



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've enjoyed another lovely summery week here at school, and it's been a little quieter than the past few – a welcome chance to reflect and recharge.

Our Year Six pupils have really shone this week as they took part in their Bikeability course. It's been fantastic to see their confidence grow as they developed important skills for safe cycling. We have even received some lovely comments from the public about how well the children have taken to this activity out on the streets, and it has been great it has been to see. Well done to all involved!

Across the school, we've also been so impressed with the behaviour of our students. Many children have truly embodied our six core principles, and it's been inspiring to see these values in action throughout the week.

September Changes

From September, we will no longer be using reading diaries in school. In Key Stage 1, we track reading progress through our phonics scheme, Little Wandle, which provides detailed and structured monitoring of your child's reading development. In Key Stage 2, we use Accelerated Reader to electronically track reading progress, including comprehension and book levels. Although we are no longer using diaries, we continue to value your support at home. Please keep hearing your child read at least five times a week – regular reading makes a big difference to their progress and confidence.

C&I Class Volcano Project

In our class volcano experiment, the children used salt dough to shape the volcano, which gave them a hands-on way to create a model they could touch and see. We added baking powder inside the volcano to help make it erupt when we poured vinegar over it. The reaction between the vinegar and baking powder made bubbles and fizz, showing the children how a volcano erupts in a fun and exciting way.



Sports Day 2025

A little more about our amazing sports day last week. Once again, we were astounded by the turn out for both Key stage groups and appreciate all the support and encouragement shown for the children.

Here is a little bit about what the year 6's and year 1's thought about the event.

On Thursday, the year 6's came up with a range of activities for the year 1's to complete. The year 1's really enjoyed doing the activities - we hope. Despite the heat, everyone tried their best and we would like to do it again next year. 6BR demonstrated and ran the activities with 1S and 6W did it with 1P.

Freya and Alex 6W

I think that it was very fun and that it was funny because Ayman and Kaiden had demonstrated it in a cool way.

Harry 1P

Mrs Roberts said that she was really impressed with how smoothly the activities ran because of the hard work from Year 6.

1st place: Chestnut – 2458

2nd place: Cherry – 2448

3rd place: Maple – 2384

4th place: Oak – 2210



Thank You for Making Our Summer Fete a Huge Success!

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Summer Fete such a fantastic day!

Whether you donated prizes, volunteered your time, or simply came along to enjoy the festivities — you made it a day to remember, and we are truly grateful for your support. From the amazing stalls and delicious refreshments to the lively entertainment (and of course, the chance to throw wet sponges at your favourite head teacher!), we hope you had as much fun as we did.

Your generosity, energy, and community spirit were the key ingredients to our success, and we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you. We really enjoyed holding it on

a Saturday and plan to continue having it on that day, this year you helped us raise £1,103.89 and that is amazing, we have some lovely plans for the money so keep an eye on our Facebook page for things coming up.

If you have any feedback from the event or ideas please feel free to email us at fow@willowbrook.devon.sch.uk

Thank you, and we look forward to doing it all again next year!



Music assembly

Well done to all the children who performed in our music assemblies last Friday, on National Music Day! We have some incredible musicians in our school and the children showed real bravery and talent in performing to us all. The rest of the school were a respectful audience and were hopefully inspired by their peers.

To all our Year 6 performers - we really hope that you continue to enjoy music going in to high school, and we would love to have you back to perform to us in the future.

Choir comp winners

The school choir have an exciting opportunity coming up in July to perform alongside 4 other schools in Exeter Cathedral with a live orchestra. As part of this concert, the children have the opportunity to enter into a competition to design the show programme.

Congratulation to two of our choir, Erin & Elliot, who came in 2nd and 3rd place, both winning gift vouchers!

Second Prize: Erin H, Aged 8 from Willowbrook School



Third Prize: Elliot W, Aged 7 from Willowbrook School



The Exeter Chiefs Foundation Community Event

The Exeter Chiefs Foundation have chosen our school to run a special community-based event on Thursday 10th July, 3.30-5pm.

A team will be coming in to offer a free meal for all pupils and their families (parents/siblings) cooked by Miachel Caines MBE, the well-known chef. There will also be a bouncy castle and activities for the children to take part in - all free of charge!



There will be a wristband system, where everyone will be given the number of wristbands they require in the week before the event and will need to wear their bands to then receive their meal. Please see the e-mail sent earlier in the week.

Days children need to come in P.E. kit:

Reception – Wednesday (outdoor learning) & Friday (PE)

Year 1 – Monday & Wednesday

Year 2 – Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 3 – Monday & Thursdays (outdoor learning)

4R – Thursday & Friday

4E – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 6 – Monday (Swimming) & Friday

Dates for your diary for the summer term:

Monday 30th June – Cricket Trip

Wednesday 2nd July – Summer Rocksteady Concert
10am

Monday 7th – Wednesday 9th July – Year 6 residential
to London

Thursday 10th July - The Exeter Chiefs Foundation
community event 3:30pm – 5:30pm

Monday 14th July – Year 2 trip to Rosemoor Gardens

Wednesday 16th July – Year 6 end of year production at St James 2PM

Thursday 17th July - Paddleboat theatre production for years 1,2 Nursery and Reception

