



# Pride News...

## Headteacher's Message...

Date - 12.01.2023

Dear Families

Our focus this term are continuing to ensure high expectations for behaviour and attendance. During Assembly on Monday, I shared this with the children and explained the importance of good attendance and behaviour and the impact that this has on learning. I shared the image below with the children to promote a high level of attendance! A great first week with 94.63% attendance!



We also reminded children of 'Our Golden Rules' and 'Values' which we have seen a real impact on children following these well during the first week of term.



### Our Golden Rules

Willow says:

- ✓ Be ready
- ✓ Be respectful
- ✓ Be safe



### The Willow Values

- Positivity** - Encouraging others, having hope and staying happy
- Respect** - Treating each other fairly and our belongings with care
- Individuality** - Developing independence and celebrating uniqueness whilst treating all equally
- Determination** - Using willpower to keep going and never give up
- Excellence** - Trying our best in everything we do, especially our work

## Young Voices

This week we have seen a group of children spend an afternoon in Birmingham at Young Voices 2024. It was an amazing event and the children got so much out of it. The concert brings together many schools singing together in a choir. The children sang and danced their way through the afternoon and evening. We had some very tired children on the way back to school.

Elm Class I hope you get lots of rest ready for your residential next week. Have a great weekend.

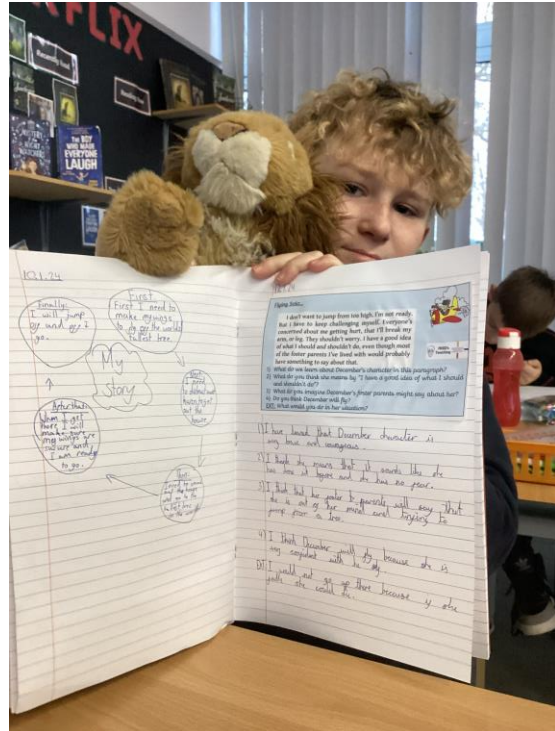
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## Willow's Learning!!!





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## Spotlight on the Curriculum



### Spotlight on the Curriculum P.E (Physical Education)

We all believe that P.E is very important here at Willow. This lesson helps us to develop our communication skills, build our stamina and resilience, help us work well as a team as well as making you healthier and happier both physically and mentally. Reception class build upon their physical development multiple times a day using their two outdoor areas. Through their continuous provision children have the opportunities to crawl, throw, catch, ride bikes, climb and much more. Years 1-6 have P.E lessons either on the field, in the hall or in our MUGA (Multi-use games area). We try to attend many sporting events throughout the year such as cross-country championships, football leagues, netball tournaments, benchball competitions and more!

#### What units do we teach in P.E?

*Games*  
*Reception to Year 2*  
*Multi-Skills e.g. catching and jumping.*

*Games*  
*Year 3 to Year 6*  
*Invasion e.g netball*  
*Striking e.g cricket*  
*Net e.g tennis*

*Gymnastics*  
*Reception to Year 6*  
*e.g. balances, rolls and using equipment safely.*

