



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've made it to half term, and what an incredible start to the school year it's been. The children have settled in brilliantly, and it's been fantastic to see their enthusiasm and energy across the school.

We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved, restful break and make the most of everything this half term has to offer. Don't forget to check the posters at the bottom of the newsletter for exciting events happening in the community, as well as information about holiday clubs.

We can't wait to welcome you back for the second half of the Autumn term—there's so much to look forward to, especially with Christmas just around the corner!

Staff changes

At the end of the autumn term, we will be bidding a fond farewell to Mrs McDonald, who has been a vital part of our Willowbrook community. Mrs McDonald has primarily worked in the C&I room and has led interventions for children across the school with dedication and compassion. Her absence will be a significant loss for us at Willowbrook; we are incredibly grateful for everything she has contributed and wish her every success and happiness in her future endeavours.

Poppy Appeal 2025

As a school community, we are proud to support the Royal British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal. Poppies will be available in school in the first week back after half term for a small donation. There will also be other poppy merchandise (such as wrist bands) for a minimum donation of £1. Together, we can honour those who have served and continue to serve, while helping to support veterans and their families within our wider community. Thank you for showing your care and remembrance.

High school admissions

A quick reminder to all Year 6 parents and carers: High school admissions must be completed by Friday 31st October.

To apply for your child's high school place, please log into the Devon Citizens Portal using the following link: https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en

Submitting your application on time is essential to ensure your child's place is considered for September 2026.

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



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

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

You do not need to be an 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**



Smoking

We would like to remind everyone that smoking outside the school gates during drop-off and pick-up times is not permitted.

Despite previous communications, we are still seeing a number of families smoking in this area. We kindly ask that you refrain from smoking near the school entrance, as it is important we maintain a safe and healthy environment for all our children, families, and staff.

Clubs

club registration has now closed for all our free clubs, but there are still spaces in the KS2 multi-sports run by Exeter City, and the French classes for Y1-6 are also still available. Please see how to apply for these remaining clubs below.

- KS2 multi-sports led by Exeter City:
[Exeter City Community Trust | After School Clubs | Shop | Abler](#)
- Y1-6 French club led by abc French: please contact Sophie at abcfrench.devon@gmail.com or 07534 917081.

Top Readers

A fairly short week this week, but here is a list of this week's Top readers, well done all of you: 3BG Lily C, 3H David P, 4B Arthur C, 4R Bella T, 5T Manu R, 5W Kacper B, 6MT Elijah H & 6P Flo L.

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.

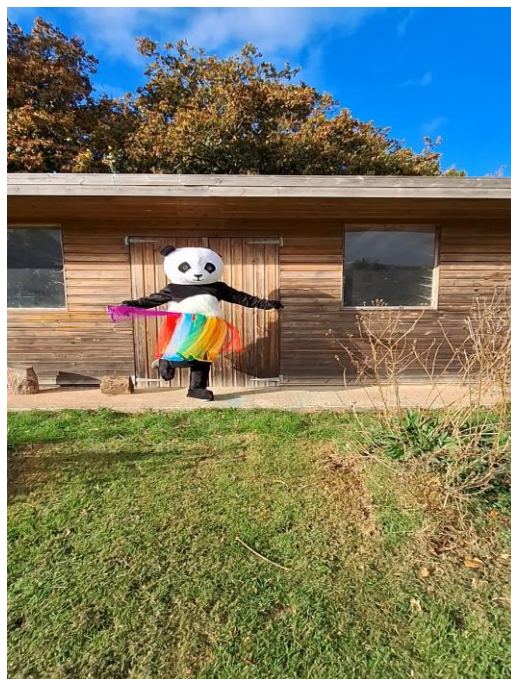
If your child is aged between 7 and 11 and has been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years (please check with the school office if you are not sure), please fill in the form by clicking the button below.

[<<Access free KS2 learning>>](#)

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

Friends of Willowbrook

I took a walk through the field today and met a very lovely friend who has decided to make Willowbrook her home, she is excited to meet all the children at different events, the problem is she doesn't have a name, so we would love it if the children could give her a name... let us know what names your children would like for her, email us at fow@willowbrook.devon.sch.uk and after half term we will announce her name



PE days

Please see our recently updated PE day information. Please remember that children need to have their PE kit in schools for the whole of the half term.

