



Pride News...

Willow's Learning!!!

Dear families,

It has been a pleasure to welcome you all to Willow after the summer holidays. The children have all settled into routines in their new classes brilliantly and they are already participating well in their range of lessons. This year we are continuing to have a focus on improving writing and the children have been keen to tell me about the books that they are reading in English to support their ideas when I've been visiting them in class.

I have been speaking to all of the children during assemblies, and my key message was focused on the importance of attendance. Attendance is our top priority this year. As I explained to the students, regular attendance not only supports academic success but also promotes personal well-being. Data also shows a strong correlation between regular attendance and students achieving their full potential by the time they leave us. So, being in school consistently is key to success.

Our target for attendance this year is 97%. We understand that occasionally children are ill or there may be circumstances in which they are not up to attending school but children can have roughly 6-7 days off school during the whole year and still reach this target of 97%. New attendance guidance, published by the DfE has been uploaded to Dojo and our school website.

If your child is absent, please call the school's absence line 01452 526442, preferably before 9am each day they are absent.

Just a reminder that the school day starts at 8:50 and finishes at 3:15. The gates will be shut promptly at 8:50 from next week and anyone arriving after this time, will be asked to enter through the main reception.

Finally, after school clubs start next week. A message regarding these and booking forms are posted on Dojo. We hope lots of children sign up to these. Once added to the list, pupils are expected to attend every week.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Hope you all have a good weekend.

Carly Tonks



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...

Ash – Jersie-Mae and Keanu
Birch – Alfie and Lila
Chestnut – Oscar and Lucius
Elm - Grace, Scarlett and Lana
Maple –Cameron and Alfie
Oak – Jenson and Kayla





STAR READER...

WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD

NOMINATIONS

Ash – Dante and Tyler

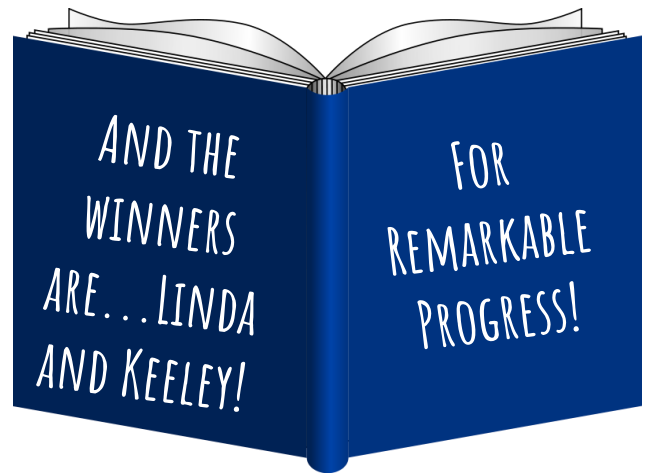
Birch – Linda and Kacper

Chestnut – Lily and Benjamin

Elm - Lavinia and Keeley

Maple - Lacey-Mai and Zofia

Oak - Kacper and Efe



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!



Pride News...

Attendance Superstars

Acorn!

This week: 94.20%

Our year so far: 95.78%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	99.16%
Ash	86.92%
Birch	98.40%
Chestnut	92.50%
Elm	95%
Maple	96.67%
Oak	93%



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





Dates for Your Diary

Term Dates for 2024-2025

Term 1: Wednesday 4th September 2024 to Friday 25th October 2024

Term 2: Monday 4th November 2024 to Friday 20th December 2024

Term 3: Tuesday 7th January 2025 to Thursday 13th February 2025

Term 4: Monday 24th February 2025 to Thursday 10th April 2025

Term 5: Monday 28th April 2025 to Friday 23rd May 2025

Term 6: Monday 2nd June 2025 to Friday 18th July 2025

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

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





Pride News...

Dates for Your Diary

School Events

Willow Meet new teacher - Tuesday 17th September 2024 from 3.00 pm to 3.15 pm

Piper Centre Meet new teacher - Wednesday 18th September 2024 from 2.45 pm to 3.00 pm

Willow Parents Evening - Tuesday 8th October 2024 and Wednesday 9th October 2024 from 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm

Willow Harvest Assembly - Monday 21st October 2024 from 2.15 pm to 2.45 pm

Piper Centre Parents Evening - Wednesday 22nd October 2024 and Wednesday 23rd October 2024 from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm

Children in Need - Friday 15th November 2024

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 12th December 2024

Willow EYFS / KS1 Nativity - Tuesday 17th December 2024 and Wednesday 18th December 2024 from 9.30 am to 10.30 am

Willow KS2 Christmas Performance - Tuesday 17th December 2024 and Wednesday 18th December 2024 from 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

Piper Centre Christmas Performance - Wednesday 18th December 2024 from 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

Christmas Dinner - Thursday 19th December 2024

Willow and Piper Parents Evening - Tuesday 11th February 2025 and Wednesday 12th February 2025 from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm

Willow Easter Celebration - Thursday 10th April 2025 from 1.45 pm to 2.15 pm

Willow and Piper Centre Open Afternoon - Thursday 10th April 2025 from 2.15 pm onwards

KS2 SAT's Week - Monday 12th May 2025 to Thursday 15th May 2025

Year 4 Multiplication Check - Monday 2nd June 2025 to Friday 13th June 2025

Phonics Screening Check Week - Monday 9th June 2025 to Friday 13th June 2025

Willow Sports Day - Tuesday 17th June 2025 from 1.30 pm to 3.15 pm

Piper Centre Sports Day - Wednesday 18th June 2025 from 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm

Willow Sports Reserve Day - Tuesday 24th June 2025 from 1.30 pm to 3.15 pm

Piper Centre Sports Reserve Day - Wednesday 25th June 2025 from 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm

Willow and Piper Open Afternoon (including reports to parents) - Monday 14th July 2025 from 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm

Willow Year 6 Leavers Play - Tuesday 15th July 2025 from 9.30 am to 11.00 am and Wednesday 16th July 2025 from 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

Willow Year 6 Leavers Assembly - Friday 18th July 2025 from 9.30 am to 10.30 am

