

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we wrap up another week at Willowbrook, we'd like to extend a big thank you to all the children for their continued enthusiasm and energy. It's been wonderful to see them throw themselves into another week of learning.

We have attached a poster outlining the key skills covered in our recent Decider Skills workshop with Year 5. These strategies are designed to help children manage emotions and make positive choices—and they're just as useful at home as they are in school.

Lastly, for your reference, we've also attached our updated allergen poster for this term's school menu. Please review it carefully and let us know if you have any questions or dietary concerns.

#### **Phonics information Session**

We're pleased to be offering phonics information sessions to support parents in helping their children develop phonics knowledge at home. These sessions will provide practical guidance and insight into how phonics is taught at Willowbrook. There will be two separate sessions:

one for Reception parents on Wednesday 8th October, 2:45pm-3:15pm, and another for Year One parents on Wednesday 15th October, 2:45pm-3:15pm. We warmly encourage you to attend and learn how to make phonics fun and effective at home.



### **School Photos**

We would like to let you know that Tempest will be coming in to school on Friday 26th September to take individual pupil photos.

Sibling photos will take place between 8am and 9am in the school hall. If you would like sibling photos (this is just for children that attend Willowbrook School), please bring your children to the external hall entrance around the back of the school for 8am where we will have a waiting area for you.

If your child attends our Nursery and does not usually attend on a Friday, they can still come in for their photo. Please also come in through the school hall between 8am and 9am and wait with your child.

### Free KS2 online 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

# **Exeter City Community Trust**

We currently only have 3 participants for the Wednesday After School Club. If your child is in years 3 or 4 and enjoys football or would like to learn some new skills, please follow the below link to sign up.

We are also starting a Grecian Kickers and Grecian Girls session at St James High School starting this Tuesday 16th September, you can also find links for these sessions below.

Willowbrook Year 3 and 4 After School Club

<u>Grecian Kickers - Exeter City Community Trust</u>

**Grecian Girls - Exeter City Community Trust** 



## PE days

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

Our Friday Flyers		
	Name	Why are we celebrating them?
1P	Szymon	Szymon is a role model for our class. He always makes sure to say good morning when he arrives to class and uses excellent manners consistently. He helps to make our classroom a calm and respectful space.
15	Umar	Umar is always such a kind, hardworking and respectful member of 1S. He approaches all of his learning with enthusiasm and a smile on his face.
2F	Trevor	Trevor has had a great start to the half term showing real enthusiasm for his learning.
2SB	Ayesha	Ayesha has been a brilliant roll model, demonstrating all of our school values!
3H	Olivia C	Olivia is a role model in 3H. She is always respectfully listening and ensuring she is ready to learn
3B	Lily C	Lily has shown all our school values in everything she has done. She is polite, hardworking and consistently applies herself in everything we do.
4B	Brooke H	Brooke has started the new school year with dedication and pride. She consistently shows respect to all members of the 4B team and is always a willing helper to ensure that others are included either in their learning or during lunchtime.
4R	Wapana	Wapana is constantly showing all school values. He is so respectful and kind to his peers and is always a role model for respectful listening when learning.
5T	Rowan H	For always being ready to learn and showing the expectation of Year 5 from the start.
5W	Filip	Filip consistently shows respect to all members of our school community by valuing their ideas and listening carefully to what they have to say.
6MT	Awab	Awab is a wonderful role model for showing respect in our class. He listens to everyone's ideas and uses a calm, polite voice when talking to bother children and adults.
6P	Archie B	Archie has returned to school with an excellent desire to learn and is taking great pride in the work he is producing. He is setting a fantastic example for his classmates by showing our school value of respect with his readiness to listen and engage in tasks.

### Dates for your diary for the summer term:

School Photos - Friday 26th September

Reception Phonics Information Session - Wednesday 8th

Year one Phonics Information Session - Wednesday 15th October

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.



# Week commencing: 22<sup>nd</sup> September

Please note Jacket potatoes are now available every Friday