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

Term Dates

Autumn Term

School open - 3rd November – 19th December

Christmas Holiday 22nd December - 5th January

Spring Term

Children return on Tuesday 6th January – 13th February

w/b Monday 16th February: half term holiday

School open - Monday 23rd February – Thursday 2nd April

Easter Holidays Friday 3rd April - Friday 17th April

Summer Term

Children return on 20th April – 22nd May

School is closed on Monday 4th May (bank holiday)

w/b Monday 25th May: half term holiday

School open - Tuesday 2nd June – 22nd July. School is closed on Monday 1st June for a training day.



Dates for your diary for the Autumn term:

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 – 6th November

Year 4 Walkability – Tuesday 25th November

Rock steady concert – 26th November

Year 6 Walkability – Friday 28th November

Choir concert at St James' Park – Monday 1st December

Year3/4 Art and music workshop – Thursday 4th December

Drama club performance – Wednesday 10th December

Christmas Lunch EYFS and KS1 – Wednesday 10th December

Christmas Lunch KS2 – Thursday 11th December

Santa Run – Friday 12th December

Christmas fair – Friday 12th December

Receptions Nativity performance – Tuesday 16th December

Year 1 – 6 Carol concert – Thursday 18th December

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 19th December

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 17th 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

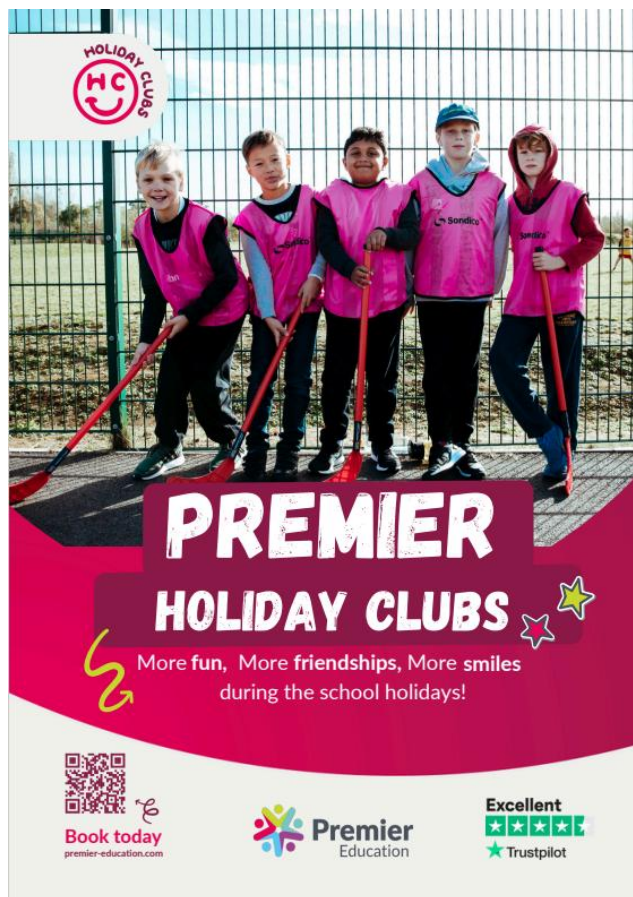
Monday 1st June – Non-pupil day

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: 3rd November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL
Macaroni Cheese with Homemade Tomato and Herb Bread, Salad Sticks and Sweetcorn	Devon Beef Bolognese with Penne Pasta, Salad Sticks and Peas	Roast Chicken with Gravy, Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Cauliflower	Brunch: Devon Sausage, Bacon, Hash Brown Bites and Baked Beans	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers with Chips and Peas
VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL
Broccoli, Bean and Cauliflower Cheese Bake with Homemade Tomato and Herb Bread, Salad Sticks and Sweetcorn	Red Pepper Frittata with Homemade Bread, Salad Sticks and Peas	Homity Pie with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Cauliflower	Vegetarian Brunch: Quorn Sausage, Hash Brown Bites, Baked Beans and Fresh Tomato	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips 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
Marble Cake	Chocolate Drizzle Shortbread	Raspberry Muffin	Apple Cake	Ice Cream Pot



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VARIOUS LOCATIONS

9.30am - 3.30pm

Monday 27th - Thursday 30th October

SKILLS TOURNAMENTS PRIZES
FUN, FUN, FUN!

AGES 5-14

BOOK TODAY

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- ★ 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 dcryse@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!

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DATE:
THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER

TIME:
10-12

More Information:
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