



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 – Lily and Rory

Birch- Freddie and Kiyah

Chestnut- Kaylah and Kailem

Elm- Max and Hanna

Maple- Michael and Keeley

Oak – Lacey-Mai and Nate





WILLOW'S STAR READER SPECIAL SURPRISE AWARD

NOMINATIONS

Ash - Riley and Axel

Elm - Charles and Logan

Birch – Dante and
Alaia

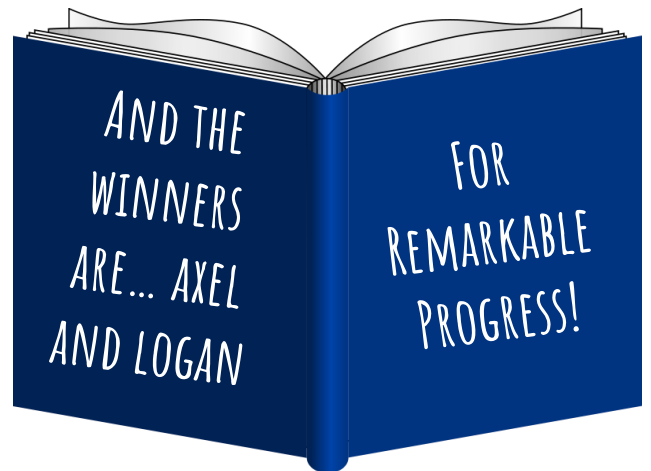
Maple- JJ and Thomas

Chestnut- Evie-
Joyce and Avia

Oak- Adi and Brody DG



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!



Pride News...

Attendance Superstars

This week:

Ash!!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Class	Attendance
Acorn	85.71%
Ash	98%
Birch	94.10%
Chestnut	93.53%
Elm	89.20%
Maple	94.01%
Oak	97.30%



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.



Upcoming School Events

- **Year 3 and 4 Swimming-** Every Friday morning until Easter Holidays
- **Year 6 Residential-** 25th-27th March 2026
- **February Half Term-** Week commencing 16th February 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



<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



Gloucestershire County Council is offering Bikeability courses during all 2026 school holidays. These courses are designed for children aged 9–14 and help build cycling confidence and safety skills in small groups with qualified instructors.

2026 Course Locations & Dates:

February Half-Term: Ashley Manor Prep School, Cheltenham

Easter Holidays: Bournside School, Cheltenham

May Half-Term: Kingshill School

Summer Holidays: Skillzone (2 sessions available)

October Half-Term: Pineholt Village Hall

Course Details:

Cost: £10 per course (2 x 2-hour sessions)

Bikes: Available subject to availability

Booking-

<https://forms.office.com/e/vBSvziEEBk>



The not so secret book club

by Read
with me



Join us this half term for a free event with crafts and a treasure hunt inspired by The Owl and the Pussycat, plus a selection of free books to take home and enjoy.

As always, no need to book - just turn up!

**Find us on Robinswood Hill.
Tuesday 17th February, 11am-1pm.**