



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date – 22.03.2024

Dear Families

Community Celebration

Many thanks to all the friends, families and visitors that came to our Community celebration. We had an amazing turnout which is at the end of two years of hard work and dedication from the staff and children to achieve our 'Good' Ofsted rating.

Thank you so much for everyone's support.

Congratulations on Completing Year 6 SATs!

I am writing to express my heartfelt congratulations to your children in Year 6 for their hard work and dedication in completing their SATs tests. It has been a busy period for the children, and I am delighted to share that they have handled the challenges with resilience and determination.

The SATs tests can be a demanding experience, and I am proud of the effort your children have put into preparing for them. It is a testament to their commitment to their education and their desire to achieve their best. As teachers, we have seen how much progress they have made throughout the year, and their performance in the tests reflects their growth and development.

I would like to commend your children for their positive attitude during this period. They approached the tests with confidence and a willingness to showcase their abilities. It is evident that they have been well-supported at home, and I am grateful for your encouragement and involvement in their learning journey.

Moving forward, I encourage you to celebrate this achievement with your children. Acknowledge their hard work and dedication, and remind them that their efforts have not gone unnoticed. I also recommend taking some time to relax and recharge.

Have a great weekend!

Pete Hales



Pride News...

Pied Piper Pyjama Day

**Pied Piper Appeal**
Making a difference to sick and disabled children in Gloucestershire

PYJAMA DAY

COMFY FOR A CAUSE,
PUT ON YOUR PJS AND JOIN THE PIPEDREAM!

FRIDAY
24TH MAY
2024

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO
THE PIED PIPER APPEAL
GLOUCESTER ROYAL HOSPITAL

£1.00
DONATION

To donate your £1.00 click this [link](#).





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Whole school photo!

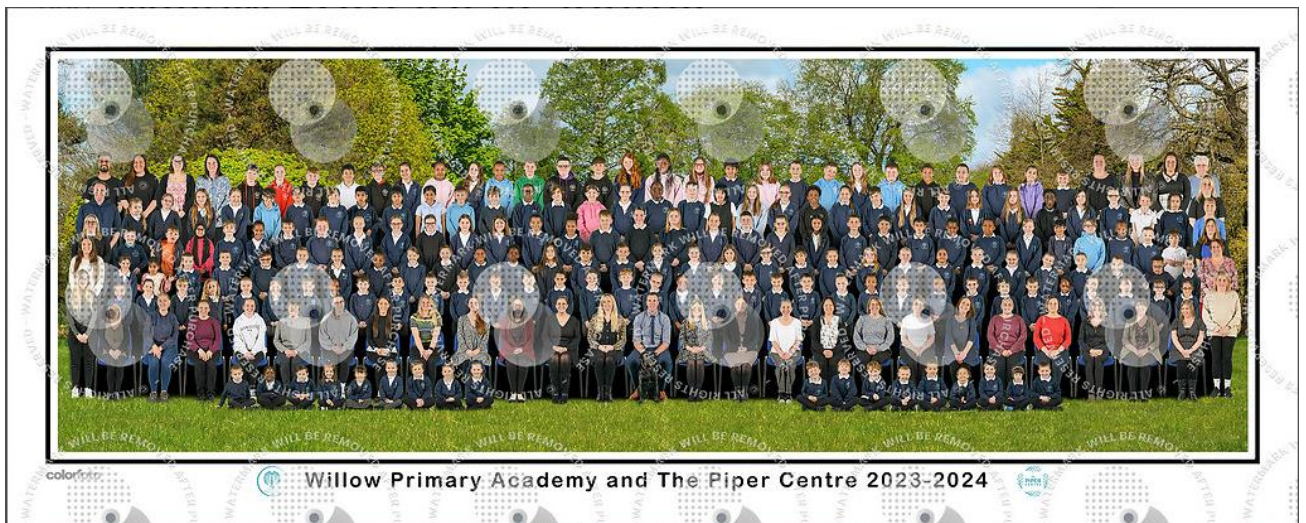
Our whole school photo is now available to purchase at:

www.clickfoto.co.uk

Use the access code **V3FCZFJQ** to view the image.

Families may order with **FREE** delivery to school up until **Midnight on the 27th May 2024**. After that date any orders placed will have to pay a delivery price and orders will be delivered to your home by post.

If parents have any questions or need help please call our helpline on 02920 448210.





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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

Radicalisation

This week our safeguarding focus is on radicalisation. Radicalisation refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups. Signs to look out for: The signs to look out for can include; being overly secretive about online viewing, expressing a 'them' and 'us' mentality, showing an aggressive and argumentative nature that is out of character and questioning their own faith and identity. The Channel programme uses the Prevent Strategy to help young people to understand and reverse their thoughts and ideas. For more information please look at the following websites:

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/radicalisation>

<https://www.educateagainsthate.com/>



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 – Levi and Freddie
Ash – Whole class certificate
Birch – Whole class certificate
Chestnut – Andrew and Bonnie
Elm - Cameron and Alfie
Maple – Sam and Jazmyn
Oak – Whole class certificate

PRIDE Champions
Lexie





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-JOE AND CHARLIE

BIRCH – LILY, ARCHIE AND TOBY

CHESTNUT – MASON, AQUAN AND POPPY

ELM – SAMUEL, ZOFIA AND ADI

MAPLE – SHAYLA-RAI, MEGAN AND
SUMMER

OAK – CAIN, DAVIEN AND LILY



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: 94.74%

Our year so far: 91.90%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



| Class | Attendance |
|----------|------------|
| Acorn | 97.08% |
| Ash | 93.33.% |
| Birch | 93.89% |
| Chestnut | 91.54% |
| Elm | 99.31% |
| Maple | 88.97% |
| Oak | 98.57% |



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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2024/2025 Term Dates

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 | |
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| JUNE | | | | | JULY | | | | | AUGUST | | | | | | | |
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| Term Time | Holidays |
|--------------|------------|
| Bank Holiday | Inset Days |
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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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| Christmas Bank Holidays | 25 th December 2024 26 th December 2024 |
| New Year Bank Holiday | 1 st January 2025 |
| Good Friday | 18 th April 2025 |
| Easter Monday | 21 st April 2025 |
| Early May Bank Holiday | 5 th May 2025 |
| Spring Bank Holiday | 26 th May 2025 |
| Summer Bank Holiday | 25 th August 2025 |

*195 days are defined as "School days". In the school year 2024/25 pupils must attend for 190 days. Schools may decide individually or collectively which 5 days in the year are INSET or non-contact days (days pupils do not need to attend).

Please Note: Schools considering alternative dates or considering changes to their school opening times may wish to contact our Transport Team to discuss transport implications and contact local childcare providers to discuss what impact this could have.



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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

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School Events

- 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.

