



Dear Families

Tag Rugby

Willow lost yesterday's rugby match 6-2. I would especially like to congratulate A.J for being an awesome team captain and Isaiah, Lola, Lilly and Brody DG who played for the first time! Tag rugby practice is tomorrow lunchtime for anyone who wants to play.

Pick Up

Please can we ensure that children do not go to the play area or field at the end of the school day. At this time of day, parents need to take responsibility for the child and children need to remain close to their parents.

Gloucestershire Deaf Association

Pop on your spots and dress up for Gloucestershire Deaf Association! Bring £1 to raise money for this vital charity.

Have a great bank holiday weekend and we will see you on Tuesday 7th May 2024.

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’.”

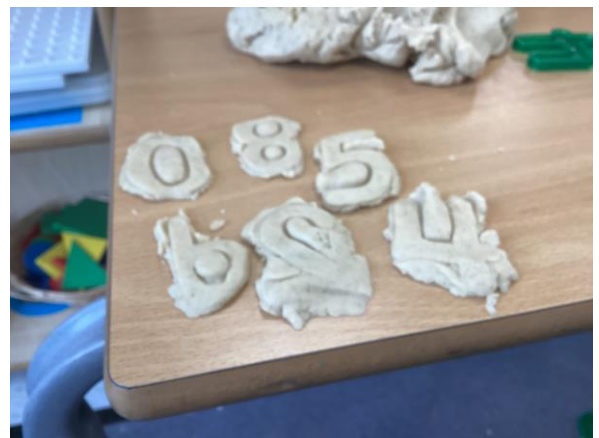
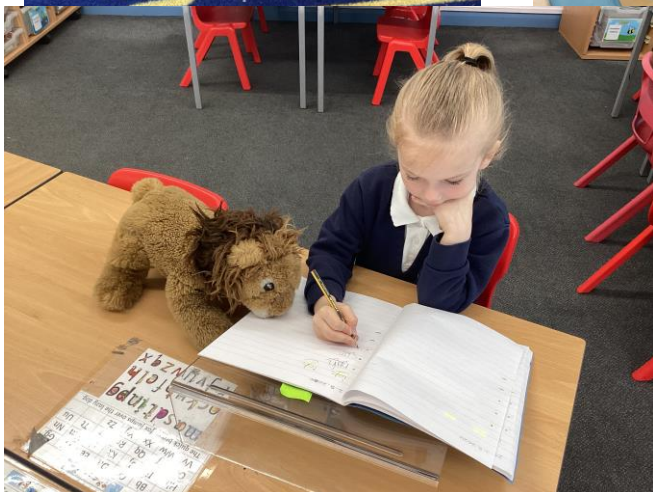


“As a result of a well-thought-out curriculum and high expectations, children get off to a flying start.”



Pride News...

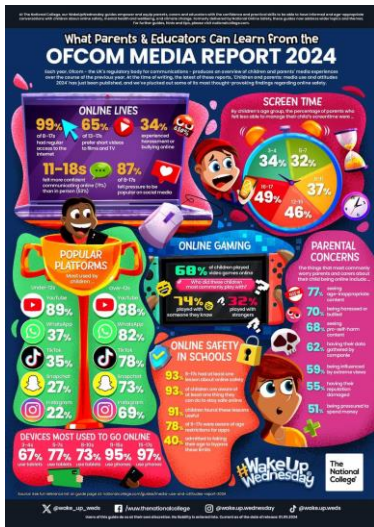
Willow's Learning!!!





In Other News

Online Safety Tip of the Week



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.

Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

Consent

This week's safeguarding focus is on consent. Consent means giving someone a choice about touch or actions and respecting their answer. At a simple level, it means asking for and waiting to hear a 'yes'. Consent is seeking and giving permission. School-age children are never too young to learn this in ways that make sense to them. If one friend wants to borrow something from another friend, they must get permission. If one friend wants to hug their friend, they should check if their friend is OK with that first. Linking permission-seeking to physical contact is an important part of safeguarding children. They need to be taught about boundaries, saying no to unwanted touch and seeking help when they are worried or upset by anything they have been asked to do or by how they have been touched.





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 – Jackson

Ash – Evie-Joyce and Lila

Birch – Charles and Logan

Chestnut – Lana and Ethan

Elm - Samuel and Lilly-Maye

Maple – Dawson and Brett

Oak – Ethan

PRIDE Champions

Acorn - Jacob

Ash- Lacie-Mae

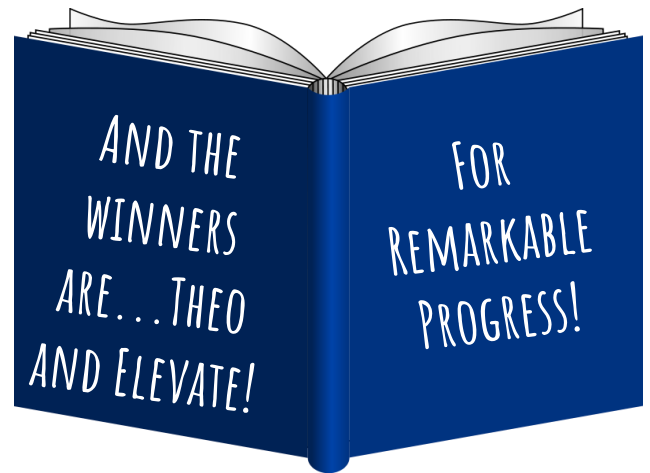
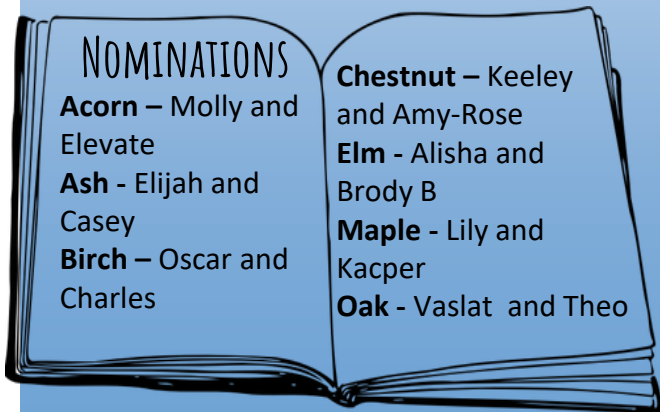
Oak - Lola





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, LILA AND PRAISE
BIRCH – LILU, CALLUM AND HANNA
CHESTNUT – KHADIJAH, ETHAN AND
ARCHIE
ELM – SAM, ADI, BRODY B AND IZOBEL
MAPLE – SHAYLA, MEGAN, SUMMER
OAK – DAVIEN, LOGAN, 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!!!



Pride News...

Attendance Superstars

This week: 88.35%

Our year so far: 91.67%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	82.19%
Ash	90.05%
Birch	91.25%
Chestnut	86.15%
Elm	83.33%
Maple	93.21%
Oak	93.0%



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





Pride News...

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](#)





Pride News...

Dates for Your Diary

School Events

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.

