



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date - 22.12.2023

Dear Families



Performances

All of the children did so well with their Christmas Performances either in the Wizard of Oz or the Nativity. It is such a great thing for children to be able to take part in and shows the confidence that children at Willow have. It is a scary experience to stand in front of an audience and perform and some of the performances were amazing. A huge thank you to the families and friends that came to see the children perform. Over the four performances we had 278 people attend which is amazing and we really value your support.

Christmas Lunch

On Thursday the children enjoyed their Christmas Lunch. The lunch time staff created a great Christmas atmosphere with table decorations and crackers. We even enjoyed signing some Christmas songs!

Netball

A huge congratulations to this years netball team. We tried extremely hard this year and ended up third in our group table, just missing out on the chance to play in the play-off games! Congratulations to Kingsway who came top and Hardwicke who were second. The players have all improved a great deal and showed determination in some very difficult weather conditions!

Have a great Christmas and I wish you all the best for 2024!

Pete Hales



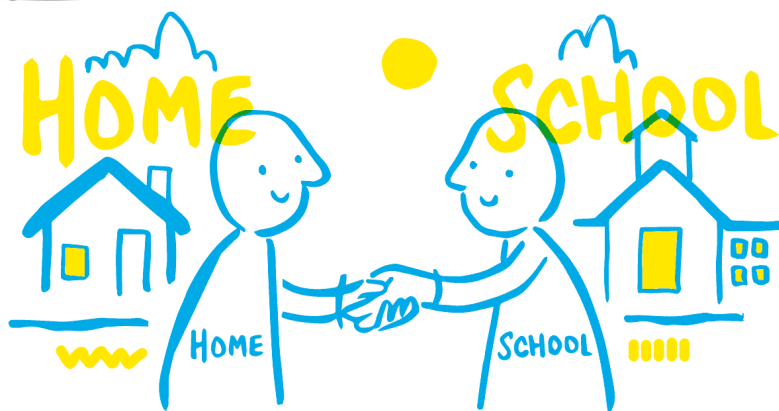
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Family Engagement



At Willow it is vital that we are working in partnership with our families. To help Support you and your child or children we have some events coming up!

It would be great if you could join us for these!



Coffee Morning

Come and join our Reading Lead, Lisa Simmonds for a coffee and a chat.

This is an informal opportunity to find out more about how we support your child at Willow with their Reading.

*Tuesday 23rd January 2024
from
9.00 am to 10.00 am*

Coffee Morning

Come and join our Maths Lead, Carly Tonks for a coffee and a chat.

This is an informal opportunity to find out more about how we can support your child at Willow.

*Thursday 22nd February 2024
from 9.00 am to 10.00 am*



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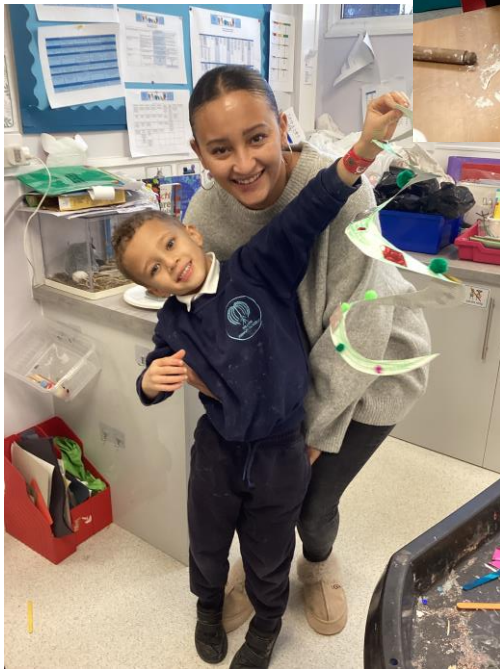
A visit from Santa!





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Willow's Learning!!!





