



Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you have been enjoying the lovely weather this week. It has been a busy and warm week with lots going on here at Willowbrook. Please find this week's newsletter below.

Rock Steady

This week, we held our Rock Steady concert, and what an incredible performance it was! Every child who took part shone on stage, showcasing their talent, confidence, and hard work. A huge well done to all our amazing young musicians!

We will be holding a Summer Rocksteady concert Wednesday 2nd July, e-mail to follow for all those taking part.

Flo - "I enjoy Rocksteady and that we get to choose what we do and our band name. I feel a bit more confident every time we have a new concert. I really like doing rocksteady and I think more people should go as they would really enjoy it."

Milo - "On the day my nerves were very high but we played as best as we could. The atmosphere was great, and it all was fun."

Luke - "I played chords on the electric guitar for the song. The teachers were awesome, and they taught us really well. They taught me great ways to remember things, so by the concert, I was feeling ready."



Nursey and Reception Police visit

Nursery and Reception had a visit this week from a Community Police Officer, called Andy. He told us all about his job and showed us the uniform he wears as well as letting us have a go in his police van. All the children really enjoyed this experience.

Noah- "This was the best day ever!"

Maya- "I liked it because we got to go in the back of the van".

Josh- "I liked their costumes and their car".



Parent Courses

Devon County Council has informed us about the course below, which may be of interest to you.

Trainee Educational Psychologists from Devon County Council will be running The Overcoming Programme in Exeter this term. This evidence-based, guided self-help course is designed for parents and carers of children aged 5 – 11 years old who experience high levels of anxiety.

The programme consists of six in-person sessions, each focusing on practical strategies to help parents support their children in managing and overcoming anxious feelings. Sessions will take place on the following dates:

20th May, 11am – 1pm

27th May, 11am – 1pm

3rd June, 11am – 1pm

10th June, 11am – 1pm

17th June, 11am – 1pm

24th June, 11am – 1pm

Spaces are limited, so early registration is encouraged. Please register your interest using the following form - <https://forms.office.com/e/XreubQ2XA1>

Please note that this course is not being run by Willowbrook School. However, if you have any questions, feel free to reach out, and we will do our best to obtain answers for you from the team at Devon County Council.

Music Assemblies - date for your diaries.

on Friday 20th June, we will be celebrating world music day in school. As part of this, we will have the Years 1,3,5 music assembly at 9am for those children who are learning

instruments to have the opportunity to perform. We will then end the day with Years 2, 4, 6 having their assembly at 2.30pm. Parents of children performing are welcome to attend.

Dates for your diary for the summer term:

Wednesday 7th May – Year 3 trip to Kents Cavern

Thursday 8th May – Reception vision screening

Thursday 8th May – ‘Sonopora’ music workshops in school

Monday 12th – Thursday 15th May – Year 6 SATs week

Thursday 15th May – Reception trip to World of Country life

Friday 16th May – Year 6 trip to the beach

Tuesday 20th May – Class photos in school

Wednesday 21st May - Y6 London residential parents meeting 3pm in the hall

Monday 26th – Friday 30th May – Half term

Tuesday 3rd June – Athlete visit and sponsored circuits in school

Wednesday 4th June – Year 6 transition workshops with the Mental Health Team

Monday 9th – Friday 13th June – Phonics screening checks

Monday 2nd – Friday 13th June – Year 4 multiplication checks

Tuesday 10th June – Year 4 Escot trip

Wednesday 18th June – Sports day (in National sports week!)

Friday 20th June – Walkability for Year 4

Friday 20th June - world music day

Wednesday 2nd July – Summer Rocksteady Concert

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

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



Warmer Weather

With warmer weather approaching as we head into the summer months, we kindly ask that all children come to school wearing sun cream on warmer days. Please also ensure they bring: A named bottle of sun cream, a sun hat for outdoor use during break and lunch times and a water bottle to stay hydrated throughout the day

Thank you for helping us keep the children safe, comfortable, and healthy in the sun.

