



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another lovely week here at Willowbrook. The children continue to bring energy and enthusiasm to everything they do, showing us daily their school family values, it has been a joy to see them thriving in everything they set their minds to.

We have lots of exciting updates and upcoming events to share with you, including details about our school discos, Harvest celebrations, and School Census Day. Please take a moment to read through the information below to stay informed about everything happening over the next week or so.

Family Captains

We're thrilled to announce this year's elected Family Captains!

Following their incredible speeches, and enthusiasm the children below have been elected by their peers, electing three captains for each family group. Well done to everyone who took part!

Our new captains will play an important role in leading their family groups, supporting events, and representing pupil voice across the school.

MAPLE	CHESTNUT	OAK	CHERRY
Maddie Acey Helena	Olivia Harriet Elijah A	Anna Anabel Zahra	Star Miya Indi

After school and Club Collection

We'd like to kindly remind families that once children have been collected from school or after-school clubs, we ask that you make your way off the school site promptly.

It has come to our attention that there has been an increase in loitering within the playground after pick-up. While we love that our school community enjoys spending time together, remaining on site after collection can cause disruption to staff routines and site security.

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 Census

We would like to inform you that school census day is coming up on 2nd October. As part of this, there will be a change to the usual school lunch menu. Please see the poster for the meal options available on 2nd October below.

What is School Census Day?

School Census Day is a key data collection point for all schools in England. It helps the Department for Education (DfE) gather important information about pupil numbers, attendance, and school meals. The data collected can influence future school funding and support services, so it's important that as many pupils as possible are in school and enjoying a school meal on this day.



Harvest Celebrations

On Thursday 9th October we will be celebrating Harvest in school. We have Carl Robinson from Whipton Church visiting us and we will celebrate by sharing some harvest songs we have been learning, as well as learning a new one!

We are asking for anyone who feels able, to bring in any tinned food to donate to the local foodbank - please can donations be brought into classes on our harvest celebration day.

Please see the picture for items that the foodbank is always in need of. Thank you for your support in helping to celebrate where our food comes from, as well as support others in our local community.



Help support your food bank this Harvest

In the three weeks leading up to Harvest, the food bank will provide over 250 food parcels for local individuals and families facing hardship.

Donate food



Donate an item or two from our shopping list, ensuring we can provide food for people facing hardship in your community.

Donate money



Help to cover the costs of storing and distributing food, as well as developing sustainable projects.

Shopping list

- Tinned meat
- Tinned fish
- Tinned vegetables
- Vegetarian meals
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned fruit
- Small jars of coffee
- Biscuits
- Shampoo

07818 226 524
exeterfoodbank.co.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1128795)



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.

Scholastic Book fair

A huge thankyou to everyone who attended our book fair last week.
Together we have managed to raise a whopping £400 to spend on books for the school.



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

Job vacancy

Please follow the link below for a caretaker vacancy at Woodwater Academy, one of our other Trust school's within Exeter.

<https://woodwater.current-vacancies.com/Jobs/Advert/3960386?cid=1711&t=Site-Caretaker>

Calling all singers! - Free singing opportunity at Exeter Cathedral for children in Years 2-5.

Be a Chorister for a Day is an experience for children aged 7 to 10 (school years 2 to 5) who love to sing. This free-of-charge event will be led by the Cathedral's Director of Music, Mr Timothy Noon, and his team and includes:

- Singing practice in the Song Schools
- A chance to discover more about the Cathedral through a special guided tour
- A creative workshop led by Ms Zoe Cooper, Exeter Cathedral School's Head of Art and Cathedral Choir Chaperone
- A snack and lunch (free-of-charge)
- A final performance alongside the current choristers
- A named certificate recognising each attendee's participation in the ancient choral tradition of Exeter Cathedral

You can find more information and the online booking form here: <https://www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk/be-a-chorister-for-a-day/>.

Do let us know if you attend this event as we would love to hear about it afterwards!