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In Other News

Online Safety Tip of the Week



Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

Gangs

This week our safeguarding focus is gangs. The word 'gang' means different things in different contexts, and the government distinguishes between peer groups, street gangs and organised criminal gangs. It's not illegal for a young person to be in a gang, however, gang membership can be linked to illegal activity, particularly organised criminal gangs involved in trafficking, drug dealing and violent crime. Young people may become involved in gangs for many reasons, including: peer pressure and wanting to fit in with friends; they feel respected and important; they want to feel protected from other gangs or bullies or they want to make money and are promised rewards.

For more information visit the NSPCC website.



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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 – Dante and Amelia

Ash – Giorgio and Lacie-Mae

Birch – Lily and Callum

Chestnut – Bonnie and Thomas

Elm – Shayla – Kay and Brody B

Maple – Sam and Shayla-Rai

Oak – Evan and Isaiah

PRIDE Champions

Giorgio (Ash)

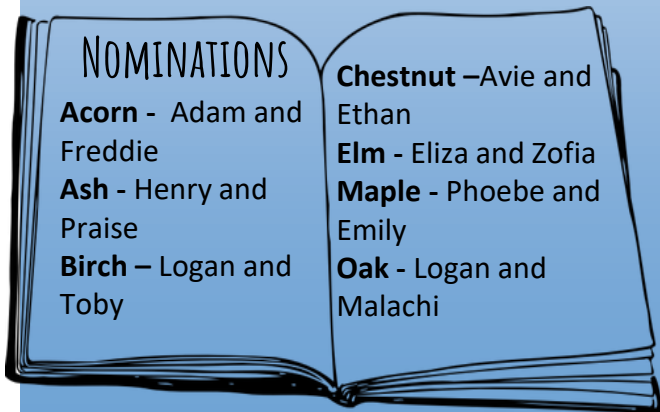
Lily (Birch)

Callum (Birch)





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 AND CASEY-JOE
BIRCH – LILY, NIMAH AND TJ
CHESTNUT – REMY, ETHAN AND KALEL
ELM – ELIANA, ZOFIA AND SAMUEL
MAPLE – LAHKYE, SHAYLA-RAI AND BRETT
OAK – EVAN, VASLAT AND CAIN



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: 91.38 %
Our year so far: 91.74 %

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	88.68%
Ash	93.01%
Birch	91.85%
Chestnut	89.88%
Elm	95.31%
Maple	87.14%
Oak	93.18%



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

- Monday 15th January 2024-Friday 19th January 2024 – Elm class Residential
- Tuesday 23rd January 2024 (9.00 am to 10.00 am) – Coffee Morning with Reading Leads
- W/C 5th February 2024 – Children's Mental Health Week
- Monday 5th February 2024 – Elm class Assembly
- Friday 9th February 2024 – INSET DAY
- Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024 – HALF TERM WEEK
- Thursday 22nd February 2024 (9.00 am to 10.00 am) – Coffee Morning with Maths Leads
- Monday 26th February 2024 – Chestnut class Assembly
- Thursday 29th February 2024 – Coffee Morning with Maths Lead
- Friday 8th March 2024 – Oak Class trip to Pitt River Museum
- Monday 11th March 2024 – Birch class Assembly
- 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 25th March 2024 –Friday 5th April 2024 – Easter Holidays
- Monday 8th April 2024 – INSET DAY
- Thursday 25th April 2024 – Coffee Morning with Headteacher and Head of Piper Centre 9:00am – 10:00am
- Monday 6th May 2024- May Bank Holiday
- W/C Monday 13th May – KS2 SAT's Week
- Monday 27th May 2024- Friday 31st May 2024 – May HALF TERM
- Monday 3RD June 2024 – Year 4 Multiplication check
- Monday 10th June 2024 – Phonics Screening Check
- Tuesday 11th June 2024 – Willow Sports Day
- Wednesday 12th June 2024 – Piper Centre Sports Day
- Monday 24th June 2024 – Acorn class Assembly
- Monday 8th July 2024 – Wednesday 10th July 2024 – Oak Class Residential

