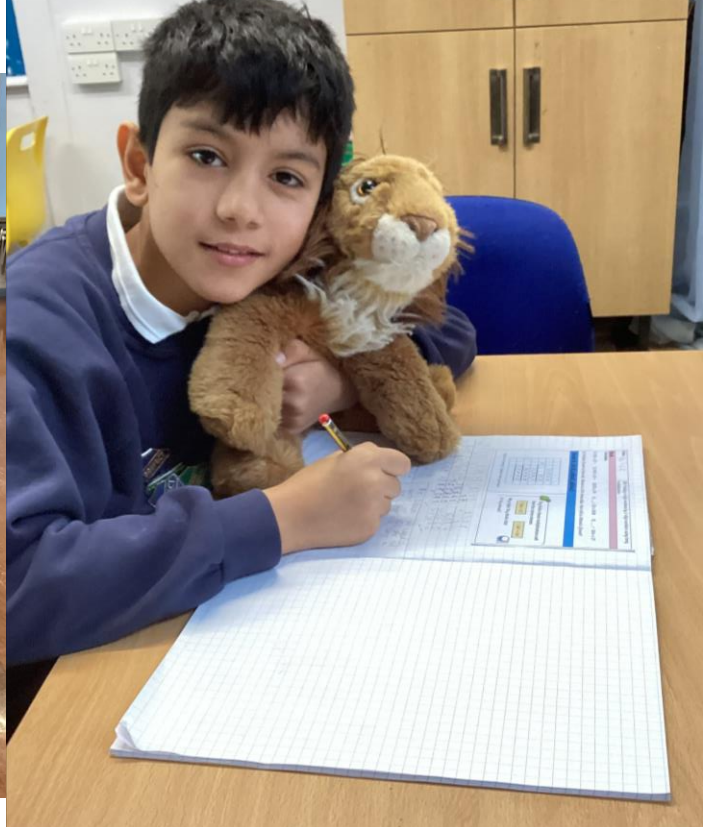
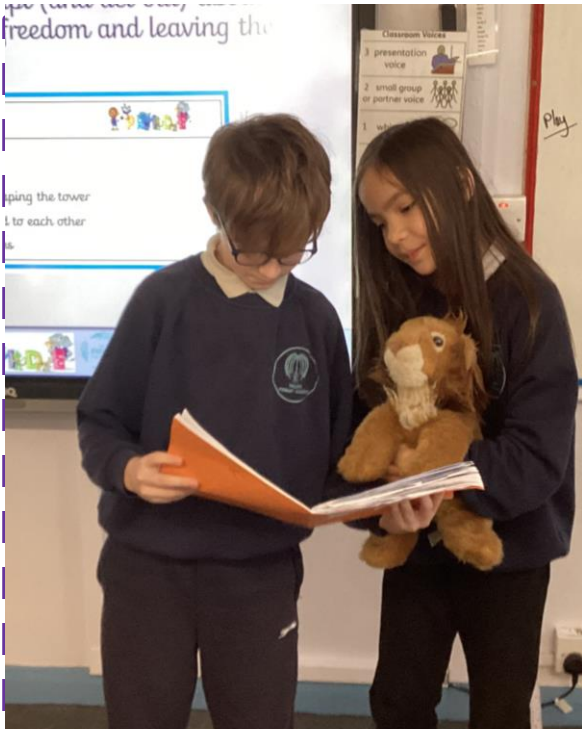




Pride News...

Willow's Learning!!!





Pride News...

'Look Who's Talking' Oracy Competition

The children returned from the Christmas holidays, ready to write a speech about something they are passionate about. There was a buzz around school, as the children wrote with enthusiasm! Each child then took part in a class heat, where two winners were selected as 'Class Speakers':



Ash – Adam, Joseph and Ezra

Birch – Giorgio and Casey-Joe

Chestnut – Lily and Hanna

Elm – Lana and Kaleb

Maple – Obi and Izobel

Oak – Summer and Delroy



These children then presented to the whole school this week, where Mrs Tonks, Miss Simmonds and Mrs Arthur gave points against a range of criteria, such as: intonation, projection, engaging the audience, structure etc. It was lovely to see the children performing confidently on stage, in-front of their peers and parents and every single one of them should be proud of their achievements.





Pride News...

'Look Who's Talking' Oracy Competition



After much deliberation, our 'Whole School Speakers' have been chosen and the winners are...