Top Readers this week are:

3F	Loki B
3H	Lillie M
4E	Anya M
4R	Rowan H
5P	Flo L
5T	Awab I
6BR	Imogen H
6W	Samira H

Uniform Expectations

All our children wearing the correct uniform is important to us as it fosters a sense of belonging, equality and pride. Recently, we have noticed that there has been an increasing number of children coming to school wearing the incorrect uniform.

On a non-PE day:

- Turquoise sweatshirt with the school logo/a cardigan of the matching colour
- White polo shirt
- Black/grey skirt, trousers or shorts
- Black shoes

We have noticed that on PE days, uniform is particularly poor. The uniform on a PE day is the following:

- Turquoise sweatshirt with the school logo/a cardigan of the matching colour
- White t-shirt
- Black shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers

Children should only be wearing stud earrings and not be wearing nail varnish or make-up.

If you need a new Willowbrook sweatshirt, you can order one on the Arbor app or buy it from Thomas Moore on Fore Street. All other uniform can be purchased from most supermarkets.

In addition to the above, we sell second hand uniform at school (stock dependent) to raise funds for our school:

- Jumpers are £1
- Polo tops are 3 for £1
- All other uniform is 50p

The current system for ordering this is to get a form from the office to order what you require, and the items (if available) will be sent home with your child.

Any donations of uniform, that your child has grown out of, are appreciated.

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

Reception – Wednesday (outdoor learning)
 Year 1 – Tuesday & Thursday
 Year 2 – Monday & Wednesday
 Year 3 – Monday & Thursday
 4R – Monday & Friday
 4E – Monday & Tuesday
 Year 5 – Thursday (outdoor learning) & Friday (PE)
 Year 6 – Monday (swimming) & Friday (PE)

Week 3 School meals menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL
Macaroni Cheese with Focaccia Bread and Carrots	Devon Sausages and Mash with Peas and Gravy	British Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Devon Beef Bolognese with Pasta, Peas and Sweetcorn	Chicken Bites with Chips and Salad Sticks
VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL
Sweet and Sour Vegetables with Noodles and Carrots s	Cauliflower and Butternut Squash Curry with Rice, Naan Bread and Peas	Red Pepper Frittata with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Vegetable Pitta with Potato Wedges and Sweetcorn	Vegetarian Sausage Rolls with Chips and Salad Sticks
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
Lemon Cookie	Carrot Cake	Ice Cream	Apple Flapjack	Jam Sponge



Your child's reading journey

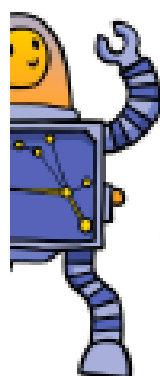
Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Your child has now learned most of the Year 1 phonics in *Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised* and will soon be preparing for the nationally required Phonics Screening Check, which will take place in June.

What is the Phonics Screening Check?

- The Phonics Screening Check is a quick check of your child's decoding skills.
- Your child will be asked to read 40 words – 20 are real words, 20 are known as 'alien words' (made-up words).

Why do the children read 'alien words'?



- Reading alien words checks children's decoding skills and knowledge of graphemes in a fair way – it mirrors what the children have to do when they read a word that they have not read before.
- Your child will not have seen the alien words before. They will have to use their knowledge of letters and sounds to work out how to read them.

How does the check work?

- Your child will be asked to read 40 words independently.
- The check has been designed to not put your child under stress. It will be carried out by a member of staff who knows your child well.
- It should only take a few minutes to complete, but there is no time limit.

Do I need to do anything to further support my child?

- Continue to listen to your child read their phonics books and read to them daily.
- Your child's teacher will let you know if any additional practice is needed.
- Always ask if you need any further support!



All for the love of reading

- Teaching children the skills of reading will increase their will to read. Children who love reading, choose to read.
- Reading develops children's vocabulary, understanding of the world and empathy.
- A love of reading is the biggest indicator of future academic success! To develop a love of reading, children must have the skills to read, which is why we teach them using phonics.

