



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date – 21.06.2024

Dear Families

I am delighted to share with you that I am celebrating two years as the Headteacher of our wonderful school. It has been an incredible journey, and I am truly grateful for your continued support and collaboration in providing the best education for our children.

Over the past two years, we have achieved significant milestones together. From implementing innovative teaching methods to enhancing our extracurricular activities, our aim has always been to create a nurturing and stimulating environment for our students to thrive in.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the parents for your involvement in the school community. Your participation in school events, parent-teacher meetings, and fundraising activities has been invaluable in shaping the positive learning culture we have at our school.

As we look ahead, I encourage all parents to continue engaging with school activities and supporting your child's learning journey. Your involvement plays a crucial role in enhancing the overall educational experience for our students.

I also want to remind parents of the importance of open communication between home and school. If you ever have any concerns or questions regarding your child's education or well-being, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or the school staff. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support over the past two years. It is a privilege to serve as the Headteacher of this school, and I am excited about the journey ahead as we continue to work together to provide the best education for our students.

Pete Hales



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Willow's Learning!!!



Ash class had so much fun with Willow! Willow came with us to the Dean Heritage Centre and took part in a Victorian lesson with us. Willow learnt all about what it was like to be a Victorian child. We also went on a Gruffalo hunt; it was so much fun!





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Willow's Learning!!!





Summer Games Afternoon!



Friday 5th July 2024 1:30-3:30pm
'Friends of Willow'

Come and join us for:

Hook a Duck	Face painting
Lucky Dip	Glitter tattoos
Toy Tombola	Book sale
Penalty Shootout	Name the Teddy
....And more!	



Games **Refreshments**

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.



Food

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



Activities

Free activities that can be booked online including:

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




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

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Swim England
Swim School Member

**BEGINNERS TO
LEVEL 5 & PRE
ACADEMY EACH 30
MINUTES
SESSIONS
ACADEMY 1 HOUR
SESSIONS**

When do we swim?

Monday

4PM-6PM

BEGINNERS TO
LEVEL 5

6PM-7PM

(PRE) ACADEMY

Tuesday

4PM-5:30PM

BEGINNERS TO
LEVEL 5

5:30PM-6:30PM

(PRE) ACADEMY

Wednesday

4PM-6PM

BEGINNERS TO
LEVEL 5

Saturday

09AM-10AM

(PRE) ACADEMY

10AM-12AM

BEGINNERS TO
LEVEL 5

WHAT WE GUARANTEE:

- Safeguarding is our number one priority
- Our teachers all hold Swim England level 1 and 2 teaching qualification, are DBS checked and have a pool rescue award (NRSTC)
- Free Trial lesson
- Heated pool available
- Only a maximum of 7 to a group
- Improvements of techniques
- Free Car park
- Swim England certificate of levels

**Where are we
based?
Archway School,
Stroud
GL5 4AY**

FACEBOOK: Swimwell Teaching

07837 431007

www.swimwellstroud.co.uk

info@swimwellstroud.co.uk

Some swimming sessions near us:



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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In Other News

Online Safety Tip of the Week



Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

PANTS Rule

This week our focus is on the PANTS rule. The talk PANTS campaign was introduced by the NSPCC to help children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. PANTS is a simple and clever acronym devised to teach children the underwear rule: Privates are private; Always remember your body belongs to you; No means no; Talk about secrets that upset you and Speak up, someone can help. For more information watch the [NSPCC](#) video.



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...

Ash – Shaylan and Blake

Birch – Oscar and Chelsea

Chestnut – Mason, Oakley and Kye

Elm - Skyler

Maple – Delroy and River

Oak – Theo and Lacey

PRIDE Champions

Acorn - Adam

Acorn - Alfie

Elm - Shayla-Kay

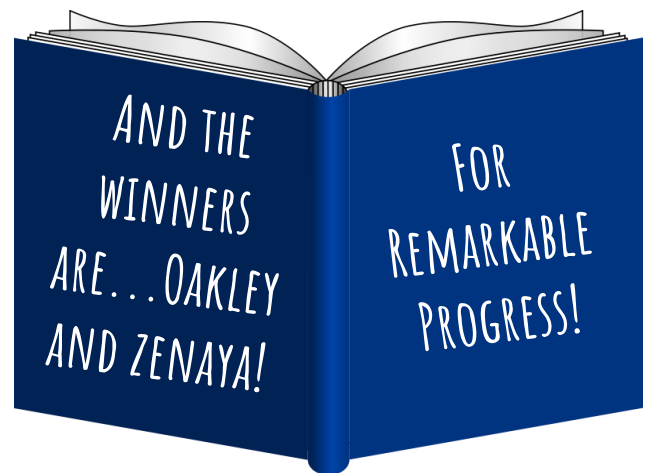




WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD



STAR READER...



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, EVIE-JOYCE AND CHARLIE

BIRCH – LILY, HANNA AND CHRYSTAL

CHESTNUT – KEELEY, KHADIJAH

AND POPPY

ELM – ADI, ZOFIA AND SHAYLA-KAY

MAPLE – SHAYLA, JAZMYN, KAYLA

OAK – MATTHEW, LOLA 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

Elm

This week: 90.91 %

Our year so far: 91.88%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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Class	Attendance
Acorn	91.20%
Ash	94.55%
Birch	80.56%
Chestnut	84.58%
Elm	99.33%
Maple	86.90%
Oak	95%



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](https://www.willow.sandmat.uk)





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2024/2025 Term Dates

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2024/25



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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*

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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
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*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 27th June 2024 – Football Match v Grange
- Monday 1st July 2024 – Elm and Maple to see Matilda at Homeleigh Park
- Monday 1st July 2024– Acorn class Assembly
- 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

