



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date – 14.06.2024

Dear Families

Sports Day

I am writing to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for attending our recent Sports Day event. Your presence and support truly meant a lot to us, and more importantly, to your child.

It was wonderful to see so many of you cheering on the children. Your enthusiasm and encouragement undoubtedly made the event even more special for the participants.

As educators, we firmly believe that parental involvement plays a crucial role in a child's academic and personal development. Your active participation in events such as Sports Day not only boosts your child's confidence and motivation but also strengthens the school-parent community bond.

Moving forward, I encourage you to continue engaging with your child's school life, whether it be attending events, volunteering, or simply having open communication with us. Together, we can create a supportive and enriching environment for your child to thrive academically and socially.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support. We look forward to seeing you at future school events and working together to ensure the success and well-being of your child.

Rounders Match v Kingsway School

We had our first rounders match after school today against Kingsway School. The team played really well together and demonstrated an united front. AJ made some fantastic hits and Lola demonstrated some great throws as bowler. The game ended 4 ½ rounders to 2 rounders for Kingsway. Well done team, great effort.

Class Dojo

As part of our commitment to enhancing communication between teachers and parents, I would like to remind you of the preferred timings for contacting teachers between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm via Class Dojo.

Establishing effective communication channels is crucial in ensuring your child's academic success and overall well-being. Therefore, I kindly request that non-urgent matters, such as general queries or updates, be communicated with teachers during the specified hours.

By focusing our communication within this timeframe, we can guarantee that teachers are available and dedicated to addressing your concerns promptly and efficiently. This will also enable teachers to maintain a healthy work-life balance, which is essential for their well-being and effectiveness in the classroom.

In case of urgent matters or emergencies outside the designated hours, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school office or email the school on admin@willow.sandmat.uk. We are committed to ensuring that any urgent issues are dealt with promptly, regardless of the time of day.

Effective communication is a shared responsibility, and your cooperation in adhering to the specified timings will greatly contribute to a positive and productive partnership between home and school. Together, we can create a supportive environment where your child can thrive academically and socially.

Pete Hales



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Willow's Learning!!!



Willow has had a very sporty week in Birch class. Willow met an Olympian, joined in with sports day and loved having fun with the parachute!





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In Other News

Online Safety Tip of the Week



Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

Child Sexual Exploitation

This week our safeguarding focus is Child Sexual Exploitation. This is something that happens when a group or individual takes advantage of an imbalance of power to coerce, manipulate or deceive a child or young person under the age of 18 into sexual activity. It is a hidden crime and quite often the victim is groomed by the abuser and therefore does not understand that they are being abused. This abuse can start online and then images or videos can be used to threaten the victim into continuing a relationship. Signs to look out for can include: changes in emotional wellbeing, spending time with older individuals or groups and going missing from home or school.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-abuse-and-neglect/child-sexual-exploitation>



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.



Gloucester City HAF holiday activities & food

GLOUCESTER CITY HAF PROVIDES FREE ACTIVITIES AND FOOD FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN.

HAF takes place three times a year during school holidays in:

- Spring
- Summer
- Winter



Signposting

You can contact us for support and we can signpost you to organisations that can help you.

Activities

Free activities that can be booked online including:

- Family activities
- Children and young people activities
- Ticketed attractions



Food

Food is available during activities making sure your children have access to a healthy meal.




If you need help to sign up or book activities contact us:

gloshafconnector@gmail.com

07340709871

Gloscityhaf.co.uk

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Summer Holiday Swim Courses at The Shrubberies Stonehouse.

Monday 22nd – Friday 26th July
Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August

Half an hour lesson every morning from 9:30am onwards, £55 for each week. Lesson time depends on child's age and ability.

Our teachers are in the water, teaching all abilities in a warm hydrotherapy pool heated to 34 degrees. We start children from 3yrs, and take them through Duckling 1-4 and Stage 1 - 4 of the ASA national plan.

