



# Pride News...

Headteacher's Message...

Date – 20.12.2024

Dear Families,

As we come to the end of the Autumn Term, we reflect on all of the events that have taken place.

Highlights include:

- Welcoming Miss Hendry back from maternity leave.
- Great attendance at our New Reception open sessions.
- Brand new playground markings and equipment to improve pupils play times.
- Working together to raise over £300 for Children in Need.
- Positive visits from our School Improvement Partners in both Willow and Piper Centre who reported on the hard work of the staff and the progress we continue to make as a school.
- A fantastic report from our Read, Write Inc development day which confirmed the high quality teaching of phonics at our school.
- An exciting visit and activities with the author B.Ware.
- An enjoyable performance on 'A Christmas Carol' for the pupils by the Westend in Schools company.
- The well-attended Christmas Fayre organised by the Friends of Willow.
- Successful performances of the EYFS/KS1 Nativity and KS2 Festive Showcase.
- Delicious Christmas Lunch cooked and served by our fantastic kitchen staff.

Thank you for your continued support

See you all in the new year

The Willow Team





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## Willow's Learning!!!





## 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.



# 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** – Millie and Charlie

**Ash** – Elevate

**Chestnut** – Charles and Paisley

**Elm** - Mason and Michael

**Maple** – Izobel and Kyron

**Oak** – Violet and Denlie-J

### *PRIDE Champions*

Logan - **Ash**

Lila – **Birch**

Charlie - **Birch**





## WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD

### NOMINATIONS

**Acorn** – Eliyah and Marcie

**Ash** - Kiyah and Jackson

**Birch** – Kailem and Alfie

**Chestnut** – Oliver and Dimitri

**Elm** - Aquan and Frankie

**Maple** - Eliza and Skyla

**Oak** - Chelsea and Kayla



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 – AMELIA, JOHNNY AND ADAM

BIRCH – KAILEM, CHARLIE AND DELILAH

CHESTNUT –

ELM – AQUAN AND TOMMY

MAPLE – LILLY, ADI AND SHAYLA

OAK – BRETT, AYAAN AND SUMMER



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  
Maple!!!

This week: 89.42%%

Our year so far: 91.89%

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	96.06%
Ash	80.97%
Birch	95.85%
Chestnut	89%
Elm	87.38%
Maple	97.94%
Oak	80.73%



### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

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

Christmas Bank Holidays	25 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
	26 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
New Year Bank Holiday	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025
Good Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Easter Monday	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025
Early May Bank Holiday	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25 <sup>th</sup> August 2025

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







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### School Events

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

