



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date – 26.01.2024

Dear Families,

We would like to take a moment to remind you about the importance of road safety for our children. With the hustle and bustle of daily life, it is crucial that we work together to ensure the safety of our young ones as they travel to and from school.

As you may already know, road accidents remain a significant concern in our society. It is our shared responsibility to equip our children with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate roads safely. With this in mind, we kindly request your cooperation in reinforcing the following road safety guidelines at home:

Always Use Pedestrian Crossings

Teach your child to use pedestrian crossings whenever available. Remind them to look both ways before crossing the road, making eye contact with drivers to ensure they have been seen. Encourage them to wait for the green signal or the patting man before proceeding.

Be Visible at All Times

Help your child understand the importance of being visible to drivers. Ensure they wear bright, reflective clothing, especially during darker mornings and evenings. Adding reflective accessories, such as armbands or wristbands, can greatly enhance their visibility.

Walk on the Pavement

Encourage your child to walk on the pavement wherever possible. If no pavement is available, instruct them to walk facing oncoming traffic, making sure they are aware of their surroundings. Discourage them from walking or playing too close to the edge of the road. At school please do not use the carpark to walk across. Do not allow your children to run through the carpark it is very busy at drop off and pick up times.

Bicycle Safety

If your child cycles to school, it is essential to reinforce road safety rules specific to cycling. Ensure they wear a properly fitted helmet, understand hand signals, and are aware of basic traffic rules. Encourage them to cycle in designated cycle lanes, away from heavy traffic whenever possible.

Encourage Safe Behaviour as a Pedestrian

Teach your child to behave responsibly when walking near roads. Discourage them from using mobile phones, listening to music with headphones, or engaging in any other distracting activities that remove their attention from the road environment.

Road safety requires constant vigilance, both from us as adults and from our children. By consistently reinforcing these guidelines, we can help create a safer environment for everyone. Remember, leading by example is a powerful way to instill good habits in our children.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe on the roads. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Together, we can make a positive difference in the lives of our children

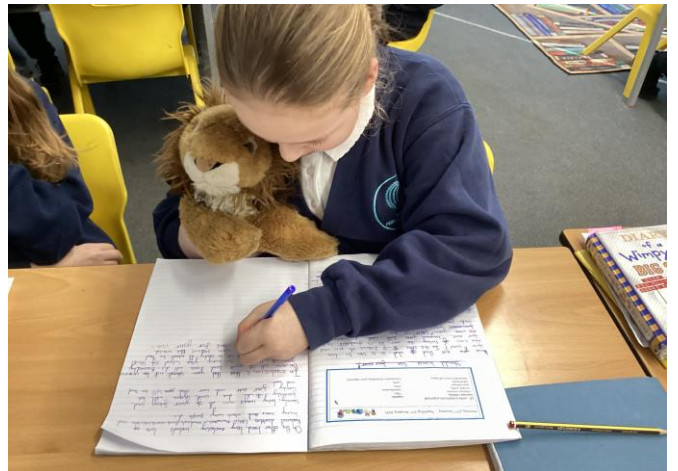
Have a great weekend!

Pete Hales



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Willow's Learning!!!



Maple Class



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Spotlight on the Curriculum



Spotlight on the Curriculum Geography



At Willow Primary Academy we aim to inspire children's curiosity, interest and appreciation for the world that we live in. We intend to equip children with geographical skills to develop their knowledge through studying places, people and natural and human environments.

Our Geography topics are:

Year 1:
Bright Lights, Big City

Year 2:
Coastline

Year 3:
Rock, Relics and Rumbles

Year 4:
Misty Mountain, Winding River

Year 5:
Sow, Grow and Farm

Year 6:
Frozen Kingdoms



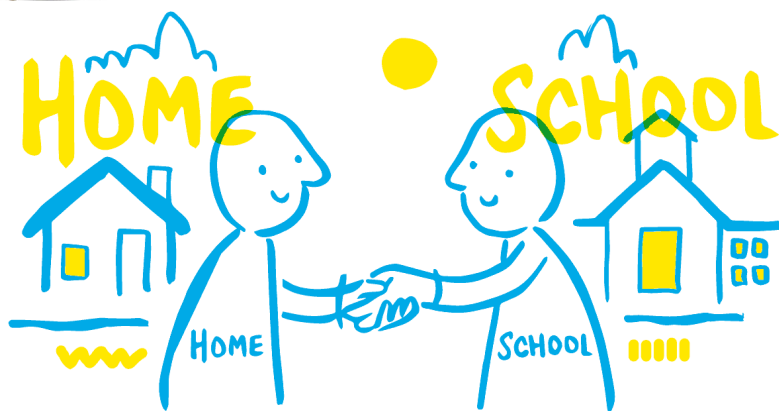
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Family Engagement



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 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 29th 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

Wellbeing

As we head into 2024 it is a fresh start for many and a time for optimism and hope.

