



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date – 26.04.2024

Dear Families

Presentation of Work

I wanted to take a moment to discuss an important matter regarding your child's school work – their presentation. I have observed that paying attention to the way work is presented can significantly benefit your child's learning.

Beyond neatness, presentation plays a crucial role in helping your child develop organisational skills, attention to detail, and a sense of pride in their work. When students take the time to present their work thoughtfully, it demonstrates their dedication and can enhance their understanding and retention of key concepts.

I kindly request your assistance in encouraging your child to consider how they present their work. Here are some practical suggestions to help them improve in this area:

- Encourage neat handwriting and ensure legibility.
- Support them in structuring their work.
- Teach them the importance of proofreading for spelling, punctuation, and grammar accuracy.

By incorporating these strategies into their work routine, your child can develop the skills necessary to present their work effectively, benefiting not only their academic performance but also their future endeavours.

Thank you for your ongoing support in your child's educational journey. Together, we can empower them to excel at school and beyond.

Safeguarding

I am delighted to inform you that following a recent audit, our school has been commended for our robust safeguarding procedures and practices. The audit found that our safeguarding measures are not only in line with the requirements but also exceed them in many areas. This is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our staff in ensuring the safety and well-being of all our children.

As parents, your role in safeguarding is crucial. We encourage open communication between home and school, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns regarding your child's safety or well-being. It is important that we work together to create a safe and supportive environment for all our children.

Should you have any queries or require further guidance on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Your involvement in your child's education is greatly valued.

Have a great weekend!

Pete Hales



COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

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



Date: Friday 17th May

Time: 2.00 pm to 4.00 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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In Other News

Online Safety Tip of the Week



Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

Safeguarding Responsibilities

The main safeguarding document relevant to schools is 'Keeping Children Safe in Education', strongly states that 'safeguarding is everybody's responsibility'. Safeguarding means keeping children safe from harm or neglect. There are lots of ways in which we safeguard children. These include: making sure the school site is physically safe, supporting families with varying needs, ensuring children are able to talk to an adult if they feel unsafe and ensuring that safeguarding underpins the culture and ethos in school. If you are concerned about the safety of a child you can contact the Children's Helpdesk on 01452 426565. If you feel a child is at immediate risk of significant harm, contact the police on 999.



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 – Logan and Ezra

Ash – Sanaiyah

Birch – Lily

Chestnut – Elijah and Bonnie

Elm - Brody B and Lacey-Mai

Maple – Violet and Emelia

Oak – Theo and Matthew

PRIDE Champions

Nimah – Birch

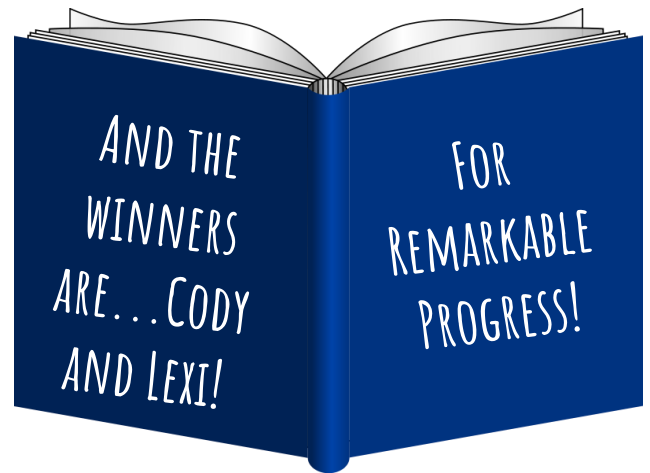
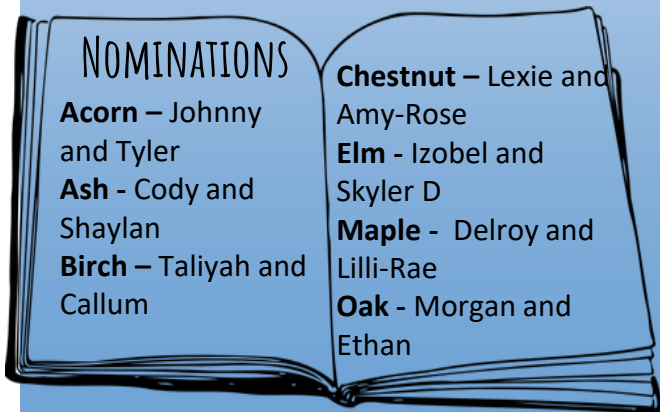
Star - Ash





