



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 – Freddie-John and Alana

Birch- Alfie and Johnny

Chestnut- Zenaya and Owen

Elm- Beauden and Callum

Maple- Oakley and Elijah

Oak – Lacey-Mai and Hollie





WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD

NOMINATIONS

Ash - Toby and Millie-Rose

Elm - Chelsea and Chystal

Birch – Alfie and Dante

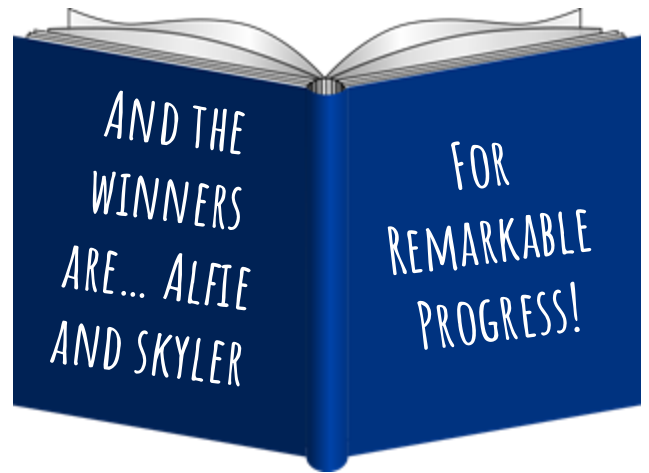
Maple – Remy and Ethan

Chestnut- Cody and Kailem

Oak- Adi and Skyler



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!



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Attendance Superstars

This week:

Ash Class!!!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	79.84%
Ash	98.06%
Birch	89%
Chestnut	85.67%
Elm	90.08%
Maple	88.01%
Oak	93.29%

Reminder

Gates are open by 8.40am 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





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.



School Events

- **History Squad (Chestnut Class)-** Wednesday 3rd December 2025
- **Carols at St. Barnabas Church (Chestnut and Elm Classes)-** Monday 8th December 2025
- **Robin Hood- Panto (Whole School)-** 10th December 2025
- **Carols at St. Barnabas Church (Maple and Oak Classes)-** Thursday 11th December 2025
- **Christmas Jumper Day-** Thursday 11th December 2025
- **Christmas Dinner Day (Whole school)-** Wednesday 17th December 2025
- **Christmas Holiday-** 20th December-4th January
- **INSET days-** 5th & 6th January
- **Year 6 Residential-** 25th-27th March 2026



<u>Term</u>	<u>School opens on</u>	<u>School closes on</u>	<u>Number of days</u>
Term 1	Wednesday 3rd September 2025	Friday 24th October 2025	38 days
Term 2	Monday 3rd November 2025	Friday 19th December 2025	35 days
Term 3	Wednesday 7th January 2026	Friday 13th February 2026	28 days
Term 4	Monday 23rd February 2026	Friday 27th March 2026	25 days
Term 5	Tuesday 14th April 2026	Friday 22nd May 2026	29 days
Term 6	Monday 1st June 2026	Friday 17th July 2026	35 days

Bank holiday	Date
Christmas Day Holiday	Thursday 25 December 2025
Boxing Day Holiday	Friday 26 December 2025
New Year's Holiday	Thursday 1 January 2026
Good Friday	Friday 3 April 2026
Easter Monday	Monday 6 April 2026
May Day Holiday	Monday 4 May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 25 May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 31 August 2026



Read with me



We're trying to make sure every school in Gloucestershire can benefit from our reading volunteers by the end of 2026. However, achieving this goal comes with significant costs. To help raise vital funds for Read With Me, Linda, our founder and director, will be participating in the Ragusa Half Marathon in January. The link below will take you to our donation page. Every donation counts - just £1 can make a difference and help us reach our goal. We are very grateful in advance to any donations we get. Thank you!

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/linda-thomas-5?utm_medium=CF&utm_source=CL

The Read With Me team

Gloucester City

HAF

holiday activities & food



GLOUCESTER CITY HAF PROVIDES FREE ACTIVITIES AND FOOD FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN.

HAF takes place three times a year during school holidays in:

- Spring
- Summer
- Winter



Signposting

You can contact us for support and we can signpost you to organisations that can help you.



Food

Food is available during activities making sure your children have access to a healthy meal.



Activities

Free activities that can be booked online including:

- Family activities
- Children and young people activities
- Ticketed attractions



If you need help to sign up or book activities contact us:

gloshafconnector@gmail.com

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familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk

 **Glos city HAF**

Free Winter Activities for Children, Young People & Families

The Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) returns this winter with lots of fun activities and delicious food available for children and families from **20 December to 4 January**.

HAF activities are available for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals. This winter we are also able to extend this offer to any child who may benefit from attending the programme, through our grant funded Holiday Activities Programme (HAP).

Bookings open from midday on 1 December. Make sure you're ready to book by checking your account now

familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Use our handy checklist below to make sure that:

- All your children have an individual profile added to your account.
- Emergency contact details are filled in for each child profile
- Any additional needs or disability information is included for each child profile
- Your details reflect any recent changes (e.g. new address, phone contact details)

Setting up an account is easy:

Scan this QR Code with a phone camera for quick access



If you need any HAF related help then please contact us:

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