



# Pride News...

## Headteacher's Message...

Date – 12.07.2024

Dear Families

I am delighted to inform you about the exceptional behaviour, perseverance, and determination demonstrated by the children of Oak Class during our recent residential trip. I am incredibly proud of how well the children represented our school and themselves throughout the entire experience. During the residential trip, the children exhibited exemplary behaviour both towards each other and towards the staff. Their positive attitudes and respect towards others did not go unnoticed, and it truly made the trip a memorable and enjoyable one for everyone involved.

In addition to their behaviour, I was also impressed by the perseverance and determination shown by the children when faced with new challenges and activities. They approached each task with enthusiasm and a willingness to learn, pushing themselves out of their comfort zones and achieving great personal growth in the process.

I believe it is important to acknowledge and celebrate these positive qualities in our children as they are integral to their personal and academic development. By demonstrating such attributes, the children of Oak Class have not only made us proud but have also set a wonderful example for their peers.

I encourage you to continue fostering these values at home and to praise your child for their efforts and achievements during the residential trip. By recognising and reinforcing these positive behaviours, we can further support their growth and development both inside and outside the classroom.

On Monday 15th July we have an Open Afternoon. This is an opportunity to come and see your child's work from this year, talk to the teacher informally and collect your child's report. We will also send home the children's books so please bring a carrier bag with you to take their work home.

Once again, I want to express my gratitude for your continued support and for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you for your attention, and let's continue to celebrate the success of all the children at Willow Primary Academy!

Pete Hales



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## A message from the Local Advisory Board

Dear Families

We are a group of people who form the Local Advisory Board (LAB) of Willow Primary Academy. We have been delighted to strengthen the Board this year, welcoming three new members. As a group, we share a wide range of expertise, our role being to support and challenge the school in a productive and helpful way. Each of us has an area of responsibility such as SEND, Curriculum, Health & Safety, Safeguarding and Health & Well-Being.

We meet every term and visit the school regularly. At every meeting, Mr Hales provides us with a report on all the key areas for which the school is responsible. We have also very much appreciated school leaders giving up their own time to update the Board on developments in their areas of responsibility such as EYFS, The Piper Centre, SEND and Curriculum Development. These, as well as meetings with subject leaders, have kept us up-to-date with what is going on in the school. They are opportunities for us to ask challenging questions, to look at evidence of progress and to observe activities in the school.

We, like you, were delighted earlier in the year when Ofsted judged the school to be 'good' in all areas. We have watched the school improve over the last few years, so that it is a great place for your children to learn and thrive. We know that there is always more to do and know that the school is striving to be even better.

We have enjoyed, this year, observing how well the staff teach and support your children, developing them as people and enabling them to progress in their learning. It is wonderful to see how much enjoyment the children get from activities such as school productions, sporting events, fun days and residential trips. Your support for these has shown how much you value your children's education.

We appreciate how hard Mr Hales and the Staff work to provide a good education for your children, making sure that they are safe and well supported. We want every child to feel included and to experience a sense of success in whatever area they take an interest.

We will continue to monitor, challenge and support the school so that it continues to be a place where your children can thrive.

Have a great summer!

The Local Advisory Board



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## Willow's Learning!!!







## 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](mailto:gloshafconnector@gmail.com)

07340709871

[Gloscityhaf.co.uk](http://Gloscityhaf.co.uk)

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## In Other News

### Online Safety Tip of the Week



### Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

#### Online safety

This week our safeguarding focus is on online safety. Children have access to a multitude of information at their fingertips. They live in a world where knowing how to operate in the digital world is just as important as knowing how to be vigilant and safe in public. In school, we carry out lots of work on online safety throughout the curriculum and the children are always reminded about the key messages around privacy and not sharing information. As parents, please ensure that any devices that the children have access to at home have parental controls installed and that you are aware of what the children are accessing and who they are talking to. It is good advice to ask them to use their devices in the same room as you so that you are present and able to support if they find themselves in an uncomfortable situation. For more information please visit:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>



### 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** – Jersie-Mae

**Ash** – Lila and Alfie

**Birch** – Logan and Toby

**Chestnut** – Lavinia and Keeley

**Elm** - Jacob

**Maple** – Winter

**Oak** – Ayaaz

### PRIDE Champions

**Acorn** - Nevaeh

**Ash** - Zenaya

**Elm** - Samuel

**Maple** - Phoebe

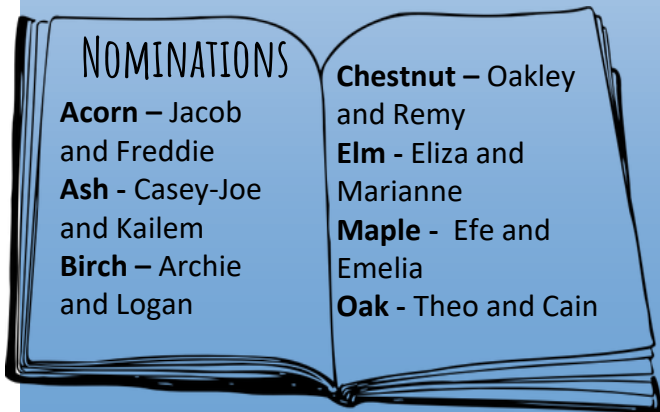
**Oak** - Morgan



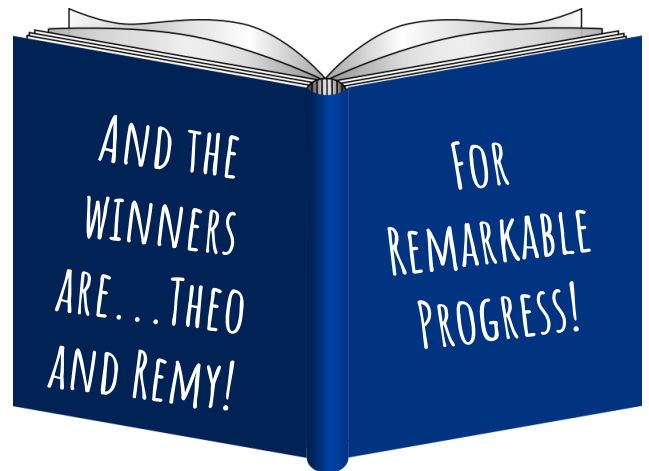




## WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD



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, CHALIE AND CASEY-JOE

BIRCH – HANNA, LILY AND CALLUM

CHESTNUT – KHADIJAH, POPPY AND  
KEELEY

ELM – ADI, ZOFIA AND CAMERON

MAPLE – SHAYLA, MEGAN, CHELSEA AND  
EMILY

OAK – MATTHEW, CAIN 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!!!**





# Pride News...

Attendance Superstars  
Oak!

This week: 92.07%

Our year so far: 91.88%

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	92.40%
Ash	90.43%
Birch	93.68%
Chestnut	90.42%
Elm	95%
Maple	87%
Oak	95.71%



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





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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 <sup>nd</sup> Sept – Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2024	40 days
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Term 4: Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> Apr 2025	35 days
Term 5: Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> April – Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	19 days
Term 6: Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> June – Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025	36 days
<b>Total</b>	<b>195 days*</b>

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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

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.