KS1 – Giorgio

LKS2 – Lily

UKS2 – Obi

These children are now through to the next round of the competition, where they will be presenting to judges amongst other schools within Gloucester. Good luck to them! We know that you will do a great job representing Willow!





Looking for a recipe that can get your children to eat more vegetables?

At Beezee Families, we work with hundreds of families who want to eat healthier, but struggle to find dishes with vegetables their children will eat. Sounds familiar?

Check out our Mexican traybake below for a taste of our recipe selection!



Ingredients:

- 1 large red onion
 - 3 cloves of garlic (2 tsp pre-minced)
 - 1 can sweetcorn
 - 1 can black beans (drained and rinsed)
 - 1 can chopped tomatoes
 - 320g frozen spinach
 - 100g uncooked red lentils
 - 250g brown rice
 - 600ml veggie stock
 - 120g low-fat cheddar/mozzarella
- Spices: 2 tsp paprika, 1.5 tsp cumin, 1.5 tsp coriander, 1 tsp oregano, ½ tsp chili powder (or none if you don't like spice).

Method:

1. Pre-heat your oven to 200 degrees/ gas mark 6.
2. Dice the onions and garlic (if using fresh) and add them to a large baking tray or dish.
3. Add your brown rice and lentils, along with the spinach, corn and chopped tomatoes.
4. Add all your spices to the tray. Make the stock, then pour slowly into the tray and mix everything together.
5. Pop into the oven for 45 minutes. Take the tray out, add beans and mix well, then top with grated cheese. Return to oven for 10 minutes.
6. Leave to cool for 5 minutes and then enjoy!

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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.



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- Isla and Talia
Ash- Keanu
Birch- Shaylan
Chestnut- Lucius, Oscar and Toby-Jack
Elm- Lexie and Bonnie
Maple- Hridaan
Oak- Delroy

PRIDE Champions

Ash - Ezra
Birch- Kaylah-Jade
Maple- Marianne and Skyler
Oak - Delroy





STAR READER...

WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD

NOMINATIONS

Acorn – Alana and Eliyah

Ash - Amelia and Ramsey

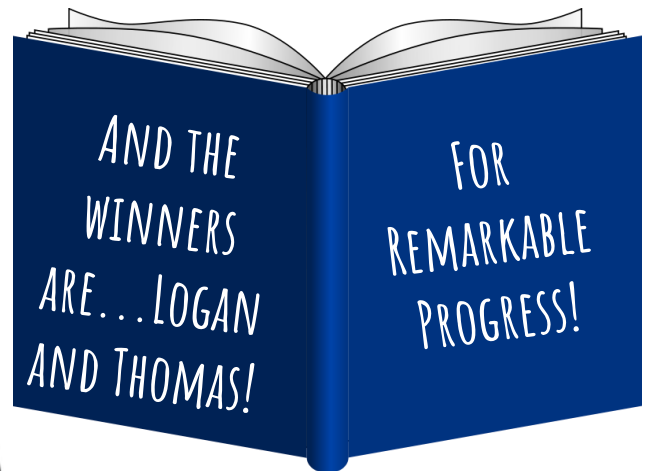
Birch – Blake and Syresse

Chestnut – Oliver and Logan

Elm -Lily and Thomas

Maple - Zofia and Anayah

Oak - Jenson and Ayaan



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 – RAMSEY, EZRA AND JESSIE
BIRCH – CHARLIE, LILA AND POPPY
CHESTNUT – LILY, TALIAH AND CALLUM
ELM – TOMMY AND LAVINIA
MAPLE – LILLY, HRIDAAN AND DYLAN
OAK – KAYLA, EFE AND AYAAN



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

Elm class

This week:

91.04%

Our year so far: 91.86%

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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Class	Attendance
Acorn	78.82%%
Ash	90.53%
Birch	95.76%
Chestnut	87.50%
Elm	96.60%
Maple	96.40%
Oak	89.30%



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 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 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 1st June 2025 from 1.30 pm to 3.15 pm

Piper Centre Sports Day – Wednesday 2nd June 2025 from 1.00 pm to 2.30
pm

Willow Sports Reserve Day - Tuesday 8th June 2025 from 1.30 pm to 3.15
pm

Piper Centre Sports Reserve Day - Wednesday 9th 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

