



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date – 08.12.2023

Dear Families

Christmas Performance and Nativity

A letter came home earlier this week regarding tickets for the EYFS and Key Stage 1 Nativity and the Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance. It is important that all attendees have a ticket so we are aware of how many people are in school. You can order your tickets at the School Office.

Christmas Jumpers

If children wish they can wear Christmas Jumpers for the last two weeks of term, from Monday 11th December.

Cake and Biscuit Stall

On Friday 15th December 2023 we have a cake and biscuit stall which is being run by the Pupil Leadership Team. Cakes will be 50p each and biscuits will be 20p each. These will be available at end of school day.

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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Willow's Learning!!!



Willow has been learning to multiply in Maths.
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He enjoyed watching the pantomime with us.



Willow helped us to use the iPad to research animals in Science.



Willow helped us make Christingles in RE.



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Spotlight on the Curriculum



Spotlight on the Curriculum Art



At Willow Primary Academy, we have adopted the Cornerstones Curriculum to help us construct our Art curriculum. The Art curriculum is designed to progressively develop the children's skills and knowledge in Art from Reception through to Year 6. Children learn about a wide range of artists and gain artistic knowledge and vocabulary.

Opportunities are made for making meaningful connections with other subjects. For example, the project Dynamic Dynasties is taught alongside the art and design project Taotie to give children a better all-round understanding of ancient Chinese arts and culture.

What do we achieve this?

Years 1-6 are taught through driver projects.

Opportunities to join in whole school and local art competitions.

Knowledge organisers have been introduced.

Visits from artists to inspire children.

A wide range of resources are used such as clay, charcoal, watercolour paints, ink, cameras etc.

Focus on specific artists.



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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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Santa is coming to

**Wednesday
13th December
5.45pm – 8pm**

The **Chamwell Centre Charity**

**5.45pm Santa's Sleigh arrives at The Chamwell Centre
6pm Santa tours Longlevens
7pm – 8pm Santa & Sleigh at Chamwell Centre
5.30pm – 8pm at The Chamwell Centre**

**FREE - CCS Taiko Drummers * Carol Singers * Festive Photo Booth
- Hot Food & Drinks will be on sale -**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME - FREE EVENT - NO BOOKING REQUIRED

'The Chamwell Centre provides a safe, accessible place to see Santa's Sleigh.' Ample Disabled Parking, 'Changing places', Disabled toilet & Warm indoor viewing space

Rotary
Club of Gloucester Quays

FREE festive photo booth!
from
Fancy Pants
Events

Everyone is welcome!
Chamwell Centre supports an integrated, inclusive community
The Chamwell Centre Charity, Longford Lane, Longlevens GL2 9EU

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

It's Christmas Time!

A Parent's Guide to Social Media
A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures
A Parent's Guide to Gaming

A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming
A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming

A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers
A Parent's Guide to Fake News
A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

Skips www.skipssafetynet.org

Developed in partnership with:
Home Office
Metropolitan Police
West Midlands Police
West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner

Follow The Star
Join the Song

WITH ST BARNABAS GLOUCESTER & ST KATHARINE'S MATSON

Saturday 2nd December
Christmas Fayre | 11am-2pm | St Barnabas Church

Sunday 3rd December
Christingle | 4pm | St Barnabas Church

Sunday 10th December
Tuffley Christmas T-Party | 4pm | St Michael's Hall

Monday 11th December
Carols in the Matson Rose Garden | 4pm

Saturday 16th December
Messy Christmas | 10am | St Barnabas Halls

Sunday 17th December
Communion | 9:30am | St Barnabas Church
10:30am | Worship with Nativity | St Barnabas Halls
Led by our children and young people
Carols by Candlelight | 6:30pm | St Barnabas Church

Wednesday 20th December
Church in Tuffley | Carols at the Pike | 7pm

Saturday 23rd December
Care Home Carols | 2pm-5pm

Sunday 24th December
Christmas Communion with Carols
10am | St Katharine's Matson
Morning Worship for Advent
10:30am | St Barnabas Church
Crib Service | 4pm | St Barnabas Church
Crib Service | 4pm | St Katharine's Matson
First Communion of Christmas
11pm | St Barnabas Church

Monday 25th December
Communion on Christmas Morning | 10am
St Katharine's Matson
Family Communion on Christmas Morning
9am | St Barnabas Church



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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 – Adam and Tyler

Ash – Alfie and Praise

Birch – Alannah and Archie

Chestnut – Riagan and Aquan

Elm – Marianne

Maple – Dawson and Kelsie

Oak –

PRIDE Champions

Elm - Zofia

Oak – Vaslat and Susan

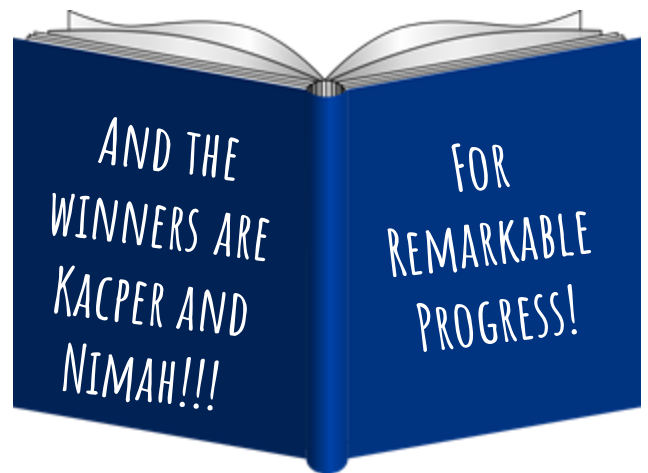




WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD



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 – ELIORA, PRAISE, KYRELL
BIRCH – LILY, CALLUM AND NIMAH
CHESTNUT – REMY, ETHAN. ANDREW
ELM – ADI, ELIANA, ZOFIA
MAPLE – SHAYLA-RAI, DELROY, VIOLET
OAK – VASLAT, LYRA, 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: 91.28 %
Our year so far: 92.42 %

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	87.07%
Ash	93.50%
Birch	96%
Chestnut	90.43%
Elm	95.67%
Maple	84.64%
Oak	93.46%



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

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

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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

