and Busy Time

Daily Phonics for Reception, Y1 and 2 focusing on spelling and letter formation

Each class has access to a range of picture books and film clips as a stimulus for their writing

Opportunities for short burst and longer pieces of writing as well as published pieces

Handwriting sessions each week



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In Other News

Online Safety Tip of the Week



Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

Early Help

This week our safeguarding focus is early help. Early help and early intervention are forms of support aimed at improving outcomes for children or preventing escalating need or risk. Early help can be given to families and children from a range of external agencies that can include school. Research suggests that early help and intervention can: protect children from harm; reduce the need for a referral to child protection services; improve children's long-term outcomes; improve children's home and family life; support children to develop strengths and skills to prepare them for adult life. If you would like more information, please contact us at school.



Pied Piper Raffle



Healthy Lunchboxes





Pride News...

Art Competition

Rotary **YOUNG ARTIST** COMPETITION

AGES
7-17



Calling all young artists

Express yourself and share your creative talents by taking part in the annual Rotary Young Artist competition.

For more information contact:
John Jones: glos.e.pages@gmail.com
Tel: 712138 or 303070
Rotary Club of Gloucester

Download the competition information pack at: rotarygbi.org

Rotary
Great Britain & Ireland

Willow Primary Academy will be taking part in a local art competition. The competition is open for pupils in Year 1 - Year 6. The theme this year is 'rebuilding' - which can be interpreted in many ways.

Your child can create a piece of art using any media (pencil, paint, charcoal, digital etc.) on an A3 piece of paper (which they can collect from school). They need to submit their final piece to their teacher by December 1st 2023.



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Willow's Learning!!!



Willow's
week in
Elm
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 –Nevaeh

Ash – Sanaiyah and Charlie

Birch – Demitri and Logan

Chestnut – Tommy, Thomas and Bonnie

Elm - Lacey- Mai, Teya and Shayla-Kay

Maple – Shalaigh and Denlie-James

Oak – Kobi and Morgan

PRIDE Champions

Birch - John-Boy

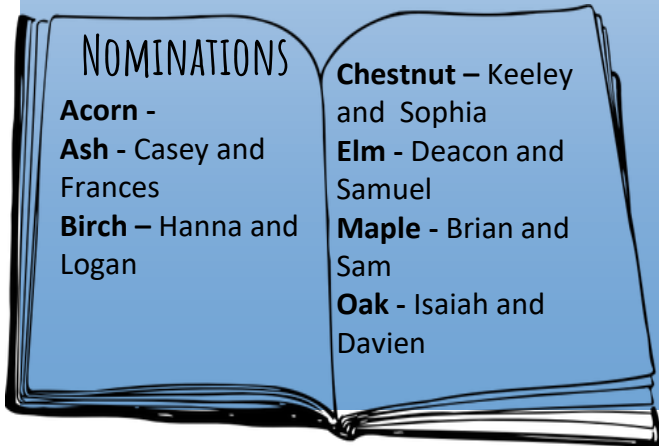
Acorn - Keanu





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 –

BIRCH – HANNA, LILY AND ARCHIE

CHESTNUT – TOMMY, LAVINIA, ALFIE

ELM – ADI, SAMUEL, JACOB

MAPLE – SHAYLA-RAI, DELROY, JAZMYN

OAK – VASLAT, DANIEL S AND LYRA



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: 91.76%%
Our year so far: 92.74 %

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	88.79%
Ash	91.50%
Birch	95.33%
Chestnut	93.91%
Elm	96.33%
Maple	85.71%
Oak	91.85%



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...

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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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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Caring for children with COUGHS

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BRISTOL

This leaflet contains information about how to look after a child who has a cough (not due to asthma). For more detail see www.bristol.ac.uk/child-cough



COUGH

Coughs can last for 3-4 weeks and make your child feel quite unwell but will get better by themselves.

Nasty croup or whooping cough are quite common when young children catch a cold and are not necessarily a sign of a chest infection.

Healthy children typically get a cough 7-10 times a year and this is a sign that there is anything wrong with their immune system.

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DISTURBED SLEEP

Coughs will often wake your child in the night. When the child lies down, more of the mucus from the nose and throat runs downwards and your child coughs more to clear it.

Coughing is part of the body's defence system which helps keep the lungs clear and fight the illness. Unfortunately this can wake the child in the night but does not mean the illness is more severe.

For children over 1 year, a spoon of honey (beneficial in a warm drink) half an hour before bed may help them to wake less often.

For children over 2 years, vapour rubs containing camphor, menthol and/or eucalyptus may help children sleep better.

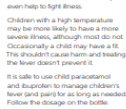


FEVER/HIGH TEMPERATURE

Fever is a normal response to illness and does not harm children. It may even help to fight illness.

Children with a high temperature may be more likely to have a more severe illness, although most do not. Occasionally a child may have a fit. This shouldn't cause harm and feeding the fever doesn't prevent it.

It is safe to use child paracetamol and suppositories to manage children's fever (and pain) for as long as needed. Follow the dosage on the bottle.



DRINKING/EATING LESS

Children often eat and drink less when they have normal childhood illnesses. Most children can go a few days without eating much and this will not affect their longer term growth and development.

All children need to drink regularly to avoid becoming dehydrated, especially if they are vomiting.

To help prevent dehydration, encourage your child to have sips of water.



WHEN TO SEE THE DOCTOR

Arrange to see or speak to your doctor today if any of the following occur:

RAPID OR DIFFICULT BREATHING (DEPENDENT ON AGE)

AGE OF CHILD: BREATHING RATE

Babies under 6 months: over 60 breaths per minute

Toddlers 6-24 months: over 50 breaths per minute

Children over 2 years: over 40 breaths per minute

Any age: Being short of breath as if your child has been running or is working hard to breathe when resting

Any age: Skin between and below the ribs gets sucked in each time your child takes a breath

HIGH OR PERSISTENT FEVER (DEPENDENT ON AGE OF CHILD)

AGE OF CHILD: TEMPERATURE

Babies under 3 months: 38°C or more

Babies 3-6 months: 39°C or more

Children over 6 months: over 39°C for more than 5 days

Any age: If your child has a fever 16, call 999 or take them to A&E.

