



# Pride News...

## Headteacher's Message...

Date – 23.02.2024

Dear Families

I hope this letter finds you well and that you had a restful and enjoyable half term break with your children. As we return to school, I wanted to share some important information and recommendations for the upcoming term.

### **1. Attendance and Punctuality**

We understand that absences may occur, especially after a holiday, however, I would like to stress the importance of regular attendance. Attending school regularly not only ensures that your child doesn't miss out on important learning opportunities but also helps them develop good habits for the future. Please make every effort to ensure your child is on time for school, as lateness can disrupt the learning environment for the entire class.

### **2. Uniform Policy**

I would like to remind you of our school's uniform policy. It is essential that all children come to school dressed appropriately, wearing the correct uniform. This not only promotes a sense of belonging and pride in the school community but also prepares your child for the expectations they will encounter in the real world.

### **3. Homework Expectations**

Homework plays a crucial role in consolidating learning and developing independent study skills. As such, I encourage you to support your child in completing their homework tasks on time. By providing a quiet and structured environment for them to work in, you can help them develop good study habits and set a positive example.

### **4. Parent-Teacher Communication**

Maintaining an open line of communication with parents is vital for the success of our children. If you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress or well-being, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. Together, we can ensure that your child receives the support and guidance they need to reach their full potential.

### **5. Upcoming Events**

Lastly, as we plunge into the new term, I wanted to inform you about some exciting events and activities that we have planned for the coming weeks. These events will not only provide an opportunity for your child to engage in new experiences but also foster a sense of community within the school. Keep an eye on Class Dojo and newsletters for more information.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. We are looking forward to a productive and successful term together. Should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Pete Hales



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## Willow's Learning!!!





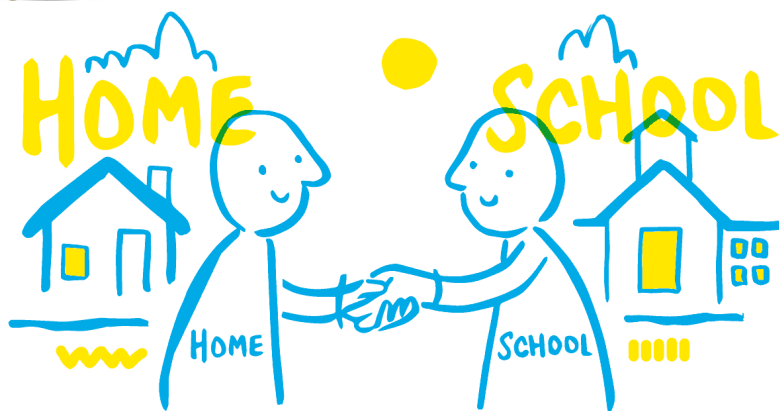
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## Family Engagement



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

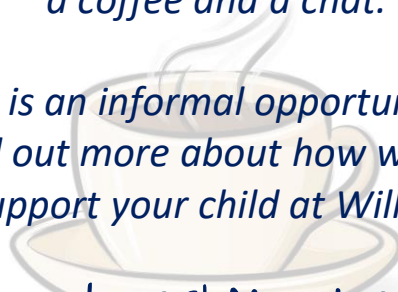


### Coffee Morning

*Come and join our Writing Leads, Carly Tonks and Lisa Simmonds 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 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024**  
from 9.00 am to 10.00 am





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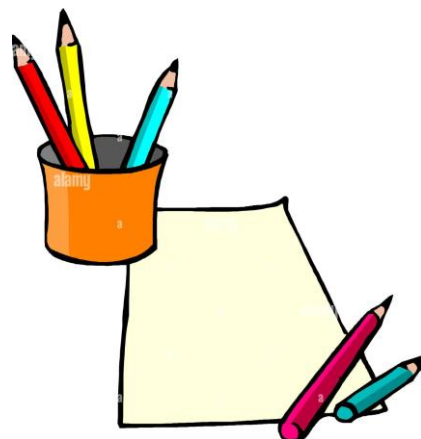
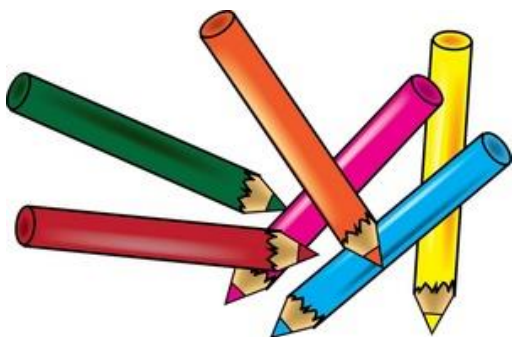
## Friends of Willow!

