



# Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date – 02.02.2024

Dear Families

## **Parents' Evening: A valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress**

We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to remind you about the upcoming Parents' Evening. Parents' Evening provides an important opportunity for you to meet with your child's teachers on an individual basis to discuss their progress, achievements, and any areas that may require special attention. It is a chance to gain a deeper understanding of your child's academic development and to celebrate their successes so far this academic year. To ensure a fruitful discussion, we kindly request that you book your preferred time slot by completing the attached booking form in the classroom. This will enable us to allocate appointment times that are convenient for you and avoid any unnecessary delays on the day. During the Parents' Evening, our dedicated staff will be available to discuss your child's academic progress, their strengths and areas for improvement, as well as any concerns you may have. They will be able to provide guidance and strategies for supporting your child's learning at home and answer any questions you may have about the curriculum. We kindly ask that you make every effort to attend Parents' Evening. Your participation demonstrates your commitment to your child's education and allows us to work together in supporting their growth and development. If you are unable to attend, please let us know in advance so that we can arrange an alternative meeting time or explore other avenues for communication. In addition to the individual meetings with class teachers, we are pleased to inform you that there will also be an opportunity to meet with our SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) and receive guidance and support for any additional educational needs your child may have. This service will be by appointment only, so please contact Mrs Griffin directly if you wish to speak to her. We value your involvement in your child's education and are committed to working closely with you to ensure their success. We look forward to welcoming you to our Parents' Evening and discussing your child's progress and aspirations.

## **Football**

Willow's football team played against Norton Primary School. The team was Evan, Calvin, Dylan, Daniel (C), Archie, Davien and Kyron. It was a tight first half and Willow played some good football. Archie put in an inch perfect cross which Daniel headed home. We conceded early in the second half but showed great determination to snatch the lead again. It was a good team performance with Dylan being the stand out player making some crucial blocks and tackles in defence.

Have a great weekend!

Pete Hales



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## Spotlight on the Curriculum



### Spotlight on the Curriculum Design and Technology

At Willow Primary Academy, our design and technology curriculum is designed to prepare children for the developing world. The subject encourages children to become creative problem-solvers, both as individuals and as part of a team. Through the study of design and technology, children combine practical skills with an understanding of aesthetic, social and environmental issues, in order to design and make a product. Evaluation is an integral part of the design process and allows children to adapt and improve their product, this is a key skill which they need throughout their life. Design and Technology helps all children to become discriminating and informed consumers and potential innovators. We aim to, wherever possible, link work to other disciplines such as mathematics, science, engineering, computing and art.

#### How do we achieve this?

Years 1-6 are taught through driver projects.

Each project is based around a design and technology subject focus of structures, mechanisms, cooking and nutrition or textiles.

Knowledge organisers have been introduced.

Key questions are used to open up the content to be studied.

Children learn how to take risks, becoming resourceful, innovative, enterprising and capable citizens

Opportunities to join in whole school and local DT competitions.



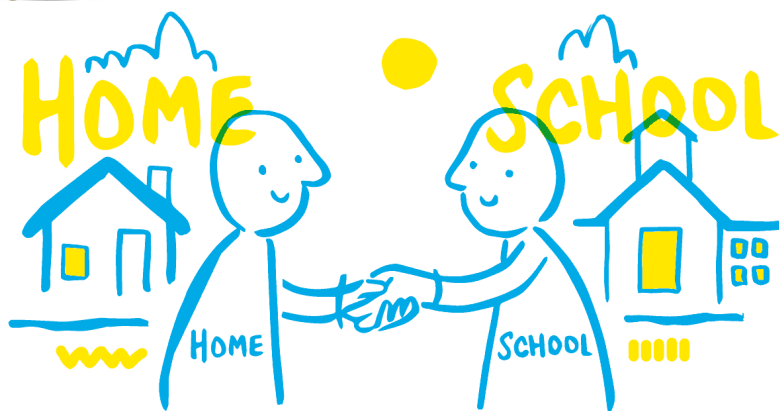
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## Family Engagement



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 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 from 9.00 am to 10.00 am**





# Pride News...

## In Other News

### Online Safety Tip of the Week



### Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

#### Monitoring Online Safety

This week, we are focusing on the importance of online monitoring. Take time to talk to your child about the dangers they may face online - be honest and open with them. Ensure that they have the correct privacy settings on their devices and that you have parental controls on. Children should be aware that a person they think of as a friend online could in fact be a complete stranger. Online abuse takes many forms which include; bullying, blackmail and general trolling. Remind children that social media apps have age restrictions designed to keep them safe. Encourage your child to report to an adult if they feel uncomfortable with anything that they access online.



### Wick Court Residential

It seems like ages ago already but here is a little video of our amazing residential!

[Wick Court Residential 2024 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

### School uniform

# Uniform



Willow Primary Academy  
Sweatshirt's and Cardigan's  
can be purchased at The  
School Shop.

The expectation is that children will come to school in the following:

- Plain white polo shirt.
- Plain black joggers, leggings, skirt (with cycling shorts) or shorts.
- School jumper or cardigan with logo on (or a plain navy jumper or cardigan).
- Plain black trainers.