VOMITING (DEPENDENT ON AGE)

AGE OF CHILD: SYMPTOMS

Babies under 3 months: vomiting + fever of 38°C or above

Babies 3-6 months: vomiting + fever of 38°C or above

Children over 6 months: vomiting + fever + extremely drowsy or listless

Any age: Extreme vomiting (child not able to hold down fluids for 8 hours or showing signs of dehydration)

Any age: Persistent vomiting more than 2 days

SKIN PALER THAN USUAL

If your child appears much paler than usual, hands and feet are very cold while their body is warm. If skin, lips or tongue appear blue, call 999.

PAIN

Pain in the chest (not when coughing) combined with fever and rapid breathing

HARD TO WAKE / UNRESPONSIVE

Cannot be woken or wakes only dully and then immediately goes back to sleep

If your child wakes only with lots of stimulation (is much less responsive to social stimulation (smiles and talking) than usual)

NOT FEEDING

Babies under 1 year: If your child stops feeding entirely



NEW YEAR SPORTS CAMP

Sports Development with Social-emotional Learning



CALLLOWELL PRIMARY SCHOOL
Barrowfield Road, Stroud
GL5 4DG
9am - 4pm
3rd - 5th January 2024
RECEPTION - YEAR 6

- Positive culture
- Engage
- Challenge
- Achieve
- Reward

EARLY BIRD (UNTIL 24/11) £17.50/DAY
NORMAL PRICE £20/DAY

To Book - click on link or copy into your browser

the-sports-project.class4kids.co.uk/camp/46



A Quick Guide to HAF



The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme is funded by the DfE and is aimed at school aged children - from Reception to Year 11 who receive benefits related Free School Meals (FSM). The aim of HAF is for **children and young people** to



Working with lots of different organisations, the HAF programme provides a range of free activities for children & their families in communities right across the City from activity camps, open access play sessions, music workshops, fun fitness sessions, boxing, swimming and more!

You can take part in HAF if **both** of the following apply to you:

- ✓ you receive benefits related Free School Meals**
- ✓ you are of school age - Reception to Year 11

** If you receive Universal Infant Free School Meals you must also be eligible for benefit related FSM to be able to take part in HAF

The HAF programme happens in the Spring, Summer & Winter school holidays only.

Spring (Easter)
2 weeks

Summer
4 weeks

Winter (Christmas)
2 weeks

How to get involved:

Bookings for all HAF activities are made through a centralised activity booking system - known as **CABS**. If you are using CABS for the first time you will need to make an account. If you already have an account then you just need to make sure that you know what your user name and password is - you will need these to log in.

Setting up a CABS account is easy:

Go to: <https://gloucestershirecounty.coordinate.cloud/account/register> OR scan this QR Code with a phone camera for quick access



HAF

For some activities we have been able to secure extra funding to extend the HAF offer to include other children and young people who are not eligible for FSM but would benefit from having access to activities - this is known as **HAF**. If you would like your children to take part in HAF activities you will also need to create a CABS account. You can then book spaces on the activities that are available to you.

If you need any HAF related help then please contact us:

e: glos hafconnector@gmail.com
t: 07340 709871

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Gloucester Park Forum and
Community Roots CIC
Present



Gloucester Park A Winter Festival Of Light

Saturday 25th November

2:30pm - 5:30pm

Join the Community Lantern
Procession near the Cafe at 4:00pm

Workshops and stalls below start at
2:30pm

Free: Santas
Grotto

Free: Decorate your own
lantern



Hot food and drinks at
the cafe

Christmas Stalls





Pride News...

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)

Newsletter

24 November 2023

Reminder: winter HAF bookings available to view next week

From 12pm on Monday 27 November, you will be able to browse all available HAF activities in your area and begin planning your holiday activities. **You will not be able to book any activities during this time.**

From 12pm Monday 4 December, you will be able to book your HAF activities.



Here to help: HAF Community Connectors

Your HAF Community Connectors are here to help remove any barriers you may be facing in attending HAF. They are available to contact throughout the holiday period. You can get in touch with your local HAF Community Connector by finding [their contact details on the HAF website](#).





Pride News...

'All About Me' and 'All About Us'

We understand sometimes families require more information from providers to understand what sort of activity they are offering and whether it would be suitable for their children. This is why we are starting to roll out the 'All About Us' process. Some providers will have a link on their CABS booking page that will take you to their 'All About Us', a pdf of information that can include pictures of the site and staff, an itinerary of what the day may look like and contact information should you wish to know more.



As well as this, we are giving children and families the chance to fill an 'All About Me' form out for these same providers. So that you can provide any additional information on your child or young person that will help support them when attending the activity provision by ensuring that their needs are met and they are able to comfortably enjoy the activity.

If you are attending an activity with one of these providers and would like to fill out an 'All About Me', the link to do so will be on the provider's CABS activity booking page. You can access this by going to your district lead's webpage and clicking the relevant activity, once bookings open on the 4 December.

If you have any questions about the process please contact us at HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk



In the meantime: Christmas light switch-on events!

While you wait for your HAF activities, areas across the county are beginning to switch on their Christmas lights for the season. Many are happening this weekend. It's a great opportunity to get into the festive season with free music and entertainment along with the switch-on.

SoGlos have put together a helpful list of all the areas, dates and times for the light switch-ons that can be accessed [by clicking here](#).

