



Pride News...

☀ Pupil Premium – Unlocking Every Child's Potential ☀

Dear Parents and Carers,

At Willow Primary Academy, we are passionate about providing every child with the best possible education, regardless of their background or circumstances. One of the most effective ways we can support this goal is through Pupil Premium funding, a vital part of our mission to help all children thrive.

💰 What is Pupil Premium?

Pupil Premium is additional funding allocated by the government to support pupils who may be at a disadvantage. This includes children who:

- Are eligible for free school meals (FSM),
- Have been eligible in the past six years (Ever6),
- Are in care or have been adopted from care,
- Have parents in the armed forces.

🔗 How Does This Help Your Child?

Our strategy is carefully designed to close gaps in attainment and improve outcomes for all our pupils. Here's how we use the funding to benefit pupils directly:

1. High-Quality Teaching for All

We invest in tailored staff training and development to ensure that every child receives engaging, high-quality lessons every day.

2. Targeted Academic Support

Children benefit from small group tuition and 1:1 interventions in reading, writing, and maths, particularly in the early years and Key Stage 1/2. Programmes like phonics support are key to helping children gain confidence and make rapid progress.

3. Speech and Language Support

Specialist support is provided for children who need help with speech, communication, and language development – helping them feel confident and understood.

4. Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health

We know that children learn best when they feel safe, happy, and supported. Our Play Therapist offers personalised care to children with social and emotional needs.

5. Improving Attendance

Children can't learn if they're not in school. With the help of our Family Support Worker, Breakfast Club, and attendance incentives, we work with families to ensure every child arrives ready to learn.



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📈 What Has Been the Impact?

- Over 60% of our disadvantaged children made expected or better progress in reading, writing, and maths last year.
- Children receiving interventions in speech therapy and mental health support have shown notable gains in confidence and classroom engagement.
- We continue to address attendance challenges with dedication, offering family support and incentives.

👪 How Can Parents Support This Work?

We believe in working hand-in-hand with families. You can support your child's learning by:

- Ensuring good attendance and punctuality,
- Attending parental workshops,
- Reading regularly with your child at home,
- Talking to us if you think your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium.

Applying is simple and confidential – please contact the school office if you think your child may be entitled.

🌟 Every Child Deserves the Best

We are committed to ensuring that every child at Willow Primary Academy can flourish. Pupil Premium is a key part of our drive to unlock potential, raise aspirations, and provide all children with a world of possibilities.

Thank you for your continued support.



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📌 Apply for Free School Meals – Unlock Extra Support for Your Child 📌

📌 Why Apply?

If you apply and qualify for Free School Meals, your child's school may also receive £1,300–£2,500 in Pupil Premium funding.

✅ Who Can Apply?

You can apply if you receive one of the following:

- Universal Credit (with household income less than £7,400 a year after tax)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit, and income below £16,190)
- The guaranteed part of Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

📌 How to Apply (Takes 5 Minutes)

1. Visit: 🖱️ www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals
2. Click on the blue "Apply for Free School Meals" button.
3. Complete the online form – you'll need:
 - a. Your National Insurance number (or National Asylum Seeker Support number)
 - b. Your child's name and date of birth
4. Receive a decision instantly – the school will be notified automatically.

💬 Need Help?

If you're unsure whether you qualify or need help applying, please contact the school office. We're happy to help and all conversations are confidential.

❤️ **Your child may not eat the meal – but applying helps us support them in many other ways.**

Apply today and unlock life-changing support for your child.



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Willow's Learning in Acorn Class!



Acorn was excited to have Willow back in class to join us for lots more learning! Loving the Pirate theme, Willow had fun by having his own hat, patch, sword and telescope and went on many of the pirate ships that were made for him. Luckily, he wasn't made to walk the plank! Willow saw some amazing writing about pirates, some with the use of capital letters and full stops! We even read our writing to him! During Phonics, Willow learned Special Friends, 'ir' and whirled and twirled with his group. In Maths, his eyes sparkled just like the gems we used to find pairs of numbers that make 5. There has been such a lot of learning during our activities and Continuous Provision that it doesn't seem like hard work!





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In Other News

School Uniform

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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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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

Ash- Dante and Tyler

Birch- Elijah-Jay and Delilah

Chestnut- Lily

Maple- Marianne

Oak- Megan

PRIDE Champions

Acorn- Lily

Chestnut – Oscar

Elm – Lavinia and Amy-Rose

Maple- Alisha

Oak - Kayla





WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD

NOMINATIONS

Acorn – Matias
and Toby

Ash - Keanu and
Levi-Jayde

Birch – Charlie and
Bethany

Chestnut – John-Boy,
Travon and Beauden

Elm - Grace and Lexie

Maple – Phoenix and
Calian

Oak - Delroy and
Shyanne



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 – LOGAN, AMELIA AND ADAM
BIRCH – CHARLIE, EVIE-JOYCE AND
GIORGIO

CHESTNUT – LILY, OLIVER AND CHARLES

ELM – LILY, TOMMY AND KALEL

MAPLE – ADI, LACEY, FINNEY

OAK – SHAYLA-RAI, KAYLA AND MEGAN



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

This week:

Birch class!!!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	88.75%
Ash	89.19%
Birch	96%
Chestnut	91.43%
Elm	87.45%
Maple	90.67%
Oak	79.67%



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





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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

Acorn class Assembly – Monday 30th June

Willow Sports Day - Tuesday 1st July 2025 from 1.30 pm to 3.15 pm

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

Ash Class Assembly – Monday 7th July

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

Piper Centre Sports Reserve Day - Wednesday 9th July 2025 from 1.00 pm to 2.30 pm

Willow Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Thursday 17th July 2025 from 1:30pm-3:15pm.





£2 Entry
Kids free

NEARLY NEW SALE

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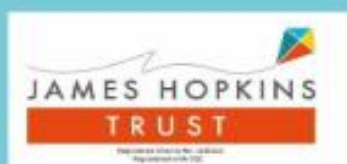
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