



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date – 15.12.2023

Dear Families

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 8th December was a real success and I am delighted to share that we raised an amazing £160.80. Many thanks to everyone that contributed.



Present Wrapping

Many thanks for all the donations for the Christmas Present wrapping that took place on Friday 8th December. The Friends of Willow managed to raise £214 from this and have already made a decision about how to best spend this to benefit all the children in Willow Primary Academy and The Piper Centre.

Attendance

Good attendance is paramount for good levels of attainment. As we fast approach Christmas it is important to remember that children's learning is continuing in lots of different aspects. Even though we have performances next week learning is still happening!!! I would also like to remind all families that children are expected to arrive from 8.40 am with the gates closing at 8.50 am. All children should be in school by 8.50 am to ensure that learning can start straight away.



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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Christmas Plate Competition!!!



We had some great entries for the Christmas Plate Competition.
Thank you to everyone that entered. The winners were:

Acorn – Johnny
Birch – Demetri
Elm – Skyler D
Oak – Kobi

Ash – Kailem
Chestnut – Kalel
Maple – Emily
Piper Centre – Destiny and Sia





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Spotlight on the Curriculum



Spotlight on the Curriculum Science

At Willow Primary Academy, our science curriculum is designed to develop a sense of excitement, curiosity and fascination about natural phenomena that will remain with the children for the rest of their lives. We want children to gain an understanding of scientific processes and an awareness of the uses and implications of science, today and for the future.

Next term in Science we will be learning:



Year 1: Seasonal Changes



Year 4: Electrical Circuits and Conductors



Year 2: Uses of everyday material



Year 5: Properties and changes of materials



Year 3: Light and shadow



Year 6: Electrical Circuits and Components



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In Other News

Online Safety Tip of the Week



Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week County Lines

This week our safeguarding focus is County Lines. County Lines is the police term for urban gangs exploiting young people into moving drugs from a hub, normally a large city, into other markets - suburban areas and market and coastal towns - using dedicated mobile phone lines or "deal lines". Children as young as 12 years old have been exploited into carrying drugs for gangs. This type of exploitation can involve children being trafficked away from their home area, staying in accommodation and selling and manufacturing drugs. In some cases the dealers will take over a local property, normally belonging to a vulnerable person, and use it to operate their criminal activity from. This is known as cuckooing. For more information visit the NSPCC website



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EVE
24TH DEC
4PM

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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 – Freddie

Ash – Elijah

Birch – Chrystal and TJ

Chestnut – Alarrah

Maple – Brian and Emeila

Oak – Lola and Anthony

PRIDE Champions

Acorn – Logan

Ash – Delilah

Chestnut - Amy-Rose

Elm – Dylan and Anayah

Oak – Shia-Rae

Elm – Dylan, Anayah





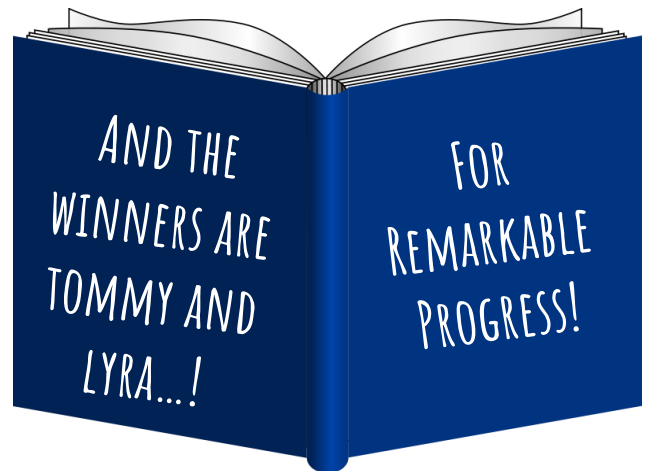
STAR READER...

WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD

NOMINATIONS

Acorn - Isla and
Alaia
Ash - Zenaya and
Lacie-Mae
Birch - Demetri
and Toby

Chestnut - Frankie
and Tommy
Elm - Jacob and
Obidullah
Maple - Alfie and
Sam
Oak - Vaslat and Lyra



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 – KYRELL, CASEY-JOE AND CHARLIE
BIRCH – CALLUM, LILY AND DEMETRI
CHESTNUT – ETHAN, AQUAN AND ALFIE
ELM – BRODY B, ELIANA, ZOFIA
MAPLE – SHAYLA-RAI, SUMMER AND
MEGAN
OAK – KOBI, VASLAT 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: 88.68 %
Our year so far: 92.12 %

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	81.47%
Ash	90.50%
Birch	95.33%
Chestnut	84.35%
Elm	94.67%
Maple	87.50%
Oak	88.08%



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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Christmas Events

- 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

Upcoming Events from January 2024

- 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