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 – LACIE-MAE, CHARLIE AND DELILAH
BIRCH – LILY, CALLUM AND HANNA
CHESTNUT – ETHAN, KEELEY AND
KHADIJAH
ELM – ADI, ALISHA AND OBI
MAPLE – SHAYLA, MEGAN, KAYLA
OAK – MORGAN, LOGAN AND DAVIEN



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: 89.77%

Our year so far: 91.66%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	92.50%
Ash	92.38%
Birch	86.25%
Chestnut	89.62%
Elm	97.93%
Maple	85.86%
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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Term Dates for 2024 – 2025



SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2024/25



SEPTEMBER					OCTOBER					NOVEMBER							
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	7	14	21	28	Mon	4	11	18	25		
Tues	3	10	17	24		Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues	5	12	19	26	
Wed	4	11	18	25		Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed	6	13	20	27	
Thur	5	12	19	26		Thur	3	10	17	24	31	Thur	7	14	21	28	
Fri	6	13	20	27		Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat		7	14	21	28	Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	3	10	17	24	
DECEMBER					JANUARY					FEBRUARY							
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	6	13	20	27	Mon	3	10	17	24		
Tues	3	10	17	24	31	Tues	7	14	21	28	Tues	4	11	18	25		
Wed	4	11	18	25		Wed	1	8	15	22	29	Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thur	5	12	19	26		Thur	2	9	16	23	30	Thur	6	13	20	27	
Fri	6	13	20	27		Fri	3	10	17	24	31	Fri	7	14	21	28	
Sat		7	14	21	28	Sat	4	11	18	25		Sat	1	8	15	22	
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	5	12	19	26		Sun	2	9	16	23	
MARCH					APRIL					MAY							
Mon	3	10	17	24	31	Mon	7	14	21	28	Mon	5	12	19	26		
Tues	4	11	18	25		Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues	6	13	20	27	
Wed	5	12	19	26		Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed	7	14	21	28	
Thur	6	13	20	27		Thur	3	10	17	24		Thur	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	7	14	21	28		Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	3	10	17	24	31
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	4	11	18	25	
JUNE					JULY					AUGUST							
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	Mon	7	14	21	28	Mon	4	11	18	25		
Tues	3	10	17	24		Tues	1	8	15	22	29	Tues	5	12	19	26	
Wed	4	11	18	25		Wed	2	9	16	23	30	Wed	6	13	20	27	
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Fri	6	13	20	27		Fri	4	11	18	25		Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat		7	14	21	28	Sat	5	12	19	26		Sat	2	9	16	23	30
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	Sun	6	13	20	27		Sun	3	10	17	24	31

Term Time	Holidays
Bank Holiday	Inset Days

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 th December 2024 26 th December 2024
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Term 1: Mon 2 nd Sept – Fri 25 th Oct 2024	40 days
Term 2: Mon 4 th Nov – Fri 20 th Dec 2024	35 days
Term 3: Mon 6 th Jan - Fri 14 th Feb 2025	30 days
Term 4: Mon 24 th Feb – Fri 11 th Apr 2025	35 days
Term 5: Mon 28 th April – Fri 23 rd May 2025	19 days
Term 6: Mon 2 nd June – Mon 21 st July 2025	36 days
Total	195 days*



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Dates for Your Diary

School Events

- 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 16th May 2024 – Year 3 and Year 4 Football Tournament
- Friday 17th May 2024 – Ofsted Community Celebration
- Thursday 23rd May 2024 – Whole Trust Trip to Cattle Country
- Friday 24th May 2024 – 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.

