



# Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date – 12.04.2024

Dear Families

I hope this letter finds you well and that you've had a relaxing break during the Easter holidays. As we embark on the Summer term, I wanted to reach out and share some information about what to expect in the coming weeks at Willow Primary Academy.

First and foremost, I want to stress the importance of high expectations for all our children. As we start this term, I encourage you to ensure that your child always comes to school with the correct school uniform. We are having a high focus on presentation and a copy of our presentation guidelines are included on the next page.

Attendance plays a crucial role in your child's progress and success at school. Regular attendance is vital for their learning and development. I kindly ask that you ensure your child is punctual and present at all times, barring any exceptional circumstances. In case of illness, please do inform the school as soon as possible.

Throughout this term, we will be focusing on engaging lessons, exciting projects, and fostering a supportive learning environment for all our students. I encourage you to continue your involvement in your child's education by checking their homework, communicating with teachers, and attending any events that may be scheduled.

Please remember that our school doors are always open, so feel free to reach out to us with any questions, concerns, or feedback you may have. We are dedicated to providing the best possible education for your child and value your partnership in this journey.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Together, we can work towards a successful and fulfilling Summer term for all our children.

Pete Hales



## Presentation Guidelines

### Things to remember while you're working:

#### Handwriting:

- All written work should be done in your neatest writing.
- Capital letters and letters with tall ascenders should be clear.
- Letters should be formed and sized correctly, and your writing should sit on the line.
- If you are able to join properly, you should always join your writing.
- You should leave a clear, sensible space between words.
- You should start your writing against your margin after each line.
- Leave a line after each paragraph.

#### Maths books:

- Always use a ruler to draw a margin
- You should keep your work organised by putting one digit in each square.
- When writing ideas, you should sit your writing on the lines.

#### Using lines:

- Any lines drawn in your books should be done with a ruler and be in pencil

#### Making mistakes:

- If you make a mistake, cross it out with a single line.

#### Sticking things in:

- Anything stuck into your book must be stuck straight. Nothing should hang outside of the page and the corners should be glued down.

#### Editing or correcting:

- To enable improved editing you should miss a line between each line of writing
- If you are asked to correct or edit your work after feedback, you should use a purple pen to make neat, clear corrections.

#### Spelling and punctuation:

- If you are copying work from books or the board, there should be no spelling mistakes.
- You should always take care to spell words correctly, especially common words. If you are not sure how to spell a word, sound it out carefully or use a dictionary to check spelling.
- You must always check to make sure that you have punctuated your writing correctly.
- Before you say you have finished, you should proofread your work to make sure you have spotted and corrected any mistakes.

#### Effort:

- Every piece of work in your books should be the very best that you can do. If it is not, you may be asked to redo it in your own time.



## In Other News

### Online Safety Tip of the Week



### Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

#### Young Carers

This week our safeguarding focus is on young carers. The term young carer is used to describe someone aged under 18, who helps look after a relative who has a disability, illness, mental health condition or a drug or alcohol problem. Most young carers look after one of their parents or care for a brother or sister. They do extra jobs around the house such as cooking, cleaning or helping someone to get dressed or move around. The pressure of looking after a family member can affect the young carer academically and socially, as they know they have extra responsibilities. If you feel that your child is a young carer or you know of another child who may be one, please make us aware so that we can help and support. There are many organisations locally and nationally that can also provide support.



### 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.



# 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** – Johnny and Elevate

**Ash** – Casey-Joe and Kailem

**Birch** – Oscar and Archie

**Chestnut** – Oakley and Andrew

**Elm** - Anayah and Brody D-G

**Maple** – Megan and Kelsie

**Oak** – Daniel, Calvin and Morgan

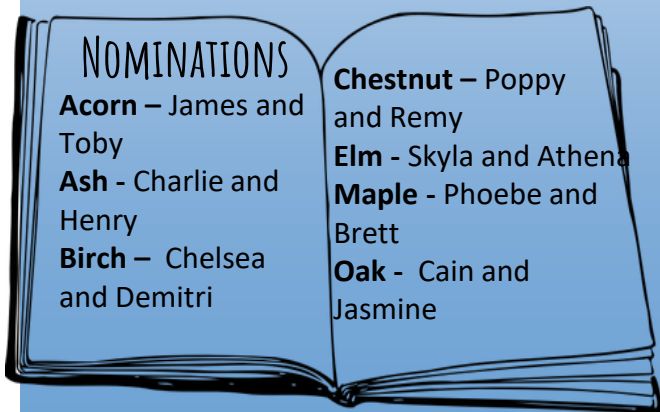
### *PRIDE Champions*





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 – CHARLIE, LACIE-MAE AND ZENAYA  
BIRCH – TALIVAH, LILY AND CALLUM  
CHESTNUT – AQUAN, DANEEN AND  
REMY  
ELM – ADI, ELIANA AND ALISHA  
MAPLE – SHAYLA-RAI, MEGAN, JAZMYN  
OAK – LOGAN, KOBI AND AYAAZ



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: 94.02%**

**Our year so far: 91.76%**

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	98.21%
Ash	93.62%
Birch	98.21%
Chestnut	91.40%
Elm	96.08%
Maple	96.46%
Oak	98.99%



### 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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Thursday 11th April 2024 – Birch class trip to W-S-M.

Thursday 18th April 2024 – KS2 bookshop in school.

Thursday 18th April 2024 - Art Exhibition Sale. 3:15pm-4:15pm.

Thursday 18th April 2024- Friends of Willow meeting.

Thursday 25th April 2024 – Coffee Morning with Headteacher and Head of Piper Centre 9:00am – 10:00am

Monday 6th May 2024- May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7th May 2024- Dalmatians dress up day

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 5th June 2024- Elm class trip to Waterways Museum.

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

Monday 15th July 2024- Willow and Piper Centre open afternoon. 1:30-2:30pm.

Tuesday 16th July 2024- Willow and Piper Centre Year 6 leavers play. 9:30-11:00am.

Wednesday 17th July 2024- Willow and Piper Centre Year 6 leavers play. 1:30-2:30pm.

Friday 19th July 2024- Willow and Piper Centre year 6 leavers assembly. 9:30-10:30am.

