



Dear Parents and Carers

Spring is on its way and the daffodils are blooming! I often talk to the children about not picking flowers so that we can all see them and enjoy them. Yesterday I saw a lovely thing and realised that the children do listen! One of the children from Reception went over to some daffodils and bent over and gave one a kiss! What a privilege it is to work with children and see them grow and develop.

Northbrook Pool

We are really keen to keep Northbrook pool used by the local community. For the week of the 27th March, the pool are trialling extended opening hours, so please go along and have a swim! Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday the pool will open 9-5. On Thursday the pool will open 7.30 – 6. On Saturday the pool will open 8-12.

Strike Days

There are planned strike days on Wednesday and Thursday next week. Please see below for which classes are closed.

Wednesday		
Nursery	SHUT	
Reception	RS open	RG open
Year 1	1C SHUT	1P SHUT
Year 2	2S open	2T SHUT
Year 3	3P open	3DM open
Year 4	4H open	4F SHUT
Year 5	5W open	5C open
Year 6	6P open	6BM open

Thursday		
Nursery	open	
Reception	RS open	RG open
Year 1	1C SHUT	1P SHUT
Year 2	2S open	2T SHUT
Year 3	3P open	3DM open
Year 4	4H open	4F open
Year 5	5W open	5C open
Year 6	6P SHUT	6BM SHUT

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Year group pages

The school website has been updated with some subject maps and knowledge organisers for each year group. You can find these documents

here: <https://www.willowbrook.devon.sch.uk/year-group-pages>

PTA/Friends of Willowbrook

Thank you to those who came to the quiz night, we hope you enjoyed it and we look forward to the next event.

Mothers' day cake and tea

Due to other things going on in the school our Mother's day cake and tea will be held on Friday 24th March. This is a lovely event where you can join us in the hall with your child/ren and have cake and a drink to celebrate Mothers' day. We are only able to accommodate one sitting this year with a limited number of tickets available, these will be sold Monday to Thursday after school outside the community room at 3.30 on a first come first served basis, tickets are £5 which includes cake and drinks for you and your child/ren. We will also be selling chocolate bars for 10p at this time.

We are currently raising money for some new playground equipment and lunch time games so please help us reach our goal.

Parking on site

Please may we remind those parents/carers with a Blue Badge that park on site to only use the designated parking spaces available and not to park against the fence that states 'No Parking'. If there are no designated parking spaces available, please either wait for one to become free, or use the parking in Arena Car Park. This is so that we can keep the school site safe.

Messages

We are receiving an increasing amount of messages late in the afternoon for office staff to pass on to children and teachers regarding collection. While we understand sometimes this cannot be helped, the office does get extremely busy in the afternoons, so please ensure any messages are sent before lunchtime.

Willowbrook's Recognition Mission

In the first couple of weeks of our recognition mission, lots of children have been recognised for going over and above in demonstrating our school values of teamwork, friendship, excellence and respect. Hopefully, if your child has been recognised, they have been able to share their recognition slip with you.

We had our first hot chocolate Friday today. This meant that some of the children who had been recognised this week from across the school could get together and discuss the positive recognition they had received.

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What each class has been up to

RECEPTION

In reception we have been working on our doubling in Maths and the children have been doing really well!



RS's Friday Flyer: Maryam

We also enjoyed experiencing the space dome last friday!



RG's Friday Flyer: Rudy

YEAR 1

This week we started our new maths unit - length & height. We have been using non-standard units and rulers to measure things around the classroom. We even measured ourselves!!



We also had another outdoor learning session. We had so much fun learning about trees and the leaves they produce. Then the torrential rain started...

1C's Friday Flyer:

1P's Friday Flyer: Blake

YEAR 2



We had a great (and wet) football session with Premier. We practised our dribbling and shooting skills.

In Art, we looked at modern day pointillism and had a go at changing the shade of a colour without using black and white. This table in 2S were recognised for excellent teamwork!

2S's Friday Flyer: Oscar

2T's Friday Flyer: Amayah

YEAR 3



In year 3 we have been enjoying PE this week. In outdoor PE, we are learning the different throws for netball. In indoor PE, we are practising our ball control too, with some tricky challenges that we enjoyed getting stuck into.

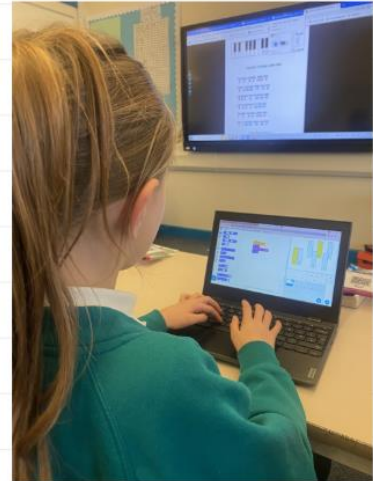
3P's Friday Flyer: Amir

3DM's Friday Flyer: Elliot

YEAR 4

This week in Year 4, we have been learning how to code in scratch. We created a piano on scratch and some children had a go at playing a simple song on the chromebooks. We have begun to make our fairground rides and are hoping to use our scratch knowledge to make them spin!

We have also been learning how to do handstands safely against a wall and have practised our forehand and backhand in tennis.



4F's Friday Flyer: Milo

4H's Friday Flyer:

YEAR 5



Year 5 had a brilliant time learning all about Space with Simon from Space Odyssey!



5C's Friday Flyer: Amelia (Cherry)

5W's Friday Flyer: Bene (Cherry)

YEAR 6

Book covers that were designed on World Book Day by the children in year 6.



Year 6 have had their final full practice SATs week. All of the children have engaged excellently and shown a real desire to challenge themselves. We have also enjoyed tag rugby with Exeter Chiefs and created our own Japanese flat art.

6P's Friday Flyer: Merve (Cherry)

6BM's Friday Flyer: Lily (Cherry)

Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal
Margarita Cheese Pizza, Diced Potatoes and Peas	Beef Chilli, Rice and Sweetcorn	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes, 2 Fresh Vegetables and Gravy	Butchers Sausages, Mash Potato, Carrots and Sweetcorn	Chicken Bites, Chips and Baked Beans
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option
BBQ Beans, Diced Potatoes and Peas	Tomato and Cheese Pasta Bake, Focaccia Bread and Sweetcorn	Red Pepper and Lentil Wellington, Roast Potatoes, 2 Fresh Vegetables and Gravy	Mushroom Biryani, Garlic Focaccia and Sweetcorn or Salad	Vegetable Nuggets, Chips and Baked Beans
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert
Fruit Muffin Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Orange Cookie Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Flapjack Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Jam and Coconut Sponge Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Chocolate Crispy Cake Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt