

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:

- 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

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!



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.

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

Knowledge organisers have been introduced.

A timeline is displayed in our corridor.

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

Connections are made between History and other subjects.



In Other News



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: <u>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-childabuse/types-of-abuse/emitional-abuse</u>

Safeguarding



Healthy Lunchboxes





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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

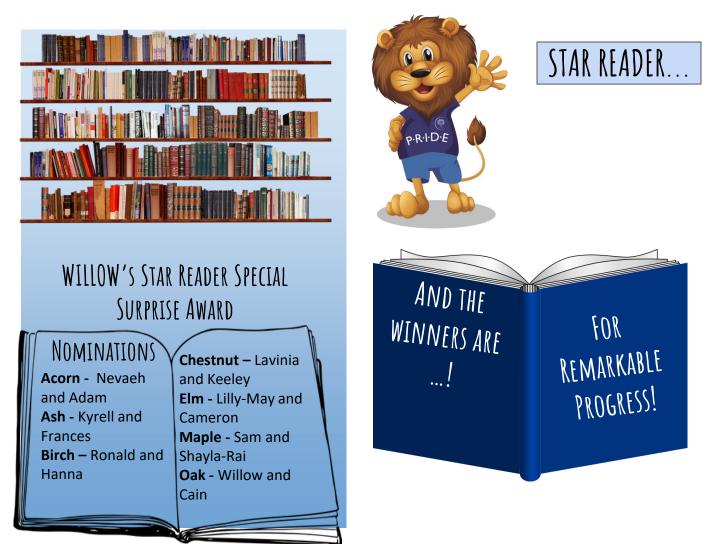
PRIDE Champions

Ash – Henry Birch - Hanna

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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!

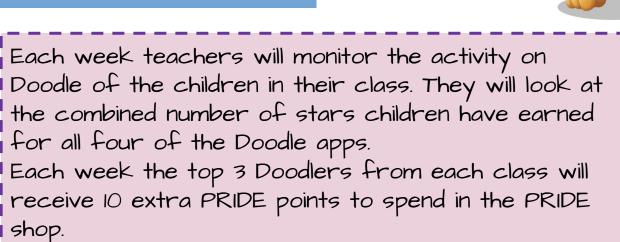




THIS WEEK'S CLASS TOP DOODLERS

<u>ARE:</u> 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 TOP DOODLER OF THE SCHOOL IS... Shayla-Rai With an Amazing 1253 points!

P.R.I.D.E



Keep up the effort with the home learning. HAPPY DOODLING!!!



Acorn

Ash

Birch

Elm

Oak

Pride News

Attendance Superstars

This week: 90.08% Our year so far: 92.50 %

MATTERS	

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100%

98%

96%

95%

94%

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NEEDS TO IMPROVE

ATTENDANCE

Class Attendance Equates to: 86.70% 89.00% 87.33% Chestnut 89.13% 95.00% Maple 88.21% 92.59%

CONCERNS 90% SERIOUS 85% CONCERN Reminder

Gates are open by 8.45am and



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



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 [™] August 2024

All term dates can be found on our website here







