



Dear Parents and Carers

Another really busy week in school. I have shown several visitors around lately and they have all commented on the fantastic atmosphere in classes and how focused the children are on their learning. As Headteacher, I am always so conscious of what we are working on to improve, but it is nice to sometimes be reminded of what we are doing well! I hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend with your families and make sure you spend some time reminding yourselves what is going well!

This week's Top Readers

These names are the children who are reading most for the week 17th to 24th April. Well done to you all – the more you read the more you learn!
Well done to the boys who are outscoring the girls this week!

2S	Chase H	5C	Reuben M
2T	Erin H	5W	Isabella M
3DM	Gabriel S	6BM	Emil K
3P	Elijah H	6P	Katie C
4F	Maksymilian S		
4H	Elias C		

Industrial Action

Tuesday 2nd May is the next day for industrial action. Classes 3DM (Mr Dawe and Mrs Morgan), Reception G (Miss Grist) and both Year 6 classes are open. All other classes will be closed for the day, this includes the Learning Hub. If your child is in a class that is open but also attends the Learning Hub, they are not expected to attend on Tuesday.

School Council

The School Council met this week and they met with our kitchen manager Mrs Cuthbertson. They asked lots of questions about the food choices and have given her some suggestions for menu items for the future. They also asked about portion sizes and commented they were too big sometimes. Mrs Cuthbertson explained that there are recommended portion sizes but that they could always ask for a smaller portion if they would prefer. The children also talked about playtimes and lunchtimes and requested some new skipping ropes and talked about how they would like to be supported by staff when they fall out with friends or where there is a problem. We will feed this back to staff in our next meeting with meal time assistants and other staff.

Coronation

On Friday 5th May, we will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles. We are having a special menu for lunch and we are asking all the children to come to school in red, white and blue clothes for the day! They can be as smart as they like as long as they are warm enough and can run around. It will be fun to celebrate and for the children to learn about such an historic occasion.

Clubs

Due to the number of children and staff who will not be in school on Tuesday, after-school clubs are cancelled. This does NOT apply to the after-school child care club which will be open until 6pm as usual.

Trips

Year 4 and Reception go to the zoo next week. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have returned the slips and payment. If you still have not done so, please could you do this as quickly as possible as we cannot take children without permission slips.

We have also had several parents ask how they can pay extra to ensure that the trips can go ahead and we would first like to thank you for your generosity and for those who have already paid more than the requested contribution. If you are using the School Gateway app, you are able to type in the amount that you would like to pay with the requested payment being the minimum amount possible.

Summer Fayre

It is that time of year again where we are starting to look towards the Summer Fayre! In order for this to go ahead, we will need some volunteers. This year, Friends of Willowbrook will be creating a 'Summer Fayre Committee' to help organise the event and anyone is welcome to get involved. You do not need to become a member of the PTA to join this committee. The Fayre will be on Friday 7th July, but can only go ahead if we have enough volunteers. Please speak to the school office or email fow@willowbrook.devon.sch.uk to express an interest in joining the Summer Fayre Committee.

28th April 2023

Willowbrook's Recognition Mission

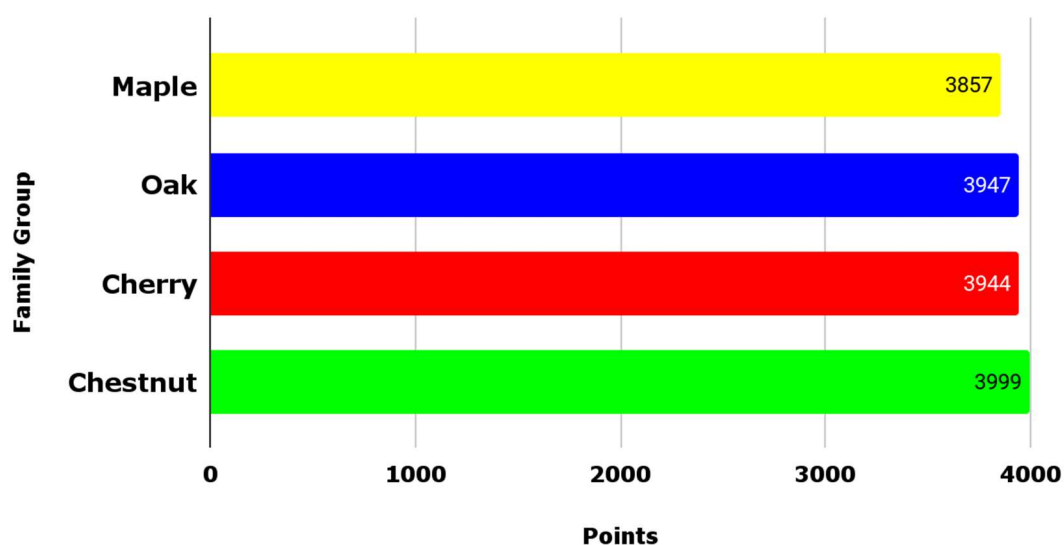
The following children have been recognised this week for demonstrating one of our school values:

TEAMWORK Chloe C (RS) Arlo, Chase, Hayden, Aida-May, Rowan and Darcy (2S) Maicie and Ava (6BM) Lucifer, Kacper and Zoch (2T)	RESPECT Faith (6P) Elliot M (3DM) Isaac M (4F)
FRIENDSHIP Sophia W (RS)	EXCELLENCE Destiny (5W) Riley B (6BM) Jack P (4H) Lillian S

Family points

Our family points competition is very close this year! Chestnut currently have a slim lead, but all family groups are still in with a chance of being crowned champions in July!

2022-2023 Family Points



28th April 2023

What has each class been up to this week?

RECEPTION



In our maths this week we have been exploring patterns!



In outdoor learning we have started sowing seeds in hope to grow our own vegetables in the polytunnel this year!

We have started our theme this half term of animals! This week we have focused on farm animals and we even have some visitors from Miss Grist's farm with us today!



RS' Friday Flyer: Annya (Maple)

RG's Friday Flyer: Erin (Maple)

YEAR 1

In English, we have been enjoying the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. We even had a go at painting our very own giant beanstalk, using both paintbrushes and hand-painting!



1P's Friday Flyer: Braidon

1CP's Friday Flyer: Luka



YEAR 2



26.04.23
Victoria 200 School
I wouldn't like to go to school in the Victorian era
because the teachers are very strict and there are no music
or PE. I wouldn't want my parents to pay and
I wouldn't like to be forced to work.



In history we have started to learn all about the Victorians and what it was like to be in school during Victorian times!

2T's Friday Flyer: Phoebe C

2S' Friday Flyer: Summer

YEAR 3



Year 3 have been having lots of fun learning to play rounders in their PE lessons. So far, we have practised throwing and catching from a distance and batting using rounders bats.

3P's Friday Flyer: Amir

3DM's Friday Flyer: Erica:

YEAR 4

As part of our music topic, Year 4 recently did an African Drumming workshop. We learned about lots of different drums and percussion instruments. Throughout the day, each class rehearsed a performance using drums, percussion and voices and got to perform this for the other class at the end of the day.



4F's Friday Flyer: Lukas



4H's Friday Flyer:



YEAR 5

In Science, we looked at reproduction in flowering plants.



5C's Friday Flyer: Katie (Oak)



5W's Friday Flyer: Simon (Chestnut)



We performed the poem 'The Tyger' by William Blake.



YEAR 6

This week, Year 6 have been honing their passing skills in cricket and beginning their final pieces in art lessons. They have also started to learn about the Ancient Maya civilization in history lessons.



28th April 2023

Week 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal
CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY	Brunch with Hash Brown and Baked Beans	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Fresh Veg Medley	Pasta Bar (Various toppings to choose from), Garlic Focaccia and Sweetcorn	Coronation Chicken Bites Served with Royal Fries and Garden Party Peas
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option
CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY	Sweet and Sour Vegetable Noodles	Roasted Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes, Fresh Veg Medley	Vegetable Potato Boats, Sweetcorn and Salad Bar	Buckingham Pasta (pasta in tomato and basil sauce)
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert
CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY	Flapjack Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Ice Cream Pot Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Cake Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Queen Victoria Sponge Cake