For some people however, it can be a more difficult time as all holiday festivities have ended and the nights can often seem long and dark. It is important to look out for those around you and offer help if needed. This could be to a neighbour who just wants someone to talk to, it could be to a friend who is finding life hard to navigate or to a family member who might just need some extra help.



Parents Evening

We are delighted to announce that the Parents Evening sign-up process for the upcoming term is now open. This provides an invaluable opportunity for us to have a face-to-face discussion about your child's progress and set goals for their continued development. We kindly request that you sign up for a slot at your earliest convenience.

Parents Evening will be held on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th February. This dedicated time allows us to focus solely on your child's education, ensuring we provide the best possible support and guidance. We strongly encourage all families to attend, as your involvement plays a crucial role in your child's academic success.

Please remember that appointments are scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Therefore, we recommend signing up as soon as possible to secure your desired time slot. It is important to note that the school cannot guarantee an appointment if all slots have been filled.



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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 – Alfie and Levi

Ash – Syreese and Frances

Birch – Callum and Ronald

Chestnut – Kye and Frankie

Elm – Alfie and Eliana

Maple – Summer and Emily

Oak – Lacey and Davien

PRIDE Champions





WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD



STAR READERS...

ATHENA
AND KOBI



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, CHARLIE AND GIORGIO

BIRCH – LILY, TALIAH AND CHELSEA

CHESTNUT – ETHAN, LAVINIA, AMY-ROSE

ELM – ELIANA, ZOFIA AND ADI

MAPLE – DELROY, JAZMYN AND SAM

OAK – ARCHIE, MORGAN AND VASLAT



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: 91.86 %

Our year so far: 92.31 %

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	86.60%
Ash	91.58%
Birch	98.41%
Chestnut	91.67%
Elm	97.78%
Maple	82.71%
Oak	97.01%



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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In Other News

FEB HALF-TERM SPORTS CAMP

Sports Development with Social-emotional Learning



THE SPORTS PROJECT

"I love that as well as getting better at sport, it is equally about developing the children as young people" - Parent

St Peter's Academy, SN14 0LL
Minerva Primary Academy, BS16 4HA
Cam Woodfield Juniors, GL11 6JJ
Callowell Primary, GL5 4DG
St Peter's Primary, BS35 4JG
St Briavel's Primary, GL15 6TD
Somerset Bridge Primary, TA6 6AH

R-Y6
9am - 4pm

DISCOUNT COUNTRIES UNTIL JAN 31ST
£15/DAY
NORMAN PRICE
£20/DAY

To Book - click on link or copy into your browser
the-sports-project.class4kids.co.uk/camps

SPORTS & ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

TAG RUGBY, FOOTBALL, DANCE, CIRCUS SKILLS, FENCING, CHEERLEADING, STREET HOCKEY, ULTIMATE FRISBEE, CRICKET, MUSICAL THEATRE, DODGEBALL, PARKOUR, TENNIS, ATHLETICS.

Alongside the sports coaching, we follow the needs of the children to support with the competencies below:

Self-Awareness, e.g. self-efficacy, self-esteem, resilience, self-confidence, identifying strengths and weaknesses.

Self-Management, e.g. independence, self-motivation, expressing emotions appropriately, executive functioning.

Social Awareness, e.g. empathy and compassion, mutual respect, perspective-taking, conflict resolution.

Relationship Skills, e.g. collaborative problem-solving, leadership, honesty, resisting negative social pressure.

Responsible Decision-Making, e.g. self-discipline, reasoned judgement, problem-solving, evaluate consequences of actions.

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With The Ball

Multisports and CheerDance February Holiday Club

Tues 13th, Weds 14th, Thurs 15th February

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, GL13PY

25+ Sports, Activities and Styles of Dance

Sibling & Pupil Premium Discounts

Suitable for Reception - Year 6

Scan to secure your space!

(9:00am - 3:00pm)

£25.50
(1 day)

£70.50
(3 days)



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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

- 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
- Wednesday 21st February 2024 – Birch class trip to the Mosque
- 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 11th April 2024 – Birch class trip to W-S-M.
- 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

