



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date – 19.04.2024

Dear Families

Uniform

I wanted to take a moment to extend a warm "Well done!" to all our children for consistently wearing the correct school uniform. Your efforts in ensuring your child is dressed appropriately for school do not go unnoticed. Wearing the correct uniform is not just about following the school rules; it also instils a sense of pride in belonging to our school community. It sets a positive tone for the day and helps our children to focus on their learning without unnecessary distractions.

I would like to remind all parents that adhering to the uniform policy is crucial. It promotes equality among children and creates a sense of unity within our school. By dressing correctly, our children are better prepared for their educational journey and future endeavours. Thank you for your continued support in upholding our school's uniform policy. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or need clarification regarding the uniform guidelines. Together, we can create a positive and conducive learning environment for all our children. Once again, a big "Well done!" to all our children. Let's continue to work together to encourage them to uphold our school values and standards.

Walking to School

Walking to school is a fantastic way for children to get exercise, fresh air, and socialize with their friends. However, it is crucial that we ensure they are safe on their journey to and from school. Here are some essential recommendations to help keep our children safe while walking to school:

- 1. Buddy System:** Encourage your child to walk with a friend or in a group whenever possible. There is safety in numbers, and children are more visible to drivers when in a group.
- 2. Road Safety:** Remind your child about the importance of using pedestrian crossings, looking both ways before crossing the road, and making eye contact with drivers to ensure they have been seen.
- 3. Stranger Danger:** Teach your child about the potential risks of interacting with strangers and what to do if they feel uncomfortable or threatened.
- 4. Weather Conditions:** Ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather conditions, especially during the darker months when visibility may be reduced.
- 5. Mobile Phones:** If your child has a mobile phone, remind them to keep it charged and with them at all times in case of emergencies.
- 6. Communication:** Encourage open communication between you and your child. If they encounter any issues or concerns while walking to school, they should feel comfortable sharing them with you.

Please take the time to discuss these safety tips with your children and reinforce the importance of being vigilant and cautious when walking to school.

Bookshop

I wanted to share the fantastic news about our one-off bookshop at school. The children and staff were loving it! It's been amazing to see the buzz around the bookshop and we hope it will help to encourage our children to read more. Thanks for all your support in promoting reading among our children. Let's keep inspiring a new generation of book lovers!

Tag Rugby

Willow played their first ever tag rugby league match tonight and won! We played Grange and the final score was 7-5. All of the children played so well, passing backwards, running and tagging the other team. We will continue to improve, well done to all of you!

Pete Hales



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Willow's Learning!!!

Willow has had a great time in Birch class!





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In Other News

Online Safety Tip of the Week



Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

Stranger Danger

This week our safeguarding focus is on danger from strangers.. Evidence shows that children are in fact often in greater danger from people they know, from other children, or on the internet, but abuse and dangerous situations do continue to happen outside the home and it is important to teach your child how to stay safe. It helps to teach your children how to identify and respond to threatening situations. Children need to understand the difference between strangers who could hurt them and strangers who may help them. Let them know who they can trust if they need help. Explain that they must tell a trusted adult if they have been approached by someone they do not know or if they feel uncomfortable about a situation. Ensure your child is aware of their surroundings, and alert to potential danger when walking or playing outside.



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 – Toby and James

Ash – Lacie-Mae and Syreese

Birch – Ronald and Callum

Chestnut – Alfie and Lexie

Elm - Zofia and Kyron

Maple – Skyla and River

Oak – Leah S and Willow

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 – PRAISE, GIORGIO AND FRANCES
BIRCH – LILY, CALLUM AND OSCAR
CHESTNUT – REMY, ETHAN AND AQUAN
ELM – ADI, SAMUEL AND ZOFIA
MAPLE – SHAYLA-RAI, MEGAN AND EFE
OAK – LOGAN, WILLOW AND MATTHEW



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: 91%

Our year so far: 91.75 %

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	87.08%
Ash	92.59%
Birch	92.50%
Chestnut	87.31%
Elm	96.67%
Maple	88%
Oak	92.86%



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

- 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.