Thursday 17th July – Year 3 Paddleboat theatre workshop

Friday 18th July – Year 1 Lyme Regis beach trip

Monday 21st July – Beatboxing performance and workshop

Mondy 21st July – Y4 Camp out

Tuesday 22nd July – Colour Run for all Year groups



Our Friday Flyers		
	Name	Why are we celebrating them?
RS	Max L	For showing our Aspiration value – he puts a lot of effort into his learning especially Maths!
REM	Mirabelle B	For showing great community spirit and always including people in her play and games.
1P	Harry C	For always showing compassion.
1S	Leo O	For compassion and community. Leo has been using sign language to initiate conversations and interactions with another child in our class, ensuring he is included.
2MT	Reuben M	For showing our school values of community and aspiration. Reuben is always looking for ways to help others (children and adults) and applies excellent effort to his learning across the curriculum.
2SB	David P	For always showing aspiration. Always challenging his learning and supporting his peers to be successful in their learning.
3H	Roza K	Roza has shown aspiration in her learning throughout the year, and she thoroughly deserves the recognition for all her hard work.
3F	Oliver D	For showing excellent teamwork during sports day and being compassionate towards others during events.
4E	Maddie J	For showing excellent commitment to her learning and creating some superb pieces of writing!
4R	Arlo G	For always exhibiting such great curiosity and contributing to class discussions with amazing ideas and questions!
5T	Raheem H	For Aspiration in your Writing and Maths.
5P	Miya T	For being an excellent role model to her peers and showing fantastic aspiration to improve her work in English. Including, consistent formation of letters and creativity in her writing.
6BR	Andrea J	For supporting the Year 1s with care and enthusiasm during Sports week.
6W	Damian S	For showing bravery and perseverance in swimming.

Top Readers this week are:

3F	Delilah B
3H	Ruby W
4E	Kacper B
4R	Rowan H
5P	Aram A & Gabriel S
5T	Elijah H
6BGR	Imogen H
6W	Luca B

The class that has read the most this week is 5T. (Elijah read half of this total on his own!)
The members of this class are really reading well and have read almost three times as much as the next best class. Keep reading, everyone!

The 'Mental Health Support Team' (MHST) are offering a carousel of short workshops in the hall during the Parents Open Evening on Thursday 17th July. Please come in through the main reception to access the hall. More details about each workshop below:

SLEEP HYGIENE



Sleep plays a crucial role in young people's mood, behaviour and learning.

This short workshop offers parents carers/ practical tools and evidence- based strategies to support their child with healthier sleep habits

Sleep Workshop: 2.50pm- 3.20pm in The Hall



WHAT IS ANXIETY?

This practical short workshop helps parents/ carers to recognise and understand what anxiety is, why we have it and how it can affect us. It is important for parents/carers to feel informed when supporting their child's emotional wellbeing so you have an opportunity to learn some strategies you can try at home to help manage anxiety!

Anxiety Workshop: 3.30pm-4pm in The Hall

10 A DAY!



This workshop introduces parents/ carers to the '10 a day' principles that your child has been learning in school! Ten simple everyday actions that help build and maintain positive mental health in young people. It encourages daily habits that support emotional wellbeing

10 a day workshop: 4.10-4.40pm in The Hall

★ Enrichment Week 2025 ★

Monday 14th July – Tuesday 22nd July
To celebrate the end of the school year, we're holding a special enrichment week packed with exciting trips, performances, sports and workshops – ending with a whole school colour run!

MONDAY 14th JULY
🏡 Year 2: Trip to Rosemoor Gardens
🏈 Years 3–6: Rugby Intra-Sport Competition

TUESDAY 15th JULY
⚽ Year 6 vs Staff Rounders Match
3:30pm on the field – Parents welcome to spectate!

WEDNESDAY 16th JULY
🎭 Year 6 End-of-Year Production @ St James
11:00am: Dress rehearsal for Y5
2:00pm: Final performance for parents

FRIDAY 18th JULY
👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Family Morning for Years 2–6
🏖️ Year 1: Trip to Lyme Regis Beach
🌳 Reception: Trip to Mincinglake Valley Park

MONDAY 21st JULY
🎤 Beatboxing Performance for the whole school
🎨 Workshops for Years 3–6
🏕️ Year 4 Camping on the school field (overnight)

TUESDAY 22nd JULY – Final Day!
👑 Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 9:00am (Parents invited)
🏆 Whole School Awards Assembly – 10:15am (Invited parents only)
🏃 Sponsored colour run! – Fun for the whole school! (More details to follow)

THURSDAY 17th JULY
🎭 Paddleboat Theatre for Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2
🎭 Year 3 Theatre Workshops (afternoon)
👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Parents' Open Evening
🧠 Parent Mental Health Workshops
2:50–3:20pm: Sleep Hygiene
3:30–4:00pm: What is Anxiety?
4:10–4:40pm: 10-a-day: Staying Mentally Healthy

🌸 Get ready for a week of fun, learning, and celebration!
Let's finish the school year with colour, creativity, and community! 🌸

Week 2 School meals menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL
Pasta with Tomato and Vegetable Sauce with Focaccia and Salad Sticks	BBQ chicken Wrap with Rice and Peas and Sweetcorn	Devon Gammon Ham with Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Brunch: Devon Sausage, Bacon, Hash Brown and Beans and Tomato	Fishfingers with Chips and Peas
VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL
Pasta with Cheese Sauce with Focaccia and Salad Sticks	Vegetable Lasagne with Peas and Sweetcorn	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Quorn Brunch: Sausage, Hash Brown, Tomato and Bean	Vegetable Nuggets 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
DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT
Fruity Flapjack	Banana Cake	Ice Cream	Apple and Raspberry Cake	Chocolate Cookie

*Come and celebrate our
10 year anniversary*



at the
**Big
Beacon
Summer
Celebration**

Stalls, BBQ, Café,
Interactive Displays,
Professor Bumble, Music,
Penalty Shoot Out, Crafts,
Face Paint and more

*Saturday
12th July*
1130-1500

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