



# Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date – 24.05.2024

Dear Families

I hope this letter finds you well, as we reach the end of another half term at our school. It has been a busy few weeks filled with learning, activities, and growth for our pupils, and I am pleased to share some highlights and updates with you.

Firstly, I want to express my gratitude for your ongoing support and cooperation in helping our pupils thrive academically and socially. Your involvement makes a significant difference in their educational journey.

As we look ahead to the final term of the year, I want to remind you to encourage your child to continue their learning at home during the upcoming break. Reading regularly, practising times tables, and engaging in educational activities will help them stay sharp and prepared for the challenges of the next term.

I just wanted to share some great news with you all about our trip to Cattle Country yesterday. The day was absolutely brilliant, and I want to say a huge thank you to all the pupils for being so awesome and enthusiastic during the visit. A huge thanks must go to SAND Academies Trust for supporting the school and the children to attend such a fantastic place. I am sure a number of children were tired last night. Some children really pushed themselves and overcame their fear of the 'death slides'. It was great to see staff and children interacting together and having fun!

In closing, I want to thank you once again for your continued partnership in creating a positive and nurturing learning environment for our pupils. Together, we can help them achieve their full potential and succeed in their academic pursuits.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back for an exciting and productive final term of the year. We return to school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.

Pete Hales



# Pride News...

## Classes for September 2024

Leaders at Willow have begun thinking about next academic year and have made some provisional decision about teachers and Learning Partners for September 2024. These could still change but wanted to share the information with you.

Class	Teacher	Learning Partner
Acorn	Mrs Simmonds	Miss Fan Miss Barnes
Ash	Miss Green	Miss King Miss Purveur
Birch	Miss Aston	Miss Tocknell Miss Cornock Miss Elliott
Chestnut	Miss Powell	Miss Pearce Miss Johnson
Elm	Mrs Tonks Mrs Stephens	Mrs Cornwall Miss Webb
Maple	Mrs Morgan-Partridge	Mrs Kenna Miss Smith
Oak	Miss Flynn	Miss Clarke Mrs Juhasz





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## Willow's Learning!!!



Willow had a wonderful week in Elm class. He did lots of learning and loved his day out at Cattle Country!





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# Friends of Willow!

**Summer Games Afternoon!**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024 1:30-3:30pm**

*'Friends of Willow'*

**Come and join us for:**

<i>Hook a Duck</i>	<i>Face painting</i>
<i>Lucky Dip</i>	<i>Glitter tattoos</i>
<i>Toy Tombola</i>	<i>Book sale</i>
<i>Penalty Shootout</i>	<i>Name the Teddy</i>

*....And more!*

**Games**

**Refreshments**

Willow Primary Academy logo and PIPER CENTRE logo are visible in the top corners of the poster.



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## In Other News

### Online Safety Tip of the Week



### Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

#### Safety in the Sun

This week our safeguarding focus is on staying safe when out in the sun. As the weather starts to warm up and the sun is shining, it is important that we protect our skin and our health in general. Here are some top tips for being safe in the sun:

- Use a sunscreen with a minimum SPF 50 and at least 4 stars for UVA protection
- Reapply sunscreen if you have been in the water
- Wear sunglasses with UV protection
- Wear a sunhat and loose clothing made of breathable material
- Stay in the shade during the middle of the day when the sun is at its strongest
- Drink lots of water to stay hydrated



### 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** – Molly and Tyler  
**Ash** – Zenaya and Charlie  
**Birch** – Henley and Lucius  
**Chestnut** – Remy, Archie and Kye  
**Elm** - Kaitlin and Lilly-Maye  
**Maple** – Summer and Shayla-Rai  
**Oak** – Cain and Lyra

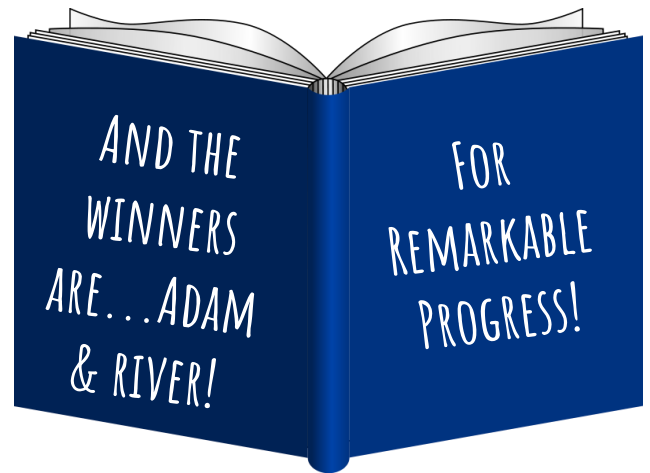
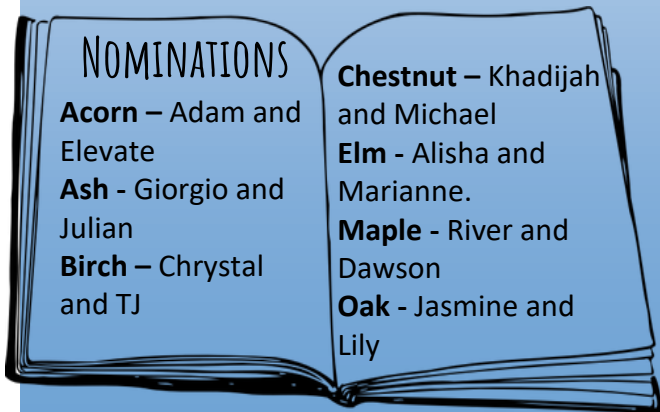
### *PRIDE Champions*





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 – KAILEM, CASEY-JOE AND HENRY

BIRCH – LILY, CALLUM AND HANNA

CHESTNUT – AQUAN, KHADIJAH AND

ETHAN

ELM – ALISHA, CALIAN AND ADI

MAPLE – SHAYLA-RAI, MEGAN AND EMILY

OAK – DAVIEN, LOGAN AND KOBI



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: 92.47%**

**Our year so far: 92%**

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	94.17%
Ash	95.24%
Birch	97.22%
Chestnut	87.92%
Elm	96.21%
Maple	91.72%
Oak	88.21%



### 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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## Dates for Your Diary

### Term Dates for 2023 – 2024

Term 1 from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Term 2 from Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

Term 3 from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Term 4 from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Term 5 from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Term 6 from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
	26 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
New Year Bank Holiday	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024
Good Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Easter Monday	1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024
Early May Bank Holiday	6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 <sup>th</sup> August 2024

All term dates can be found on our website [here](#)





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## Dates for Your Diary

### School Events

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 – MAY HALF TERM

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 – Year 4 Multiplication check

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024- Elm class trip to Cheltenham Science Festival.

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Non-Uniform day – bring in a unwanted toy.

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Phonics Screening Check

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Willow Sports Day (Refreshments being sold)

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Piper Centre Sports Day (Refreshments being sold)

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Acorn class Assembly

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024 - Summer Games Afternoon

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – Oak Class Residential

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024- Willow and Piper Centre open afternoon. 1:30-2:30pm.

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024- Willow and Piper Centre Year 6 leavers play. 9:30-11:00am.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024- Willow and Piper Centre Year 6 leavers play. 1:30-2:30pm.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024- Willow and Piper Centre Year 6 leavers assembly. 9:30-10:30am.

