



Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date – 19.07.2024

Dear Families

I hope this letter finds you well and looking forward to the summer break. As we come to the end of the school year, I wanted to take this opportunity to share some important updates with you.

As we bid farewell to another academic year, we also have to say goodbye to our Year 6 children who are moving on to secondary school. It has been a pleasure to watch them grow and develop over the years, and we are incredibly proud of all their achievements. I want to wish them the very best of luck in this exciting new chapter of their academic journey. Remember, once a part of our school, always a part of our school, and we will continue to support and cheer you on every step of the way.

As we embrace the new academic year, I am delighted to welcome two new members of staff to our school community. Miss Martin will be joining us as a new SENDCo in September, bringing with her a wealth of experience and a passion for supporting children with special educational needs. Our current SENDCo, Miss Griffin, will be with us until October when she goes on maternity leave. Mrs Fivash will be joining us as our new PPA Teacher, and we are confident that her enthusiasm and expertise will further enhance our teaching team.

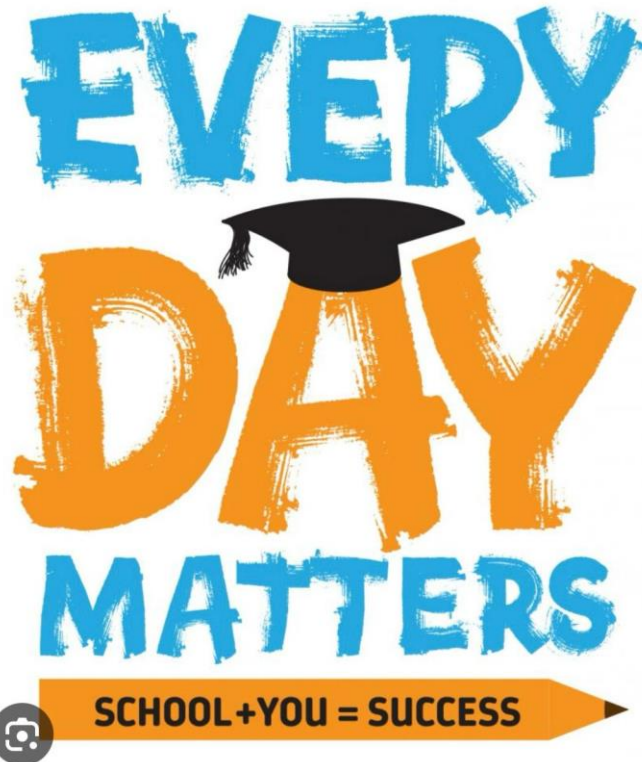
In the meantime, I encourage all parents and students to take some time to relax and recharge during the summer holidays. It's been a challenging year for everyone, and it's important to take care of yourselves and each other. Stay safe, have fun, and make the most of this well-deserved break.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and cooperation. Together, we have accomplished so much, and I look forward to another successful year ahead.

Pete Hales



Pride News...



The government is introducing a new National Framework from September 2024 for school attendance.



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



Activities

Free activities that can be booked online including:

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



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.



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

gloshafconnector@gmail.com

07340709871

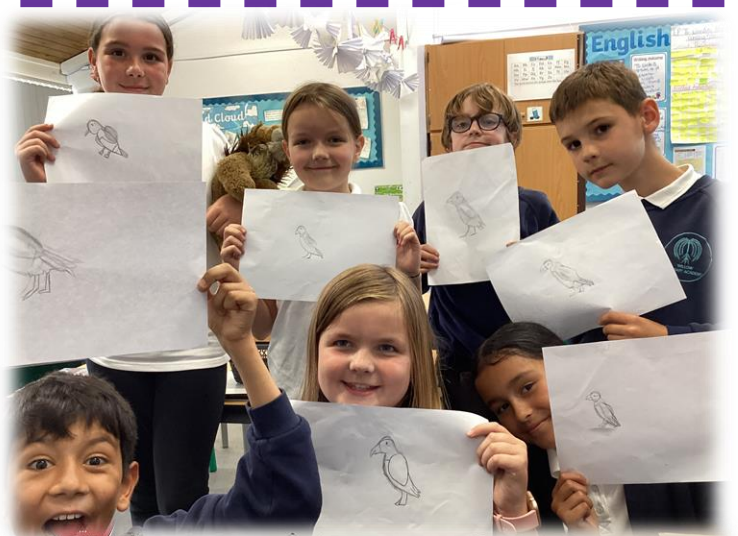
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Pride News...

Willow's Learning!!!



Willow has had a wonderful week in Elm Class!





Pride News...

In Other News

Online Safety Tip of the Week



Safeguarding Safety Tip of the Week

Online Wellbeing

There are lots of positives to being online for children, from staying in touch with friends to learning about the world. There are some challenges, too, and the online world can be tricky for children to navigate. For some it can become overwhelming trying to keep up with friends, and the pressure can mount. Noticing how your child is affected by being online is the first step in helping them manage their wellbeing. You can: manage the content that your children see, ensure the interactions they have are suitable and manage how long they're online, in balance with other activities. There are many things you can do to help support a child, e.g. using specific apps and checking app settings. For more information see <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-wellbeing/>



School uniform

Uniform



Willow Primary Academy and The Piper Centre 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.



Pride News...

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 – Freddie and James

Ash – Delilah and Casey-Joe

Birch – Lily and Demitri

Chestnut – Frankie, Andrew and Aquan

Elm - Obidullah and Deacon

Maple – Brett, Summer and Shayla-Rai

Oak – Ethan and Lily





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, SHAYLAN AND CASEY-JOE

BIRCH – HANNA, LILY AND CHARLES

CHESTNUT – BONNIE, POPPY AND MASON

ELM – ADI, ZOFIA AND IZOBEL

MAPLE – SHAYLA, MEGAN, BRIAN

OAK – DAVIEN, MATTHEW AND ARCHIE



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: 89.44%

Our year so far: 91.81%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	92%
Ash	90.43%
Birch	92.11%
Chestnut	87.08%
Elm	92.67%
Maple	76.33%
Oak	97.14%



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





Pride News...

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](#)





Pride News...

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	
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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.