



Pride News...

Willow's Learning!!!

Willow loved his time in Chestnut Class!





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In Other News

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.



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A huge Thank you to the Landlords at the Fox and Elm pub, kindly donating advent calendars to all our pupils at Willow and Piper.

Each child will go home today with an advent calendar.



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ABSENCE CALLS/TEXTS

You are now able to text absence calls to this number 07385112726, this is only a text service and calls will not be answered.

You are still also able to call the absence line on:
01452 526442

Please make sure you call by 9am for every day your child is absent. If we do not know where your child is, this can result in marking them unauthorized absent and a home visit will be carried out.

PLEASE NOT SEND CLASS DOJO MESSAGES FOR ABSENCE, UNLESS YOU HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY A MEMBER OF STAFF.

LOOK WHO'S

TALKING! 2025

An Oracy Competition for Gloucestershire's Infant, Junior and Primary Schools

Our school is very excited to be taking part in the 'Look Who's Talking!' competition, along with lots of other schools in Gloucestershire!

What is oracy and why is it so important?

Oracy is the ability to express ourselves clearly and communicate with others effectively, through spoken language.

By teaching our children to become more effective speakers and listeners, we are all helping to give them the tools they need to better understand themselves, each other and the world around them.

How will the competition work?

Your child will get the chance to talk to their class for two minutes, about any subject that they choose and then a 'Star Speaker' will be chosen. Star Speakers from every class will then get to talk in front of the whole school. Those winners will then go on to the next stage and will represent our school in the competition, with lots of other local schools! The grand final will be on 04.04.25, which you can come to, if your child is a representative for our locality.

what can your child talk about?

Children can talk about absolutely anything that they choose to, for up to two-minutes. They can use any props that they wish to, which will help with their talk, but just cannot use any technology, so no Powerpoints slide shows please.

How can you help them at home?

- ★ First of all, please help them to think about what they would like to talk about. The more interested they are in the subject, the more passionate their talk will be! What are they interested in? What excites them? It might be a toy, their pet, a book, something they have seen on TV, their favourite sports team, something they have learned about from you at home - or anything else! It really can be anything at all!
- ★ They will need to plan and rehearse their speech, so please listen to them practice and give them lots of encouragement!
- ★ Make sure they are speaking with big voices, nice and clearly, so everyone can hear their talk and learn about their chosen topic.

Thank you for your support!





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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 – Eliyah and Axel
Ash – Amelia and Jackson
Birch – Cody and Henry
Chestnut – Toby-Jack and John-Boy
Elm - Frankie, Lavinia and Alfie
Maple – Teya and Zofia
Oak – Denley and Ayaan

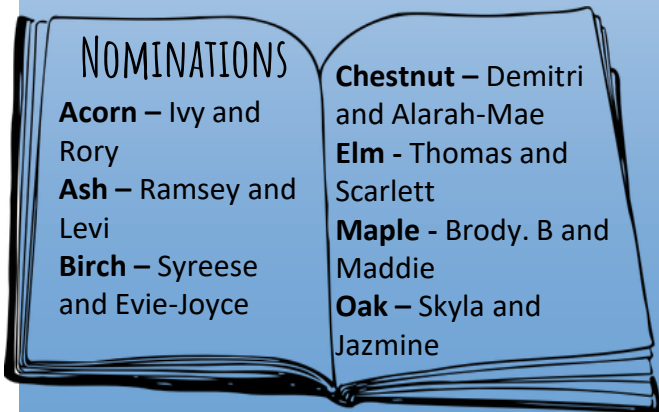
PRIDE Champions





STAR READER...

WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD



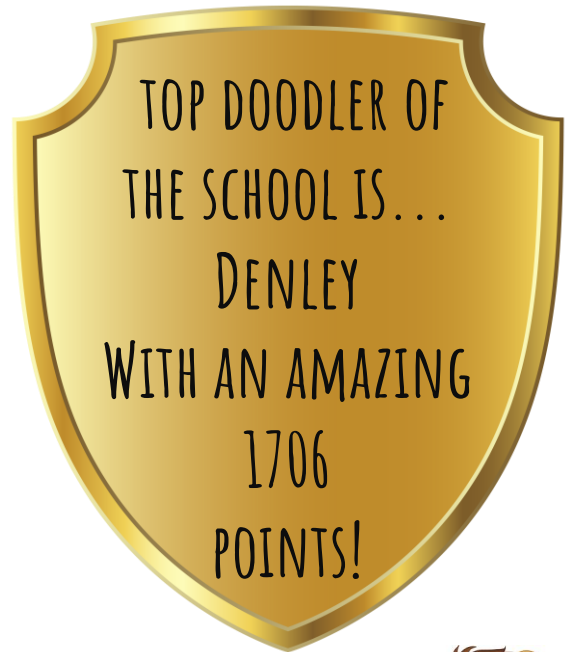
Each week teachers will nominate a star reader from their class. A star reader is someone who has shown progress in reading, shown enjoyment of reading someone who has overcome difficulties in reading or shares their love of reading with the class or a friend. At Willow Primary Academy, we know the key 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 – AMELIA, EZRA AND JOHNNY
BIRCH – KAILEM, CASEY-JOE AND CHARLIE
CHESTNUT – CHRYSTAL, CHELSEA AND
TALIYAH
ELM – LAVINIA, TOMMY AND SCARLETT
MAPLE – LACEY, SKYLA, LILLY
OAK – DELROY, DENLEY AND KAYLA



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
Chestnut!
This week: 90.60%

Our year so far: 92.36%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	79.41%
Ash	86.67%
Birch	94.17%
Chestnut	94.55%
Elm	91.48%
Maple	94.07%
Oak	93.33%



Reminder

Gates are open by 8.40am and close by 8:50am. Please ensure your child is on time and ready to learn. School starts at 8:45am. 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 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](#)





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School Events

Christmas Jumper Day - Thursday 12th December 2024

- Christmas Pantomime in the afternoon.

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 - Wednesday 18th December 2024

Friends of Willow Christmas Fair – 19th December 3:15pm – 5:00pm.

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