*Dance*  
*Reception to Year 6*  
*e.g. motifs and improvisation.*

*Athletics*  
*Year 3 to Year 6*  
*e.g running and throwing*

*Swimming*  
*Years 3 - 6*





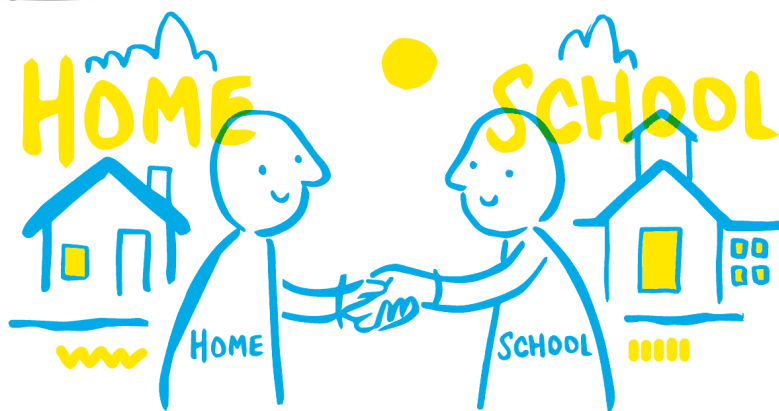
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## Family Engagement



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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024**  
from **9.00 am to 10.00 am**



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## In Other News

### Online Safety Tip of the Week



### Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

It is common for children to feel nervous about going back to school after Christmas. To help calm their nerves and make sure they're prepared for the school term make sure:

- Bedtimes are adjusted to get back into a healthy routine
- Children are not taking any devices like mobile phones or tablets to bed with
- them that will stop them from sleeping
  - They eat breakfast every morning.

Talk to your children about their day at School. It is important that they can talk to you if they are worried about anything.



### Free School Meals

#### Why should I apply?

For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal.

#### What are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals?

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

**To apply or find out further information please follow the link below:**

[Apply for free school meals | Gloucestershire County Council](#)



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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** – Jackson and Felipa

**Ash** – Zenaya and Star

**Birch** – Taliyah and Nimah

**Chestnut** – Avie and Khadijah

**Elm** – Kyron and Athena

**Maple** – Winter and Darwin

**Oak** – Leah S and Malachi

### PRIDE Champions





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, PRAISE AND SANAIYAH

BIRCH – LILY, HANNA AND TJ

CHESTNUT – ETHAN, ALARRAH AND AQUAN

ELM – SAMUEL, ADI AND ELIANA

MAPLE – SHAYLA-RAI, MEGAN AND

DENLEY

OAK – MORGAN, 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: 94.63 %**

**Our year so far: 92.02 %**

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	89.91%
Ash	95.71%
Birch	92.86%
Chestnut	95.42%
Elm	96.67%
Maple	92.14%
Oak	98.46%



## 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 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Term 2 from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

Term 3 from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Term 4 from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Term 5 from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Term 6 from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
	26 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
New Year Bank Holiday	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024
Good Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Easter Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024
Early May Bank Holiday	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 <sup>th</sup> August 2024

All term dates can be found on our website [here](#)





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### School Events

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024-Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Elm class Residential
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 (9.00 am to 10.00 am) – Coffee Morning with Reading Leads
- W/C 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Children's Mental Health Week
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Elm class Assembly
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – INSET DAY
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – HALF TERM WEEK
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 (9.00 am to 10.00 am) – Coffee Morning with Maths Leads
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Chestnut class Assembly
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Coffee Morning with Maths Lead
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Oak Class trip to Pitt River Museum
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Birch class Assembly
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Red Nose Day
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 (9.00 am to 10.00 am) – Coffee Morning with Writing Leads
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 (1.15 pm to 1.45 pm) – Easter Celebration
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 –Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Easter Holidays
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – INSET DAY
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Coffee Morning with Headteacher and Head of Piper Centre 9:00am – 10:00am
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024- May Bank Holiday
- W/C Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SAT's Week
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 – May HALF TERM
- Monday 3<sup>RD</sup> June 2024 – Year 4 Multiplication check
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Phonics Screening Check
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Willow Sports Day
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Piper Centre Sports Day
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Acorn class Assembly
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Oak Class Residential

