



Pride News...

Staff Update-

We wanted to let you all know that Miss Simmonds has decided to leave Willow Primary and seek new opportunities.

We wish her very well in her new chapter, and we appreciate all that she has done for the school.



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 – Kevin and Millie-Rose

Birch- Maddison and Adelle

Chestnut- Frances and Avia

Elm- Logan and Callum

Maple- Frankie and Mason

Oak – Ava and Calian





WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD

NOMINATIONS

Ash - Alana and Millie

Elm - Josef and Clara

Birch – Nevaeh and Atreyu

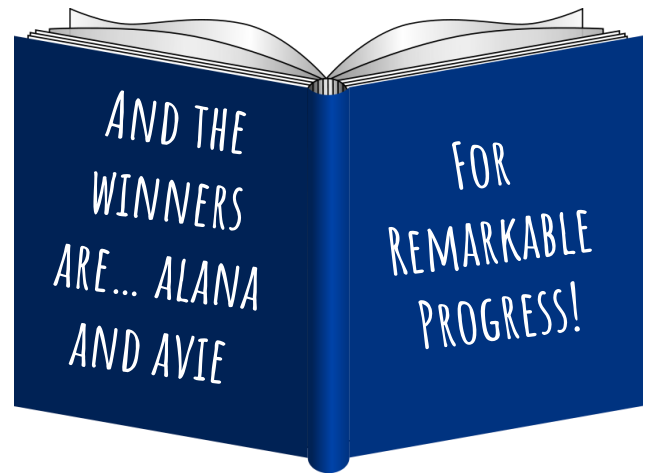
Maple – Avie and Ethan

Chestnut- Poppy and Lila

Oak- Kyron and Teya



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 class!!!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	78.6%
Ash	84.6%
Birch	91.7%
Chestnut	85.2%
Elm	91.3%
Maple	86.4%
Oak	92.6%



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

- February Half Term- **Week commencing 16th February 2026**
- Year 6 Residential- **25th-27th March 2026**
- Parents Evening (Willow)- **Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th February 2026**
- World Book Day- **Thursday 5th March 2026**
- Book Fair- **Thursday 12th and Friday 13th March 2026**
- Trip to Gloucester Museum (Year 3)- **12th March 2026**
- 1pm Finish on Friday 27th March- (Last day of term)
BOTH WILLOW AND PIPER CENTRE
- Easter Half Term- **Monday 30th March- Tuesday 14th April 2026.**
- INSET DAY- **Monday 13th April**
- Swimming starts for Year 5 & 6 (Friday AM)- **17th April 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 School closes at 1pm.	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



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CHILDCARE VOUCHERS



February Half Term at the Museum!

It's a busy Half Term packed with hands-on activities, creative workshops and plenty for families to explore. Creative makes, family fun and brilliant ways to dive into history all week long.

Art Explorers: Arts & Crafts Trail

Sat 14 - Sun 22 Feb | £2 per trail

Follow the trail through puppets, pottery and nature-loving makers, try creative challenges and design your own patterns. Finish it and you'll earn a nature-inspired stamper to take home.

Making Folk: Crafting Charms and Folk Motifs

Sat 14 Feb, 1-4 pm | £5

Get creative with natural materials, beads and fabric as you make your own charms or stitch folk-inspired motifs. For all ages, proudly part of Gloucester Folk Trail.

Hands On History: Object Handling with the Birdlip Mirror

Sun 15 & Wed 18 Feb | £1 donation

Take a closer look at our Birdlip Mirror replicas and discover their stories with our Visitor Experience Assistant. This relaxed drop-in is free, with a suggested £1 donation. Great for families aged 3+.

Brick Builders Club: The Great Outdoors

Tue 17 Feb, 10am - 1pm | £3 per child

Get creative with nature-themed LEGO challenges inspired by our Arts & Crafts displays. Build landscapes, dream up wild creatures or invent something totally new. Pick up fun prompts and let your imagination take over. Suitable for ages 5+.

Glorious Glevum Tour

Wed 18 Feb, 2-3pm | From £5

Explore Roman Glevum with Lucius Sita, our resident auxiliary soldier. Discover why the Romans chose Gloucester, what daily life looked like and the hidden treasures inside the museum.

Medieval Mercenary Tour of the Eastgate Chamber

Sat 21 Feb, 2-3pm | From £5

Join Sir Miles, our medieval mercenary, for a fascinating trip into the Eastgate Chamber. Explore its history, uncover old myths and hear the superstitions that have surrounded this hidden space for centuries.

