



# Pride News...

## Headteacher's Message...

Date – 22.03.2024

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you well and you and your family are looking forward to a restful break. As we approach the end of this term, I wanted to take a moment to provide you with an update on our school's activities and plans for the upcoming summer term.

Firstly, I would like to extend my warmest congratulations to all our children for their hard work and achievements over the past term. Our children have consistently demonstrated excellent progress in their academic subjects, displaying a commendable commitment to their education. During this summer term, we will focus on further building upon their skills and knowledge across all subjects. We highly recommend that parents continue to foster a supportive environment at home, encouraging regular reading and engaging in practical activities related to the children's learning.

The summer term promises to be an exciting one, filled with various events aimed at enriching the educational experience of our children. We will be organizing a number of events including a whole school trip to Cattle Country, Sports Day and our re-scheduled Community Celebration following our successful Ofsted Report. Further details will come out in due course.

As we move into the Summer Term and hopefully some warmer weather I would like to remind all families of the uniform expectations at Willow Primary Academy. This is detailed later in the newsletter.

Finally, I would like to remind you of the importance of maintaining open lines of communication between home and school. We greatly value your feedback and encourage you to contact us with any queries or concerns you may have. Our dedicated staff and I are always available to help and support our children and their families. Class Dojo and Facebook will continue to serve as a valuable resource for updates, important dates, and curriculum materials. I encourage you to visit it regularly.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. Together, we can create an enriching and nurturing environment for our children to succeed and thrive. Wishing you a joyful and restful end of the break, and we look forward to welcoming our children back for an exciting summer term.

Happy Easter!

Pete Hales

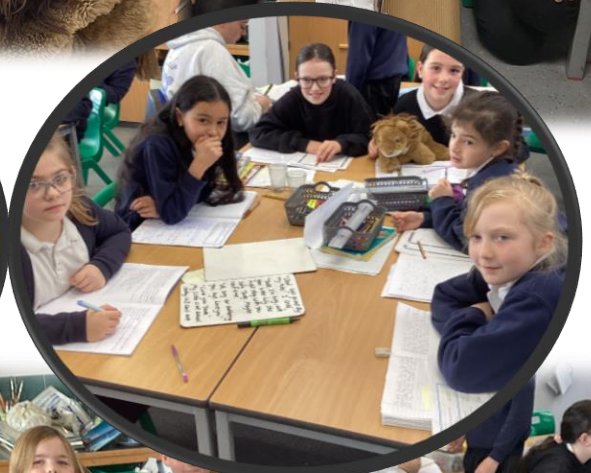


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Willow's Learning!!!

## Elm Class



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## Coin Trail!

The children had a great time making a trail out of the coins brought in.

Acorn class - 30 meters

Ash class - 11 meters

Birch class - 28 meters

Chestnut class - 31.5 meters

Elm class - 32.5 meters

Maple class - 14 meters

Oak class - 37.5 meters.



Winners are Oak class!! Well done



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## EASTER SPORTS CAMPS

Sports Development with  
Social-emotional Learning



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

Kingsway Primary Academy, GL2 2AR

Westlea Primary School, SN5 7BT

Cam Woodfield Juniors, GL11 6JJ

St Peter's Academy, SN14 0LL

Benhall Infants, GL51 6PS

St Briavel's Primary, GL15 6TD

R-Y6

9am- 4pm

£12.50/DAY  
(IF WHOLE WEEK)

£15/DAY  
(SINGLE DAYS)

BOOK NOW TO AVOID YOUR  
CHILD'S DISAPPOINTMENT

### 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.

To Book - click on link or copy into your browser

 [the-sports-project.class4kids.co.uk/camps](https://the-sports-project.class4kids.co.uk/camps)

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## In Other News

### Online Safety Tip of the Week



### Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

#### Self Harm

This week's focus is self harm. For some young people, self harm can be a way of releasing tension and or coping with difficult feelings. The physical pain of hurting themselves can be a distraction from the emotional pain they are struggling with. Some difficult experiences or emotions can make self-harm more likely in children: for example, having low self-esteem or feeling like they're not good enough, or grieving or having problems with family relationships.

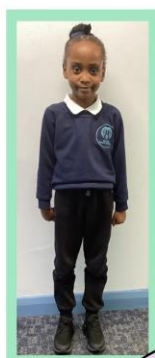
Signs that children are self harming can include; covering up, unexplained bruises, becoming withdrawn and spending a lot of time alone in their room. Supporting a child that self harms includes helping a child to manage their emotions and looking at the root of the self harming. For more information on self harm visit

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/>



### 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** – Jersie-Mae and Amelia

**Ash** – Shaylan and Zenaya

**Birch** – Charles and Hanna

**Chestnut** – Tommy and Lavinia

**Elm** – Marianna and Lilly-Maye

**Maple** – Skyla and Lilli-Rai

**Oak** – Isaiah and Calvin

### PRIDE Champions





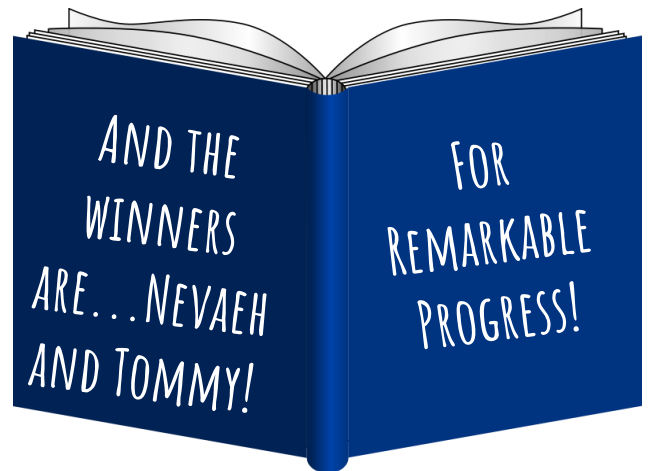
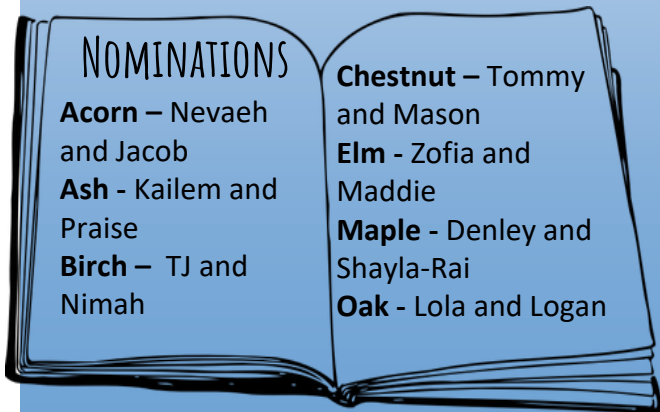
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STAR READER...



### 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 – KAILEM, ELIORA AND CHARLIE  
BIRCH – TALIAH, LILY AND TJ  
CHESTNUT – REMY, SOPHIA AND DANEEN  
ELM – IZOBEL, ADI AND ELIANA  
MAPLE – SHAYLA-RAI, MEGAN AND  
JAZMYN  
OAK – LOGAN, KOBI, LEAH S



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: 92.15%**

**Our year so far: 91.54%**

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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Class	Attendance
Acorn	88.33%
Ash	91.62%
Birch	94.67%
Chestnut	89.60%
Elm	98.89%
Maple	84.73%
Oak	97.50%



## 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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### School Events

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 - 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 - Summer Games Afternoon

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Oak Class Residential

