



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date - 01.12.2023

Dear Families

It has been another busy week at Willow and today Christmas has started to arrive. It is such a special time of year with lots of exciting events happening. Further details will follow but keep these dates free:

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Christmas Jumper Day

We are celebrating Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 8th December.



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.

Have a great weekend!



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Spotlight on the Curriculum



Spotlight on the Curriculum History:

"Study the past if you would define the future." – Confucius

At Willow, we have adopted the Cornerstones Curriculum to help us construct our history curriculum. The History curriculum is designed to progressively develop the children's skills in History from Reception through to Year 6. Our history curriculum allows our children to gain a coherent knowledge and understanding of Britain's past and that of the wider world.

How do we achieve this?

Years 1-6 are taught through driver projects.

A timeline is displayed in our corridor.

Driver projects start with a memorable experience (trips/visitors).

A wide range of resources are used such as videos and images.

Knowledge organisers have been introduced.

Connections are made between History and other subjects.



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In Other News

Online Safety Tip of the Week



Pied Piper Raffle



Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

Emotional Abuse

This week our safeguarding focus is emotional abuse. Emotional abuse is any type of abuse that involves the continual emotional mistreatment of a child. It is sometimes called psychological abuse. Emotional abuse can involve deliberately trying to scare, humiliate, isolate or ignore a child. Other examples are: constantly criticising a child; blaming or scapegoating a child or exposing a child to upsetting events or situations. Because of the nature of emotional abuse, a child might not realise what is happening to them or might even blame themselves. For more information visit:

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



Healthy Lunchboxes





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Willow's Learning!!!



HAVE A GO MUSIC AND DANCE FREE ENTRY

AGES 11-16 | 11AM-3PM
5TH JANUARY 2024

It doesn't matter what skills you have, if you love music or dance then come and have a go at:

**SINGING &
SONGWRITING**

DANCE

PRODUCING A TRACK

DJ'ING

BEATBOXING

MAKING BEATS



Scan to find out more & book or visit:
themusicworks.org.uk/have-a-go
T: 01452 923 950
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SEE REVERSE FOR MORE DETAILS

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ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

This winter, we're collaborating with Your Next Move to offer young people (11-16) an interactive day of open access sessions where they can choose to have a go at music or dance – or both! Have a Go is primarily those who are in receipt of free school meals but other spaces will be available.

Through the music sessions, young people will have the opportunity to spend time learning how to set up/use equipment as well as creating new music/songs, working as a team and collaborating with other young people. They will develop social and musical skills, whilst building on their knowledge and self-confidence.

Your Next Move is dedicated to providing inclusive street dance opportunities for young people of all abilities. Get involved with dance on the 5th January and discover a world of self-expression through hip-hop culture.

No need to worry about food, lunch will be provided through Gloucestershire County Council's HAF (Holiday Activities and Food programme).

Please note: our HAF programme is not provided as part of our Short Breaks offer for young people with disabilities. If young people in your family have additional support needs, please contact us before booking a space to discuss these. For further information & a list of our inclusive activities, please visit our website or contact holder@themusicworks.org.uk.

FREE ENTRY

Places are FREE but must be booked in advance via the QR code or URL below. Priority will be given to young people in receipt of free school meals, however there are other places available. There are limited spaces available so it is on a first come, first served basis.



Scan to find out more & book or visit:
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Willow's Learning!!!



How can I get my child to eat healthier if they won't try new things?



Our top 6 tips to tackle fussy eating at home

Peter Humbles, Family Nutritionist

- 1. The big "why"?** Why don't they try new things? Are there tastes or textures they love or hate?
- 2. Check your language.** Aim for encouraging language and avoid labelling. Swap "my child doesn't eat vegetables" for "my child loves sweetcorn."
- 3. Lower anxiety at mealtimes.** Phones away and focus on chatting. There's no need to pressure them to try new foods.
- 4. Exposure.** Get them to pick out fruits and veg when you're out shopping and ask them to help chop them up.
- 5. Routine.** Set mealtimes to build regular habits and aim for 2 healthy snacks per day between meals.
- 6. Make it fun!** Make funny face pizzas and add some new toppings.



Get **FREE** support to get your family healthier

Join programmes starting in January, or start online programmes now!

Sign up today!

Scan the code or click here to find out more



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WITH SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING
RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

BLACK FRIDAY OFFER
ENDS 8TH DEC

ONLY £15 A DAY

DATES AVAILABLE:
DEC 18-22
JAN 2-5

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AND FIND A VENUE NEAR YOU CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW
the-sports-project.class4kids.co.uk/camps

9 AM - 4 PM AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU



Parents' Relationships Matter Gloucestershire



Next online group course starts March 2024!

Arguing better

Disagreements are a normal part of life, and most couples argue from time to time. The way you approach these conversations can make a big difference to you, your partner, and your children.

Arguing better is a free online course to help you manage difficult conversations, avoid conflict, and improve things for your whole family.

You will learn:

- Where stress comes from and how it can affect you.
- Ways to recognise stress and talk about it.
- How to support each other through difficult times.
- What causes arguments and how to stop them.

Arguing Better Group Course

How do I access a group?

Groups take place in just two 90 min sessions (over two consecutive weeks) on Microsoft Teams. You will need access to Wi-Fi, a smart phone, laptop, or tablet. And it's free!

Who is it for?

- Anyone with a parenting role for a child or young person
- Adoptive Parents
- Foster Parents
- Guardians/family members with parenting role

Parents are welcome to attend alone, with a partner, friend, or family member.

How do I book on to the next group?

For more information about future **Arguing Better** group dates or to book on contact:

The Family Information Service.

Email: Familyinfo@gloucestershire.gov.uk



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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 – Levi and Toby

Ash – Cody

Birch – Logan and Ronald

Chestnut – Andrew and Lavinia

Elm - Lilly-May and Phoenix

Maple – Denley and Megan

Oak – Logan, Shia and Willow

PRIDE Champions

Ash – Henry

Birch - Hanna





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, SANAIYAH AND FRANCES

BIRCH – CHRYSTAL, LILY, CALLUM

CHESTNUT – ETHAN, ALFIE AND LAVINIA

ELM – LACEY-MAI, ZOFIA AND ADI

MAPLE – SHAYLA-RAI, MEGAN AND KAYLA

OAK – VASLAT, CAIN 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: 90.08%
Our year so far: 92.50 %

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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Class	Attendance
Acorn	86.70%
Ash	89.00%
Birch	87.33%
Chestnut	89.13%
Elm	95.00%
Maple	88.21%
Oak	92.59%



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

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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

