

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week it's been here at Willowbrook!

We've had lots going on recently, including a wonderful poetry morning for children in Years 1 to 6, and the Willowbrook wobble, where children from each year group took part in a small obstacle course to win points for their family groups.

A huge thank you to the Year 1 parents who joined us for the Phonics Information Afternoon. It was fantastic to see so many of you, and we hope the session was helpful in supporting your child's phonics learning at home. If you weren't able to come, we will be sending out the information to you next week.

Admissions Policy for 2027–2028: Annual Consultation

Alongside all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on our admissions policy for 2027–2028. The Local Authority is also consulting on its own admission arrangements. You are invited to review the proposals and share your views. Our proposed policy is available on our admissions page here. You can view all policies at http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy, and further information is available at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

The formal consultation period runs until 16th January 2026. All policies will be determined on 28th January 2026 and published by 15th March 2026.

Parent and Community Governor positions

We are currently looking to recruit one parent and one community governor for our school. You do not need to be and expert in education; We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:

- · Is interested in children's education and the performance of schools.
- · Can give a few hours of their time each month during term-time.
- · Has an inquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school.
- · Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgments.

A full induction and associated training will be provided. If you are interested, please get in touch for an informal chat by contacting the Headteacher: willowbrook@thsp.org.uk or telephone 01392 466208

Poetry morning

This morning, children from Year 1 to Year 6 were grouped into their family teams and took part in a Poetry Morning. Across the school, the children engaged in a variety of activities focused on reading, learning, and acting out the poem 'We are going on a dragon hunt'. The school was buzzing with creativity as children explored rhythm, rhyme, and expression.

It was amazing to see how all the children enjoyed working alongside peers of various ages, building connections and learning from one another, this brought a wonderful sense of community to the morning making it a wonderful learning experience.

We're going on a dragon hunt.
We're going to catch a fierce one.
What a beautiful day!
We're not scared.

Uh oh! A river!
A foamy, rushing river!
We can't go over it.
We can't go under it.
Oh no! We've got to go through it!
Huew! Huew! Huew!





Clubs Reminder

A quick reminder that there will be no clubs after school in the final week of half term, as we have parent's evening on the Tuesday/Thursday. Thank you for your understanding.

Starting school in 2026

Join us on Thursday 23rd October 9:30 – 11:30 for our open morning. Children and staff will be delighted to welcome you. Discover how our core values shape everyday learning, play, and community spirit.

To book your place, please contact the school office.



Thursday 23rd October 9.30-11.00am

The children and staff welcome you to come and view our school in action. See how we demonstrate our school values of respect, community,

curiosity, compassion, resilience and aspiration.





CONTACTUS

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Halloween disco

Halloween disco, tickets can be bought from www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofwillowbrook Tickets are on sale now and will stop 1st Nov to allow us time to make sure we have enough food and glowsticks.

Dates and times are:

Nursery and Reception - 4th Nov 3.30-4.30

Year 1 and 2 - 6th Nov 3.30-4.30

Year 3 and 4 - 4th Nov 4.30-5.30 Year 5 and 6 - 6th Nov 4.30-5.30

Halloween costumes welcome but please be mindful of others.

Tickets cost £3 and this includes a snack and a glowstick. Additional snacks and glowsticks will be available to buy on the night.

Free KS2 learning

We work in partnership with Atom Learning, the leading online Key Stage 2 learning and 11+ preparation platform, to provide children in Years 3-6 who are eligible for Pupil Premium with free Atom Home accounts. Atom Home is normally £575.90 per year.

Atom Home provides Key Stage 2 learning resources, helping children build exam technique, subject mastery and academic confidence.

If your child is aged between 7 and 11 and has been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years (please check with the school office if you are not sure), please fill in the form by clicking the button below.

<<Access free KS2 learning>>

For other families, there is a five-day free trial of Atom available: https://atomlearning.com/11-plus

PE days

Please see our recently updated PE day information

Monday – Year 1, 2SB, 2F and Year 5 Tuesday – Nursery, 2SB, Year 3 and Year 6 Wednesday – Year 4 and Year 1 Thursday – Nursery, Year 3, Year 2, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Friday – Reception and 2F

Dates for your diary for the summer term:

Rock steady concert – 26th November

Parents evening - Tuesday 21st and Thursday 23rd October
Flu vaccinations - Tuesday 21st October
Friday 24th October - Non-Pupil Day
Monday 27th - Friday 31st October - Half Term
Autumn term 2 - Monday 3rd November - Friday 19th
December
Nursery and Reception Disco - 4th November
Year3/4 Disco - 4th November
Year1/2 Disco - 6th November
Years 5/6 Disco - 6t November

Christmas holiday start – Monday 22nd December – Monday 5th January



Spring term 1 – Tuesday 6th January – Friday 13th February Monday 16th Friday 20th February – Half term holiday Spring term 2 – Monday 23rd February – Thursday 2nd April Friday 3rd April – Non-pupil day Monday 6th April – Friday 17t April – Easter Holidays Summer term 1 – Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May May day Bank holiday – Monday 4th May School Class photos – Tuesday 19th May Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May – Half term holiday Monday 1st June – Non-pupil day Summer term 2 – Tuesday 2nd June – Wednesday 22nd July

If you have any enquiries, please contact the school office at willowbrook@thsp.org.uk. This will ensure your query is handled efficiently and directed to the appropriate member of staff.