Term time lessons run Monday to Friday at The Shrubberies Stonehouse, St.Roses Stroud and The Chamwell Centre Longlevens Gloucester.

We have NEW classes being added from September 2024
Secure your spot now!

Contact Holly Derrick
07746923915
info@hollyderrick.co.uk
www.hollyderrickswimschool.co.uk



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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 – Dante and Ramsey
Ash – Cody and Blake
Birch – Whole class certificate
Chestnut – Thomas and Khadijah
Elm - Phoenix and Finley
Maple – Lilian and Megan
Oak – Leah H and Isaiah

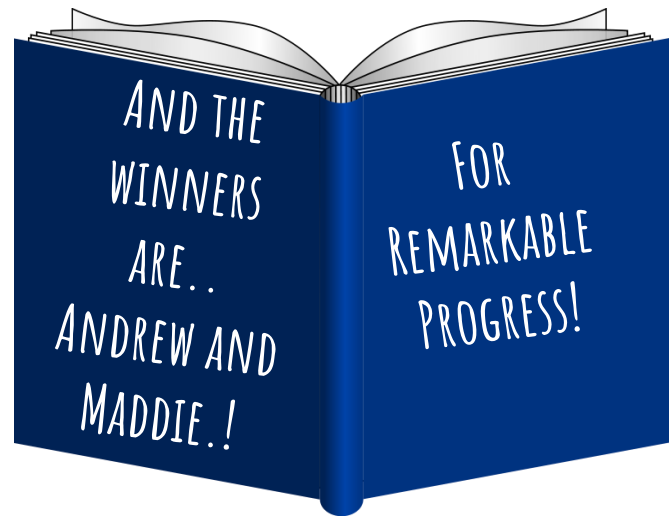
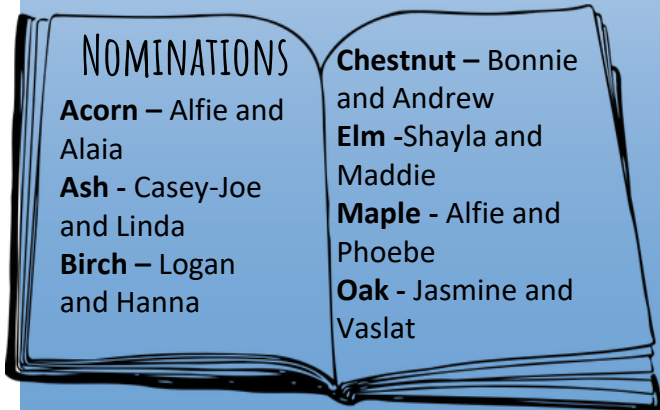
PRIDE Champions





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, CHARLIE AND CASEY-JOE

BIRCH – LILY, DEMITRI AND CHELSEA

CHESTNUT – KHADIJAH, KEELEY AND BONNIE

ELM – SHAYLA, CAMERON AND ADI

MAPLE – SHAYLA-RAI, MEGAN AND VIOLET

OAK – LOLA, LOGAN AND JENSON



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

Elm

This week: 97.00%

Our year so far: 91.59%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	82.80%
Ash	95.45%
Birch	84.44%
Chestnut	90.83%
Elm	97.00%
Maple	91.38%
Oak	96.07%



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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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	
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	
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	31

Term Time	Holidays
Bank Holiday	Inset Days

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*

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

School Events

Thursday 20th June 2024 – Ash Class Trip to Dean Heritage Centre

Thursday 20th June 2024 – Tag Rugby Tournament

Monday 24th June 2024 – Acorn class Assembly

Thursday 27th June 2024 – Football Match v Grange

Monday 1st July 2024 – Elm and Maple to see Matilda at Homeleigh Park

Tuesday 2nd July 2024 – Football Match v St Peter's

Friday 5th July 2024 - Summer Games Afternoon

Monday 8th July 2024 – Wednesday 10th July 2024 – Oak Class Residential

Monday 8th July 2024 – Ash Class Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park

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.