# Pride News...

## 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** – Jacob and Joseph

**Ash** – Cody and Linda

**Birch** – Archie and Logan

**Chestnut** – Keeley and Tommy

**Elm** - Maddie and Kaitlin

**Maple** – Kacper and Delroy

**Oak** – Vaslat, Evan and Lyra

### PRIDE Champions

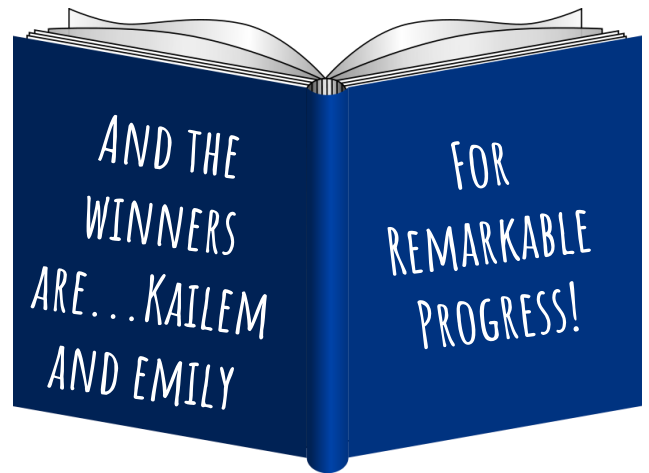
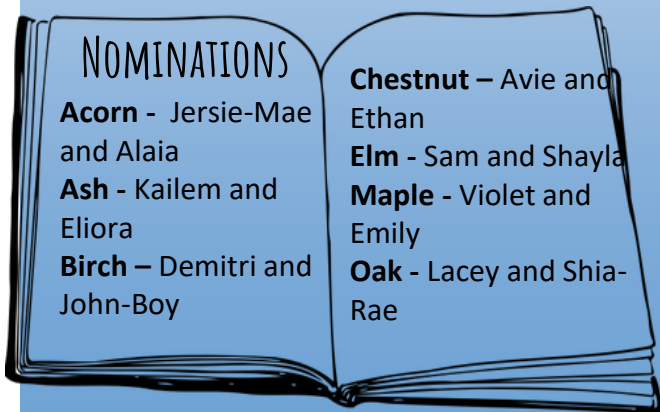






STAR READER...

## 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, CHARLIE AND ZENAYA

BIRCH – LILY, TALIAH AND CHELSEA

CHESTNUT – ALFIE, ALARRAH, THOMAS

ELM – ADI, SAM AND ELIANA

MAPLE – JAZMYN, SHAYLA-RAI, MEGAN

OAK – KOBI, LOGAN AND LOLA



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: 87.58%**

**Our year so far: 92.07 %**

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	84.07%
Ash	95.24%
Birch	89.29%
Chestnut	88.33%
Elm	92.00%
Maple	79.31%
Oak	86.92%



## 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







# Pride News...

## February half term

### Half Term at The Chamwell Centre Charity

#### HALF TERM FUN & GAMES

FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES & ADDITIONAL NEEDS & THEIR SIBLINGS

Tin Can Alley, Giant Connect 4, Bow & Arrows, Ball games & Giant Snakes & Ladders and more.

with **GOALSBEYONDGRASS**

**MONDAY 12TH FEBRUARY**  
**11AM - 1PM**  
**£1 PER CHILD**

BOOKING IS REQUIRED AS SPACES ARE NUMBERED. CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES  
Email Bookings@chamwellcentre.org.uk or call 01452 767700  
THE CHAMWELL CENTRE CHARITY, LONGFORD LANE, LONGLEEVENS, GLOS GL3 9EU

#### SOFT PLAY

in the School Holidays

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  
OPENING HOURS:  
WEEKDAYS 10AM - 5PM  
WEEKENDS 10AM - 5PM

Scan to book

Available for ALL children to enjoy

THE CHAMWELL CENTRE CHARITY ENCOURAGES AND SUPPORTS AN INTEGRATED, INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

Overhead hoist in the 3-tier soft play

LONGFORD LANE, LONGLEEVENS, GLOUCESTER GL3 4EU

#### Valentine's Disco

FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES & ADDITIONAL NEEDS AND THEIR SIBLINGS

**WEDNESDAY 14TH FEBRUARY**  
**2PM TIL 4PM**  
**AT THE CHAMWELL CENTRE**

£1 PER CHILD

HOSTED WITH **GOALSBEYONDGRASS**

THERE WILL BE MUSIC FROM A SPEAKER. THERE WILL BE NO FLASHING LIGHTS. THE MAIN LIGHTS WILL BE ON. CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT AT ALL TIMES FOR CHILDREN UP TO THE AGE OF 16

PRE-BOOKING IS REQUIRED AS SPACES ARE NUMBERED  
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### HYDRO POOL - ACCESSIBLE

15M POOL \* 34 DEGREES \* MAX DEPTH 1.35 METRES \* LIFE GUARDED \* FULLY ACCESSIBLE \* MALE & FEMALES CHANGING ROOMS \* CHANGING ROOM WITH CHANGING BEDS & HOIST DIRECTLY INTO THE POOL

Membership is £5 per year for an individual / £10 per year for a family.

Health questions on the membership application form will be reviewed by a Chamwell Centre professional to determine the safety of the applicant for the hydrotherapy pool.

From there visits to use the pool can be booked in - 45 minutes £7 for an adult or a child. This is using the facility on a self-led basis.

Bookings@chamwellcentre.org.uk 01452 767700

Adventure Playground  
open daily  
- FREE of CHARGE





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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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## Dates for Your Diary

### 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
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Elm class trip Waterways Museum
- 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>