Top Readers

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and effort you've shown towards your reading. It's wonderful to see such a love of reading developing across the school.

3BG Esme W 3H Sophia W

4B Arthur C

4R Erin H

5T Manu R

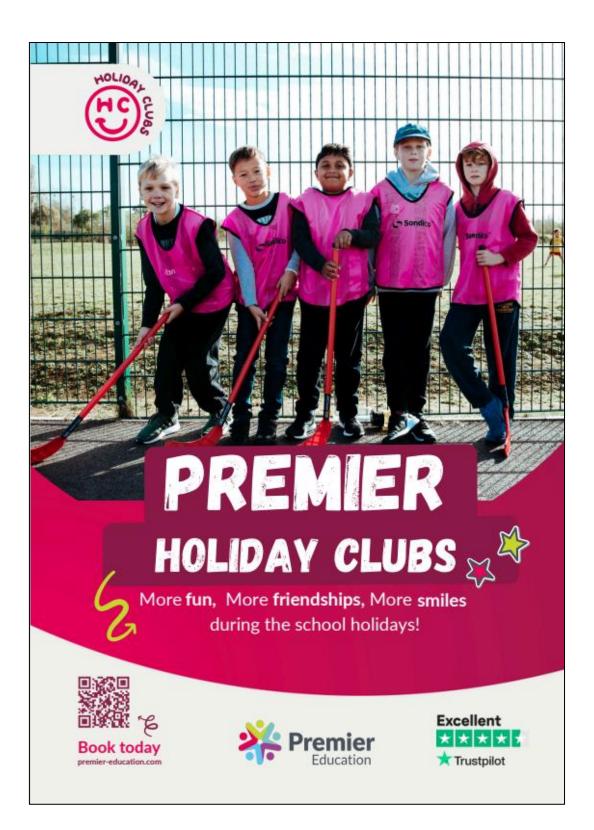
5W Kacper B

6MT Anna W

6P Anabel C

Week commencing: 20th October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL
Pepperoni Pizza with New Potatoes, Fresh Chopped Salad Sweetcorn	Devon Beef Burger with Wedges, Salad and Peas	Roast Devon Pork with Gravy, Roast Carrots and Cabbage	Mild Chicken Curry with White and Wholegrain Rice, Naan Bread and Green Beans	Fish Cake with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas
VEGETARIAN	VEGETARIAN	VEGETARIAN	VEGETARIAN	VEGETARIAN
MEAL	MEAL	MEAL	MEAL	MEAL
Margherita Pizza with New Potatoes, Fresh Chopped Salad and Sweetcorn	Quorn Sausage with Wedges, Salad and Peas	Mozzarella and Tomato Pinwheel with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Cabbage	Creamy Mushroom Stroganoff with White and Wholegrain Rice, Naan Bread and Green Beans	Vegetable Nuggets with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas
JACKET POTATO	JACKET POTATO	JACKET POTATO	JACKET POTATO	JACKET POTATO
Cheese and Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese and Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese and Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese and Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese and Beans or Tuna Mayo
PASTA	PASTA		PASTA	
Tomato Pasta	Cheese Pasta		Tomato Pasta	
DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT
Fresh Fruit Platter	Fruit Jelly	lced Lemon Muffin	Pear and Chocolate Crumble with Chocolate Custard	Ice Cream Pot



★ EXETER OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUBS

- ★ Bowhill Primary School, Exeter, EX4 1JG*
- ★ Cranbrook Education Campus, Cranbrook, EX5 7EE
 - ★ Clyst St Mary Primary School, Exeter, EX5 1BQ
 - ★ Pinhoe Primary School, Exeter, EX4 8PE
 - ★ St John's Primary School, Tiverton, EX16 5LA
- ★ St Michael's Church of England Primary Academy, Exeter, EX1 2SN**
 - ★ St Thomas Primary School, Exeter, EX2 9BB
- ★ Multi Activity, Gymnastics & Dance, Nerf & Dodgeball camps available
 - ★ Running 27th 31st October , 9am 3:30pm *9am - 1pm only for age 4 **8:30am - 5pm extended option available
 - ★ £24.99 per child, per day "£15.99 per child, per day "'£44.99 per child, per day
 - ★ Available to children aged 4 11
 - ★ Book at www.premier-education.com/holiday-camps
 - ★ Contact dcryseli@premier-education.com for queries

PLEASE BRING

A PACKED LUNCH PLENTY OF WATER SUITABLE CLOTHING LOADS OF ENERGY

Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this holiday period as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy!

Book now for a holiday full of excitement!

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Beacon Brunch FREE COMMUNITY EVENT BEACON CENTRE

Planting/ gardening activites,
Warrior Sword workshops,
Pop up Games, Autumn Crafts,
Bring your pumpkin to carve.
Pastries, fruit & drinks
Everyone welcome, come and join us

DATE:

TIME:

THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER

10-12







local children? Want to make a difference in your community and to the education experience of

looking to recruit a parent governor and a community governor. WILLOWBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL - part of The Harbour Schools Partnership Multi Academy Trust - is

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