



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much to the parents of Reception who came to the event on Wednesday after school. The children had such a lovely time and it was good to see so many of you.

I am sure some of the children will have talked to you about the Rocksteady event we had in school this week. This is where the children get the chance to play in a 'band' with a friend.

This is very different to learning an instrument, which is a much longer-term proposition.

We are hoping will have some bursary places available if enough people take up the offer.

Snow!

I am sure you will have seen that there is the possibility of snow next week! If the snow does arrive and this means any changes to the school day, we will post information on the school website and send an email to all parents. Please make sure we have the most up to date contact details. Thank you.

Alien Day

Nest Friday is Alien Day in Reception! Come to school dressed as an alien (children!), and there will be lots of great activities and adventures during the day. Please just use whatever you have, there is no need to go and buy new things.

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Please make sure you have applied for a school place for Reception 2024 as the applications shut on the 15th and if you do not apply, you will be offered places that are left rather than a place you might have wanted

Year 6 Parents

There will be a meeting **today**, Friday 12 January at 3pm prompt in the school hall, to share the plans for the residential visit to London. Only parents of children going on the residential need attend.

After School Clubs

After-School clubs start next week. If your child has a place, you will receive an email letting you know. If you do not receive an email, you do not have a place, but your child will be prioritised in the next round of clubs.

Ding - a - Ling

A reminder that there is an under-fives group on a Friday morning in the Community Room. It is a friendly group of parents and starts after school drop off. Come along with your baby or toddler and they will have a chance to meet other children, play with a range of toys

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and do some singing or rhyme time and have a snack. There is no charge, just come and have some fun.

Census Day

Next Thursday there is a menu change and the option for main meal is chicken nuggets. The Thursday and Friday menus are swapped over. We do this so that as many children as possible stay for lunch on that day, as this determines our funding for the following year.

Mrs Mellors' Maths Challenge

Mrs Mellors is one of our maths leads at Willowbrook School. Every two weeks, she is going to set a challenge for reception, year 1 and year 2. In celebration assembly on a Friday, we will celebrate the children who have completed the challenge.

The challenge for the next two weeks:

- Reception – to spend at least 10 minutes a week on numbots at home
- Year 1 and year 2 – to spend at least 20 minutes a week on numbots at home

If you are not sure how to access numbots, please come and speak to your class teacher. The logins for it should be in your children's reading diary.

A challenge for KS2 children will be set in assembly next week by our KS2 maths lead Mr Pengelly.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to celebrating with your children!

What have each class been up to?

Nursery

Nursery have been learning about transport this week and have started our topic off with learning about cars. We visited the staff car park to have a look at the different types of cars we can get. We have also welcomed lots of new children into our Nursery this term who have settled in beautifully already! We are all really excited to have some new friends to play with.

Sign of the week



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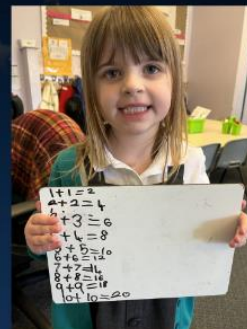


Reception

We have been learning all about Space this week. We have been thinking about the different transport that is used in space and the planets in our solar system.

We drew Rockets in Drawing club and the children did so well!
We also had our family space night this week.

Thank you all the parents who joined us.



Y1 are learning about Mary Anning, the famous fossil hunter. This week, we have been matching dinosaurs to their fossils and carefully looking at some real life fossils.

In maths we have been exploring doubles and near doubles. The children are working hard in their *learning around the room time* practising these.

We have also started our tennis lessons in PE.

Year 1

Year 2

Year 2 are learning about *Great Women in History*, including Amelia Earhart, the famous pilot. This week, the children have learnt about different parts of aeroplanes and have each made a spinner, to represent the propeller of an aeroplane.



In our PE lessons, the children have learnt race walking and have been practising their balancing skills.



In science, the children are increasing their knowledge of everyday materials, including their properties and uses.

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal
Beef Bolognaise and Pasta, Garlic Focaccia, Mixed Salad	Mild Chicken Curry, Rice and Sweetcorn	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Chicken nuggets and chips	Margherita Pizza, Saute Potatoes and Peas
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option
Vegetable Ratatouille and Pasta, Garlic Focaccia and Mixed Salad	Mushroom Biryani with Sweetcorn	Veg Filled Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Vegetable Nuggets, Chips and Baked Beans	Quorn Sausage with Saute Potatoes Peas
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
Flapjack Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Cake Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Ice Cream Pot Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Muffin Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Crispie Cake Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt