



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date – 10.05.2024

Dear Families

Year 6 SATs

Year 6 SATs tests will begin on Monday 13 May - Thursday 16 May. Children will need to be in school by 8:00am. We will provide them with a breakfast, time to be with their friends and also to discuss any worries or concerns that they have. This is an extremely important week in the children's academic life and they MUST attend school everyday, with no exceptions. The children and staff have all been working so hard in the run up to these tests.

Upcoming Assessments

This term ahead is very busy, full of assessments to capture how much progress the children have made and to benchmark them nationally against other schools. Children in Year 1 will also take part in the phonics screening assessments. Staff will be working with all of the children on a 1:1 basis for these assessments between Monday 10 June - Friday 14 June. The last set of statutory assessments are for Year 4 who will be completing their multiplications tables check (MTC) between Monday 3 June - Friday 14 June.

Sun Safety

As we spend more time outdoors, please remember the importance of applying sunscreen to your child before they come to school. Sunscreen should be applied generously and regularly throughout the day, especially during outdoor playtimes and lunch breaks. It is crucial to use a high factor sunscreen to provide effective protection against UV rays.

Additionally, please ensure that your child wears a sun hat or cap to shield their face and head from direct sunlight. Encourage them to seek shade during the hottest parts of the day and to drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.

We also recommend that children wear sunglasses to protect their eyes from UV radiation. Look for sunglasses that offer good UVA and UVB protection to safeguard their vision during outdoor activities.

By working together to promote sun safety, we can ensure that our children enjoy the benefits of outdoor activities while reducing the risk of sunburn and long-term skin damage. Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our children safe and healthy in the sun.

Have a great weekend!

Pete Hales



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First and foremost, it's essential to ensure that the drinks your child brings to school are suitable for them. We recommend that children bring water. Water is not only hydrating but also free from any added sugars or artificial sweeteners, making it the healthiest choice for your child.

In line with our commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles among our students, we kindly ask that you refrain from sending fizzy drinks, energy drinks, or drinks high in sugar content to school with your child. These types of drinks can have a negative impact on a child's concentration, behaviour, and overall health.

We understand that children may sometimes crave a little variety in their drinks, so we also permit small portions of squash to be added to the water. However, please be mindful of the portion sizes to avoid excessive sugar intake.

In addition, please ensure that any drinks sent to school are in a suitable, spill-proof container to avoid any accidents or unnecessary mess in the classroom.

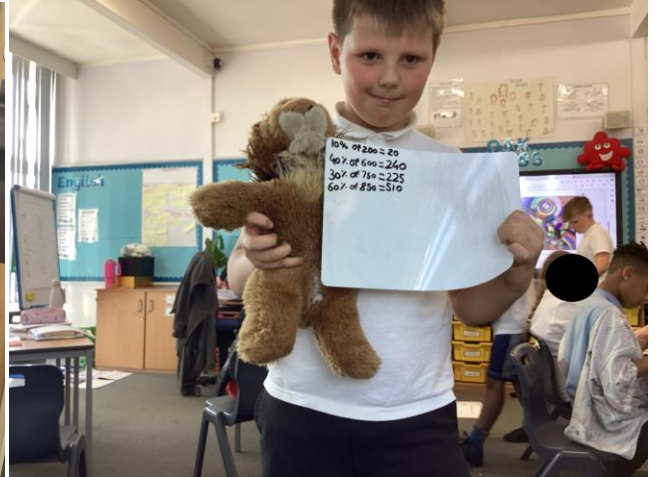
By working together to encourage healthy drinking habits, we can help our children stay focused, energised, and ready to learn throughout the school day.





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Willow's Learning!!!





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In Other News

Online Safety Tip of the Week



Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

Staying at home alone

This week, our safeguarding focus is on children being left alone at home. There is no legal age a child can be left at home alone, but it's against the law to leave a child alone if it puts them at risk.

Every child matures differently, and because of this, it would be almost impossible to have a "one size fits all" law. As your child gets older, talk to them about how they feel about being left home alone. If they're worried, work out what parts of being home alone worry them. Do they feel safe in the neighbourhood? Are they afraid of the dark?

Talk about anything that's bothering them and discuss a solution. Understanding why they don't feel comfortable will give you an idea of how to help – or why they might not be ready to be left alone. Don't do it if they are not comfortable. For

more information visit the NSPCC.



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 – Alaia and Joseph

Ash – Giorgio and Frances

Birch – Taliyah and Toby

Chestnut – Mason and Keeley

Elm - Alisha and Shayla-Kay

Oak – Evan and Jenson

PRIDE Champions

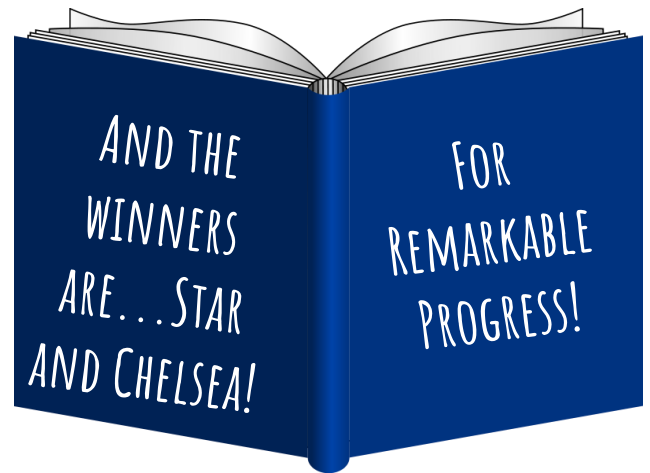
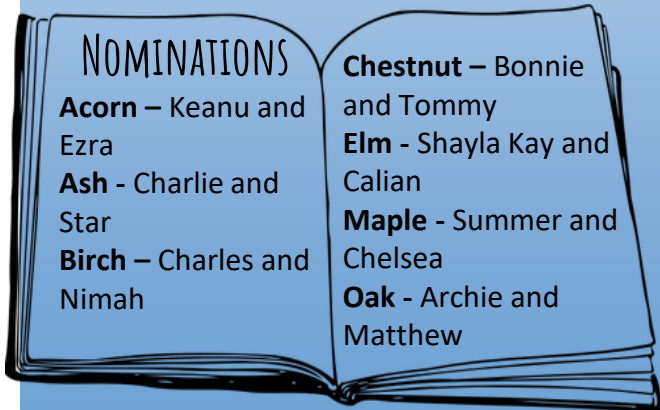
Maple - Megan and Kacper





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, CASEY, STAR
BIRCH – LILY, CALLUM AND HANNA
CHESTNUT – AQUAN, ETHAN AND POPPY
ELM – ADI, SAMUEL, IZOBEL
MAPLE – SHAYLA, MEGAN AND EFE
OAK – EVAN, DAVIEN AND LOGAN



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: 94.32%

Our year so far: 91.79%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	91.15%
Ash	93.45%
Birch	98.53%
Chestnut	88.94%
Elm	99.14%
Maple	91.38%
Oak	98.21%



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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May Half Term!

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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 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.