Dates for your diary for the summer term:

Reception Phonics Information Session - Wednesday 8th October

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 – 6th November

Rock steady concert – 26th 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 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.

Friday Flyer

Friday Flyer celebrates children who have consistently been demonstrating our school values. This Weeks Friday flyers are as follows:

Our Friday Flyers		
	Name	Why are we celebrating them?
1P	Sophie J	Sophie is always calm and respectful. She goes out of her way to help, often without being asked.
1S	Freddy W	Freddy always shows respect to all adults and children in the classroom. He is kind, polite and a great friend to those around him.
2F	Arianna	Arianna consistently shows respect to everyone in our school. She always demonstrates that she is ready to learn and is a fantastic role model to her peers.
2SB	Tanisha	Tanisha has worked extremely hard on being respectful to peers and adults around the school. She has tried her hardest on raising her hand, following adult instructions on the first time and listening nicely to her friends. Well done.
3H	Tahiya	For always showing respectful listening and being ready. You are such a role model!
3B	Indie C	Indie is a fantastic role models for her year group. She consistently applies herself in every single lesson as well as demonstrating respect and kindness to every child and adult she meets.
4B	Amelia C	Amelia is consistently respectful to everyone in her class and is a fantastic advocate for being kind and compassionate.
4R	Ruby	For always showing respectful listening and being a fantastic role model to her class!
5T	Maryam	For showing respect throughout the first few weeks of the year. Well done!
5W	Arjin	Arjin has impressed me this week with the level of respect she has shown. She is always one of the first showing respectful listening during lessons, and she has also shown respect to our classroom environment by offering to tidy up in her own time.
6MT	Indi C	Indi consistently treats everyone in our school community with respect and is a wonderful role model. She shows kindness to all and is always ready to offer her help to others (both children and staff).
6P	Isla	Isla always shows respect and is always one of the first to respond correctly to a request. She has shown unbelievable determination in her work so far this year and is always pushing herself in class.

Top Readers

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and effort you've shown so early in the school year. It's wonderful to see such a love of reading developing across all year groups.

3BG Esme W

6MT Elijah H

3H David P

6P Flo L

4B Delilah B

4R Erin H

5T Maryam S

5W Kacper B

Week commencing: 29th September

<div>  <div> <div>WILLowbrook</div> <div>School</div> </div> </div>					
<div> <div>AUTUMN MENU</div> <div>WEEK ONE</div> </div>					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<div> <div>MAIN ONE</div> <div>MAIN TWO</div> <div>JACKET POTATO</div> <div>DAILY PASTA</div> <div>DESSERT</div> </div>	Pepperoni Pizza with New Potatoes, Fresh Chopped Salad Sweetcorn	Devon Beef Burger with Wedges, Salad and Pear	Roast Devon Pork with Gravy, Roast Carrots and Cabbage	Mild Chicken Curry with White and Wholegrain Rice, Naan Bread and Green Beans	Fish Cakes with Chips, Baked Beans and Pear
	Margherita Pizza with New Potatoes, Fresh Chopped Salad and Sweetcorn	Quorn Sausage with Wedges, Salad and Pear	Mozzarella and Tomato Pinewheel with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Cabbage	Creamy Mushroom Joragani with White and Wholegrain Rice, Naan Bread and Green Beans	Vegetable Nuggets with Chips, Baked Beans and Pear
	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings	Jacket Potatoes served daily with a selection of fillings	
	Pasta with Tomato Sauce	Pasta with Cheese Sauce		Pasta with Cheese Sauce	
	Fresh Fruit Platter	Fruit Jelly	Iced Lemon Muffin	Pear and Chocolate Crumble with Chocolate Custard	Ice Cream Pot
<div> <div> <div>We are pleased to offer a variety of allergen free options and food items. All allergen free food is prepared in a kitchen that handles most allergens and therefore there is a risk that some contamination will occur even when the food is prepared properly. We cannot guarantee 100% allergen free.</div> </div> </div>					