



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 – Ariaah and Marcie

Birch- Nevaeh and Molly

Chestnut- Alfie and Julian

Elm- Nimah and Toby-Jack

Maple- Thomas and Tommy

Oak – Eliza, Skyler and Alfie





WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD

NOMINATIONS

Ash - Lou-Bella
And Elijah

Elm - Josef and Lucius

Birch – Molly and
Tyler

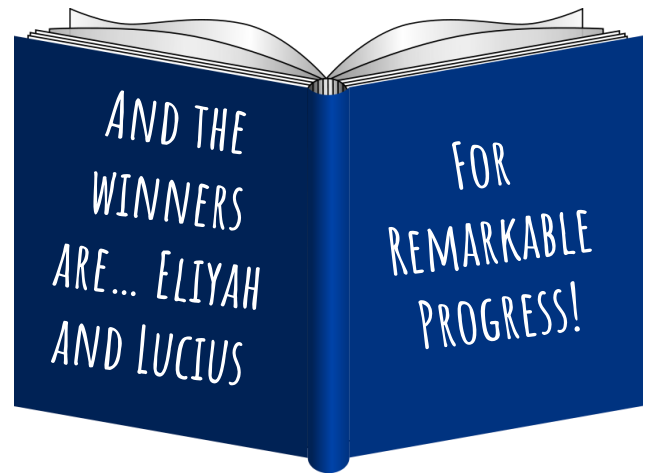
Maple – Frankie and Lana

Chestnut- Alfie and
Giorgio

Oak- Anayah and Lacey-Mai



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:

Oak!!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



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Class	Attendance
Acorn	81.85%
Ash	87.90%
Birch	89.11%
Chestnut	85.06%
Elm	85.71%
Maple	90.88%
Oak	97.70%



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

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.



School Events

- **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





Pride News...

SEN Autumn/Winter	Daily Choices	Monday Comfort Food Choice	Tuesday Warm and Cosy Choice	Wednesday Tasty Favourite Choice	Thursday Food to stop you feeling Hungry	Friday End of Week Special choice	Allergy information- If you would like to know any allergens, please ask a member of the catering team for any information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact. Available Daily: Fresh Salad, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt Jacket Potato Fillings: Cheese, Tuna, Baked Beans,
Week One 5 th Jan 26 th Jan 23 rd Feb 16 th March	<i>Option One</i>	Minced Beef Hot Pot (GF/DF)	Sweet & Sour Chicken, served with Wholegrain Rice (GF/DF)	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (GF/DF)	Chicken & Broccoli Pasta Bake (GF/DF)	Chicken Goujons & Chips (DF)	
	<i>Option Two</i>	Vegetable & Bean Chilli, served with wholegrain rice (GF/DF)	Ratatouille Crumble, served with creamy mash,	Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (GF)	Vegetable Chilli, served with Rice (DF)	Veggie Pizza & Chips (GF/DF)	
	<i>Option Three</i>	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	
	<i>Vegetables of the Day</i>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Baked Beans and Peas	
Week Two 12 th Jan 2 nd Feb 2 nd March 23 rd April	<i>Dessert</i>	Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	
	<i>Option One</i>	Chicken Curry, Saag also served with wholegrain rice (GF/DF)	Beef Cottage Pie (DF)	Roast Chicken, served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (GF/DF)	Lasagne, served with Salad and Garlic bread	Fish & Chips (DF)	
	<i>Option Two</i>	Quorn Meatballs, served with pasta (GF/DF)	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake (GF)	Seasonal Vegetable Tart, served with Roast Potatoes (GF/DF)	Mediterranean Stuffed Peppers (GF/DF)	Vegan Dippers & Chips (DF)	
	<i>Option Three</i>	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	
Week Three 19 th Jan 9 th Feb 9 th March	<i>Vegetables of the Day</i>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	<i>Dessert</i>	Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	
	<i>Option One</i>	Southern Style Chicken Wrap Served with Potato Wedges	Pasta Bolognese Bake (GF/DF)	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (GF/DF)	Chicken & Vegetable Pie, (GF/DF)	Sausage & Chips (GF/DF)	
	<i>Option Two</i>	Leek, Potato and Cheese Pie	Courgette & Carrot Loaf, served with Potato Wedges	Mushroom & Parsnip Rosti Served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (GF/DF)	Chickpea & Vegetable Stew, served with dumplings (GF/DF)	Veggie Hot dogs & Chips (DF)	
<i>Option Three</i>	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	
	<i>Vegetables of the Day</i>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Baked Beans & Peas	

New Menu!

We have a new menu starting in January.

You can see the menu on our website and there will be paper copies that you can take from the school reception.

<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

Christmas Tree Recycling



LONGFIELD
Community Hospice

In Partnership with Just Helping

Collections 10th -13th January
Registration Closes 6th January

JUSTHELPING
Registered charity no. 114888

Take the hassle out of disposing of your Christmas tree and have Longfield collect it for a voluntary donation. *

You will not only be helping reduce your carbon footprint but also supporting your community hospice providing Hospice at Home care and Wellbeing, Counselling and Bereavement Support for individuals facing a life-limiting condition.



*After costs, over 80% of monies raised will go to Longfield Community Hospice with around 13% going to Just Helping charity and over 5% to other local charities.

just-helping.org.uk/register-tree

Registered Charity Number 298627



Registered with
**FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR**



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KARATE FOR EVERYONE



NEW CLASS OPENING

KINGSWAY

STARTS MONDAY 3RD NOV. 2025

**KINGSWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL,
VALLEY GDNS, KINGSWAY, GL2 2AR**

DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION & FREE UNIFORM FOR NEW MEMBERS!

CLASSES SUITABLE FOR FAMILIES, ADULTS & CHILDREN (5YEARS+)



FIND OUT MORE INFO:

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OR SCAN THE QR CODE



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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