



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date – 28.06.2024

Dear Families

I hope this newsletter finds you well. It's been a scorching week here Willow Primary Academy, but I'm pleased to report that our children have coped exceptionally well with the heat. The hot weather can sometimes make focusing in class a challenge, but our pupils have shown great resilience and adaptability.

In the classrooms, teachers have been incorporating fun and engaging activities to keep our learners motivated and interested in their lessons. We're doing our best to make learning a cool and enjoyable experience for all.

We have some exciting events coming up, including our Summer Games Afternoon. It's a fantastic opportunity for the children to have fun with their families and friends.

Football

Team: Evan, Cain, Calvin, Archie, Jenson (C), Daniel, Matthew, AJ, and Davien

Year 6 played one of their final games against Grange. After a first half where Willow dominated possession, we got to half time at 0-0.

We discussed what was going well at half time and what we could improve, and the boys agreed that their passing could be better. We started the second half well and eventually scored two goals. The first was a great strike by Daniel, and the second was a great team goal with good passing and finished by Davien.

Well done Team Willow !!!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. Your feedback is valuable to us, and we are always striving to improve our school community.

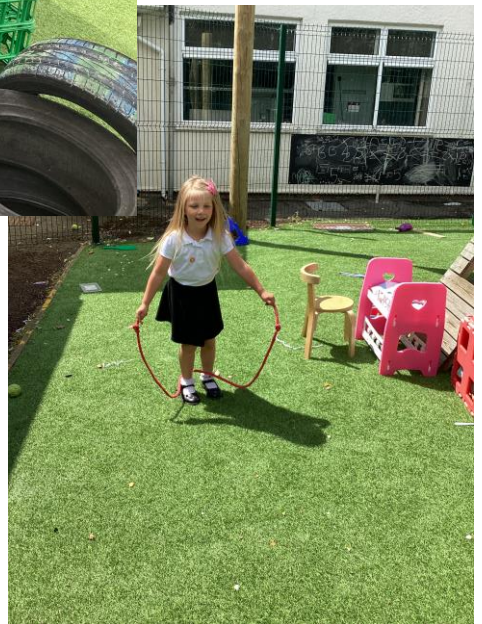
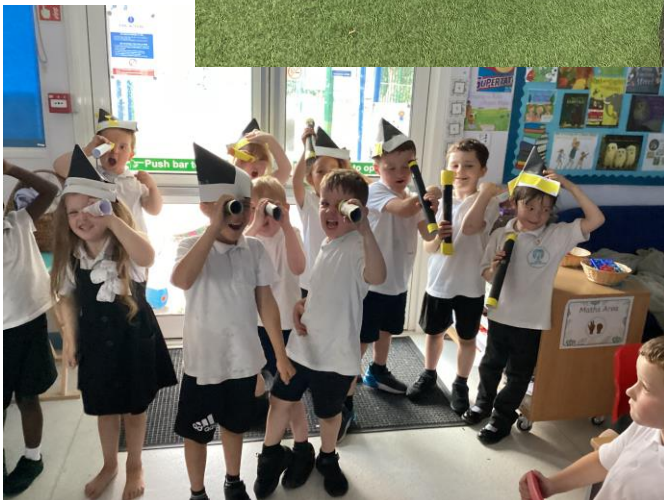
Thank you for your continued support.

Pete Hales



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Willow's Learning!!!





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Summer Games Afternoon!



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

Games **Refreshments**

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!	





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

When do we swim?

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Saturday
4PM-6PM	4PM-5:30PM	4PM-6PM	09AM-10AM
BEGINNERS TO LEVEL 5	BEGINNERS TO LEVEL 5	BEGINNERS TO LEVEL 5	(PRE) ACADEMY 10AM-12AM
6PM-7PM	5:30PM-6:30PM		BEGINNERS TO LEVEL 5
(PRE) ACADEMY	(PRE) ACADEMY		

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 (NRASC)
- 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
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www.hollyderrickswimschool.co.uk



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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:

glos hafconnector@gmail.com

07340709871

Gloscityhaf.co.uk

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In Other News

Online Safety Tip of the Week



Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

Social Media

This week our safeguarding focus is on social media. Children and young people use many different social media apps and sites. The most popular are Facebook and Instagram, and there are many others such as Snapchat, TikTok and Twitter. Whilst there are many benefits to pupils having access to the online world, it also comes with many risks, especially if use is unsupervised. Studies have found that excessive use of social media increases a young person's susceptibility to depression, anxiety, poor body image and self worth. It can also impact a child's sleep routine, which in turn can affect their ability to concentrate and thrive in school. Please ensure that you follow the age restrictions for different social media apps available. Most of the apps have age restrictions starting at 13 years old. These are in place to protect the children.



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 – Felipa and Levi

Ash – Delilah and Praise

Birch – Archie and Charles

Chestnut – Michael and Aquan

Elm – Alfie and Finley

Maple – Kailen and Violet

Oak – Davien

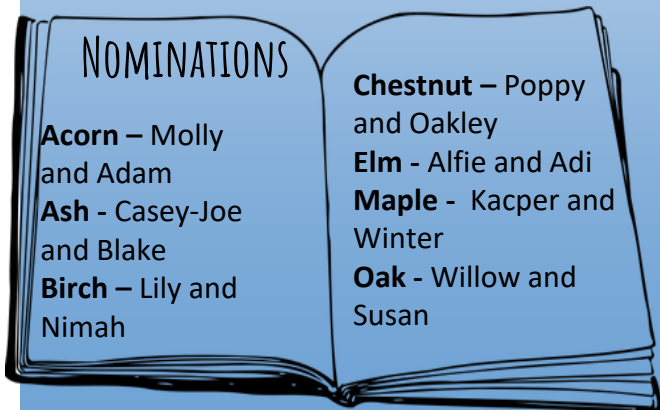
PRIDE Champions

Oak – Jasmine





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, CHARLIE AND LACIE-MAE
BIRCH – LILY, DEMITRI AND HANNA
CHESTNUT – ETHAN, KEELEY AND POPPY
ELM – ADI, ZOFIA AND KAITLIN
MAPLE – SHAYLA, JAZMYN, MEGAN
OAK – MATTHEW, DAVIEN AND LEAH S



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

Ash!

This week: 90.97%

Our year so far: 91.86%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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Class	Attendance
Acorn	83.20%
Ash	99.09%
Birch	87.78%
Chestnut	86.25%
Elm	94.33%
Maple	91.38%
Oak	93.57%



Reminder

Gates are open by 8.40am 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
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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

Monday 3rd June 2024 – Year 4 Multiplication check

Thursday 6th June 2024- Elm class trip to Cheltenham Science Festival.

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

Monday 10th June 2024 – Phonics Screening Check

Tuesday 11th June 2024 – Willow Sports Day (Refreshments being sold)

Wednesday 12th June 2024 – Piper Centre Sports Day (Refreshments being sold)

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.