Friends of Willow are in need of a logo!

Would your child like to enter the competition to design a logo that Friends of Willow can use? Please send in your drawings to the office with your name and class on and then we will choose our winner!

You can collect paper from the office if needed.

Good Luck!!!



### Upcoming events

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – coin trail

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Easter egg hunt trail

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Art exhibition

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – Summer games afternoon





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## Free Spring Activities for Children, Young People & Families



An update on HAF booking this spring...

Following the successful trial during the winter. We will continue to allow families time to browse all of the activities that are on offer one week before they are available to book online.

From 4th of March at 12pm, you will be able to view all the activities on offer in March/April. This means you will be ready when **activity booking goes live at 12pm on the 11th of March.**

**The Spring HAF Activities will take place between 25th of March and 5th of April.**

Activities for Families living in Gloucester City Can be found here: [www.gloscityhaf.co.uk](http://www.gloscityhaf.co.uk)

Setting up a CABS account is easy:  
Scan this QR Code with a phone camera for quick access



If you need any HAF related help then please contact us:

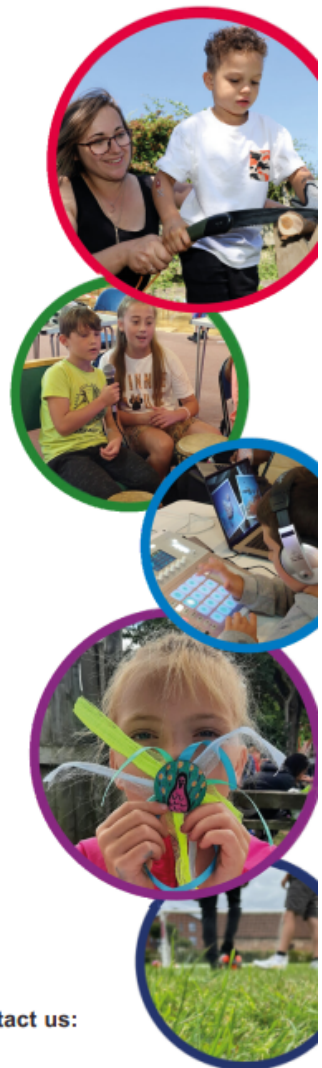
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## In Other News

### Online Safety Tip of the Week



### Listen up, Speak up



It takes a village to raise a child. And it takes a community to keep children safe. That's why we're encouraging every adult in the UK to take our 10-minute digital training and learn how to listen up and speak up for children.

### Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

#### Substance Misuse

This week, our focus is on parental substance use. Parents who have a substance use problem can have chaotic, unpredictable lifestyles and may struggle to meet their children's needs. This may result in their children being at risk of harm. Parents who have a substance use problem may have difficulty: staying organised and giving their children effective and consistent support, keeping their home and family clean or recognising and responding appropriately to their own and their children's physical needs. Parents who drink excessively or have a drug use problem can also become emotionally unavailable to their children. Another effect may be that a child may have to take on the role of carer for their family. This could include doing the housework and looking after younger siblings. Visit the NSPCC website or call their helpline on 0800 800 5000 for more

information

**Safeguarding**



## 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** – Alaia and Toby

**Ash** – Delilah and Sanaiyah

**Chestnut** – Poppy and Khadijah

**Elm** - Adi and Athena

**Maple** – Brett and Kayla

**Oak** – Jasmine and Ethan

### PRIDE Champions

**Birch** - Taliyah & Chelsea





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, STAR AND SANAIYAH

BIRCH – LILY, JOHN-BOY AND CALLUM

CHESTNUT – ETHAN, LAVINIA AND KALEL

ELM – ADRIAN, ELIANA AND ZOFIA.

MAPLE – JAZMYN, SHAYLA-RAI AND

MEGAN

OAK – LOGAN, KOBI AND AJ



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: 92.09%**

**Our year so far: 91.92 %**

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	97.18%
Ash	85.42%
Birch	94.07%
Chestnut	93.83%
Elm	93.41%
Maple	86.58%
Oak	95.45%



## 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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## Dates for Your Diary

### School Events

- 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
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Ash class trip to Gloucester City Centre.
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Oak Class trip to Pitt River Museum
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Birch class Assembly
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 - FOW Coin trail.
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Red Nose Day
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 – FOW Easter egg hunt trail
- 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 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Birch class trip to W-S-M.
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - FOW Art Exhibition Sale
- 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 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 - Ash class Assembly
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Whole Trust Trip to Cattle Country
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Pied Piper pyjama day
- 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
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - FOW Summer Games Afternoon
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Oak Class Residential

