



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date – 08.02.2024

Dear Families

As we come to the end of another busy half term, I wanted to take this opportunity to celebrate the fantastic achievements of our children at Willow Primary Academy. It has been a term filled with hard work, dedication, and growth, and we couldn't be prouder of what our children have accomplished.

While we take a well-deserved break during the half term, it is essential to keep in mind the importance of maintaining positive momentum. We encourage all parents and carers to support their child's learning outside of school by engaging in meaningful activities that enhance their knowledge and skills.

Reading remains a cornerstone of education, and we encourage you to ensure that your child has access to a wide range of books suitable for their age and interests. Spend time discussing the books they are reading and encourage them to explore new genres and authors. The local library is an excellent resource for finding exciting reads.

We understand that the half term break can be a time of relaxation and enjoyment for families. We encourage you to create a balance between rest and engaging activities. Ensuring your child gets enough sleep, eats healthily, and has plenty of downtime is crucial for their overall well-being.

As we bid farewell to the another half term, we would like to extend our gratitude to you, the parents and carers, for your continuous support and partnership. Together, we can ensure that our students receive the best possible education and guidance.

We wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming our children back on Monday 19th February 2024 for what promises to be another exciting and fulfilling term at Willow Primary Academy. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Have a great half term break!

Pete Hales



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Willow's Learning!!!

Willow has had a great week in Birch Class!



He has learnt his two times tables in maths fluency, how to order lengths in maths, enjoyed reading time in the book corner and reading during DEAR time.



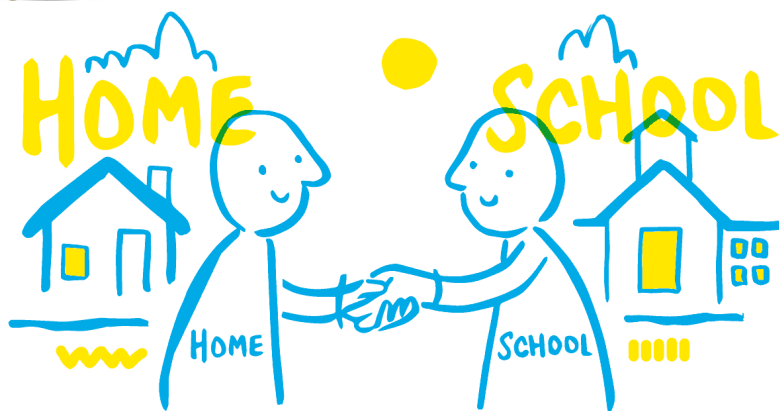
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Family Engagement



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

It's important that every child has someone they trust that they can ask for help. There'll be times when children need advice or support. There'll also be times when you need to explain something that might upset them. You might need to start a difficult conversation because you have to break some bad news or ask them about something you're worried about. The NSPCC has lots of good advice for helping you decide how to talk to your child in an age-appropriate and supportive way. But remember that you know your child best, so trust your judgement about what's going to work for them. For more information and support use the link below to view the NSPCC resources.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>



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 sweatshirts and cardigans 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.



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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 – Isla

Ash – Elijah and Lacie-Mae

Birch – TJ

Chestnut – Bonnie and Lavinia

Elm - Calian

Maple – Chelsea and Efe

Oak – Cain and Lily

PRIDE Champions

Acorn - Ramsey

Birch – Chrystal

Elm – Eliza





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!



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Attendance Superstars

This week: 87.06 %

Our year so far: 91.87 %

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	83.95%
Ash	86.67%
Birch	89.80%
Chestnut	87.06%
Elm	88.21%
Maple	81.25%
Oak	93.96%



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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Pied Piper Appeal
Making a difference to sick and disabled children in Gloucestershire

PYJAMA DAY

COMFY FOR A CAUSE,
PUT ON YOUR PJS AND JOIN THE PIPEDREAM!

FRIDAY
24TH MAY
2024

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO
THE PIED PIPER APPEAL
GLOUCESTER ROYAL HOSPITAL

£1.00
DONATION





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PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2024

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

TESCO

Kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024

SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

GREENE KING PUBS

Kids Eat Free all-day with the purchase of an adult's meal. Deal, Monday-Friday, between Mon 12th - Friday 23rd February 2024

TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase a full priced adult's main meal (App needed)

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

MORRISONS

Spend £4.49 and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

YO! SUSHI

From Mon 12th - Fri 23rd February 2024 kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

At Dobbies, for every adult breakfast or lunch purchase, kids eat for FREE. Every Day!

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

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We have had some cases of Scarlet Fever at school over the past couple of weeks. Just keep an eye out for the early symptoms which can be high temperature, a sore throat, swollen neck glands. A rash appears later. If your child has scarlet fever keep them off from school for at least 24hrs after starting treatment.





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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

- 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 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 13th May 2024 - Ash class Assembly
- Thursday 23rd May – Whole Trust Trip to Cattle Country
- Friday 24th May – Pied Piper pyjama day
- 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

