



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date – 15.03.2024

Dear Families

We hope this letter finds you well. We are delighted to inform you that we have been celebrating British Science Week. This annual celebration is a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage in a range of exciting scientific activities and explore the wonders of the world around them.

Throughout the week, our dedicated team of teachers have prepared a series of interactive experiments that will allow our pupils to delve deeper into the diverse fields of science. We planned activities and investigations suitable for all age groups, ensuring that every pupil can participate and learn at their own level. We believe that this celebration of science will ignite our students' curiosity, and promote hands-on learning. It is our aim to instill a passion for scientific inquiry and inspire our students to consider future careers in science-related fields.

To fully engage with British Science Week, we kindly request your support at home. Here are some recommendations on how you can contribute to your child's development in Science:

1. Encourage your child to ask questions: Encouraging curiosity is crucial in developing a scientific mindset. Encourage your child to ask questions about the world around them and help them find answers through research or experimentation.
2. Discuss scientific concepts and discoveries: Engage in conversations about scientific topics, breakthroughs, and discoveries. This will not only enhance your child's understanding but also foster their critical thinking skills.
3. Support science-related activities at home: You can supplement your child's learning by engaging in science-related activities at home. This could include conducting simple experiments, watching educational documentaries, or visiting science museums or exhibitions together.

We strongly believe that by working together, we have made British Science Week a memorable educational experience for all our children. We look forward to your support in celebrating this exciting event and nurturing our students' love for science.

If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

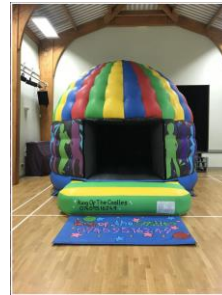
Have a great weekend!

Pete Hales



COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Come and join us for an afternoon of celebration following our successful Ofsted Report!



Date: Wednesday 20th March

Time: 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm

Location: Willow Primary Academy and The Piper Centre

“The school is at the heart of the community.”



“One parent's comment was, 'The school is amazing in every possible way'.”



“As a result of a well-thought-out curriculum and high expectations, children get off to a flying start.”



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Willow's Learning during Science week!!!



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In Other News

Online Safety Tip of the Week



Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

Operation Encompass

This week our focus is on Operation Encompass. This is a police and education early information sharing partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support for children experiencing the impact of domestic abuse. Information is shared by the police with a school's trained Key Adult (DSL) prior to the start of the next school day when officers have attended a domestic abuse incident. Children experiencing domestic abuse are negatively impacted by this exposure; with domestic abuse identified as an Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE). Operation Encompass aims to mitigate this harm by enabling immediate support and thus making the child's day better.



Payments Reminder

To pay for school trips etc on ParentPay, we are a cashless school. If you need a ParentPay log in please speak to the school office.

School uniform

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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 – Adam and Elevate

Ash – Class Certificate

Birch – Class certificate

Chestnut – Remy and Aquan

Elm - Izobel

Maple – Sam and Winter

Oak – Davien, Malachi and Leah H

PRIDE Champions

Elm – Alisha

Oak - Kobi





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Attendance Superstars

This week: 86%

Our year so far: 91.51%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	88.70%
Ash	86.67%
Birch	88%
Chestnut	88.80%
Elm	94.33%
Maple	72.33%
Oak	85.36%



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 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 15th March 2024 – Red Nose Day
- Friday 15th March 2024 – Friday 22nd March 2024 – Easter egg hunt trail
- 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 11th April 2024 - Art Exhibition Sale
- 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
- Friday 5th July 2024 - Summer Games Afternoon
- Monday 8th July 2024 – Wednesday 10th July 2024 – Oak Class Residential

