



# Pride News...

MERRY  
*Christmas*  
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Firstly, we would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas break.**

**We would also like to update you on a few staff changes.**

**Annie Martin will be taking on the role of school SENCO as we say goodbye to Beth Griffin. We would like to thank Beth for all of her hard work here at Willow, and we wish her all the very best for the future.**

**We also say goodbye to Sophie Johnson, who has worked at Willow for an amazing 9 years! We thank Sophie for her dedication and commitment and wish her all the best in her future.**

**We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Wednesday  
7<sup>th</sup> January 2026!**





## Willow Christmas Dinner 2025



## Thank you Jo and Elaine!





# Pride News...

## Attendance Superstars

This week:

# Oak class!!!

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	76.7%
Ash	64%
Birch	88%
Chestnut	88.5%
Elm	69.6%
Maple	87%
Oak	100%



### 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.



# 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
<b>Week One</b>  5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb 16 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Option One</i>  <i>Option Two</i>  <i>Option Three</i>  <i>Vegetables of the Day</i>  <i>Dessert</i>	Minced Beef Hot Pot (GF/DF)  Vegetable & Bean Chilli, served with wholegrain rice (GF/DF)  Jacket Potato  Vegetables of the Day  Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	Sweet & Sour Chicken, served with Wholegrain Rice (GF/DF)  Ratatouille Crumble, served with creamy mash,  Jacket Potato  Vegetables of the Day  Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	Roast Pork Served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (GF/DF)  Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (GF)  Jacket Potato  Vegetables of the Day  Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	Chicken & Broccoli Pasta Bake (GF/DF)  Vegetable Chilli, served with Rice (DF)  Jacket Potato  Vegetables of the Day  Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	Chicken Goujons & Chips (DF)  Veggie Pizza & Chips (GF/DF)  Jacket Potato  Baked Beans and Peas  Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day
<b>Week Two</b>  12 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	<i>Option One</i>  <i>Option Two</i>  <i>Option Three</i>  <i>Vegetables of the Day</i>  <i>Dessert</i>	Chicken Curry, Saag also served with wholegrain rice (GF/DF)  Quorn Meatballs, served with pasta (GF/DF)  Jacket Potato  Vegetables of the Day  Fruit Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	Beef Cottage Pie (DF)  Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake (GF)  Jacket Potato  Vegetables of the Day  Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	Roast Chicken, served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (GF/DF)  Seasonal Vegetable Tart, served with Roast Potatoes (GF/DF)  Jacket Potato  Vegetables of the Day  Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	Lasagne, served with Salad and Garlic bread  Mediterranean Stuffed Peppers (GF/DF)  Jacket Potato  Vegetables of the Day  Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	Fish & Chips (DF)  Vegan Dippers & Chips (DF)  Jacket Potato  Vegetables of the Day  Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day
<b>Week Three</b>  19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb 9 <sup>th</sup> March	<i>Option One</i>  <i>Option Two</i>  <i>Option Three</i>  <i>Vegetables of the Day</i>  <i>Dessert</i>	Southern Style Chicken Wrap Served with Potato Wedges  Leek, Potato and Cheese Pie  Jacket Potato  Vegetables of the Day  Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	Pasta Bolognese Bake (GF/DF)  Courgette & Carrot Loaf, served with Potato Wedges  Jacket Potato  Vegetables of the Day  Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (GF/DF)  Mushroom & Parsnip Rosti Served with Roast Potatoes & Gravy (GF/DF)  Jacket Potato  Vegetables of the Day  Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	Chicken & Vegetable Pie, (GF/DF)  Chickpea & Vegetable Stew, served with dumplings (GF/DF)  Jacket Potato  Vegetables of the Day  Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day	Sausage & Chips (GF/DF)  Veggie Hot dogs & Chips (DF)  Jacket Potato  Baked Beans & Peas  Fruit, Yoghurt, Dessert of the Day

**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,

# We have a new menu for 2026!!

There is a copy on Class Dojo, and also there are paper copies for you to take in the main reception.



## School Events

- **INSET days-** 5th & 6th January
- **Year 6 Residential-** 25th-27th March 2026
- **Year 3 and 4-** Beginning on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March (every Friday)
- **Young Voices concert-** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (invite only)
- **February Half Term-** Week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026
- **Parents Evening (Willow)-** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026



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

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

# POP UP PANTO!

- Singing · Dancing ·
- Dressing up ·
- Breakfast & Lunch ·
- Free to attend ·
- Children of all ages  
welcome ·

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Dec  
11am – 4pm  
St James' Church  
Tredworth, GL1 4LA



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Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec  
10am – 3pm  
King's School  
Glos, GL1 2BG



# Christmas Tree Recycling



**LONGFIELD**  
Community Hospice

**In Partnership with Just Helping**

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

**JUSTHELPING**  
Registered charity no. 114088

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](https://just-helping.org.uk/register-tree)

Registered Charity Number 298627



Registered with  
**FUNDRAISING  
REGULATOR**

# 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](mailto:gloshafconnector@gmail.com)

07340709871

[familyhubs.gloucestershire.gov.uk](http://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](http://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:

T: 07340 709 871

E: [gloshafconnector@gmail.com](mailto:gloshafconnector@gmail.com)

