

3rd November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

Well that was an eventful first week back in school. Thank you so much for your understanding about the decision to close on Thursday. It is always a difficult decision and we would rather stay open, but there was a tipping point late in the afternoon when so many schools were closing and the forecast was not improving. We made the decision not to leave it until the morning so that parents had a little more time to organise childcare. I hope that that is the last of the terrible weather!

Year Three

We are so sorry that the weather meant that we had to postpone the residential on Dartmoor for year three. We kept changing the plans all through the day but finally had to admit defeat! We have some new dates and are just confirming staff availability and then we will send a letter to all Year Three parents. Thank you for your understanding.

Top Readers

Well done to the children below who are the top readers for their class on accelerated reader. We have had some good feedback from parents about how much children enjoy using this at home! This is from 16th to 30th October 2023 inclusive.

3 H Manuel A

3 KH Ava M

4 E Ore J

4 F Christina-Leigh N

5 T Elias C

5 W Alexandra G

6 BD Oluwajomiloju J

6 P Naomi A

Discos

The Discos are back! They are happening on the following dates:

- Nursery and Reception- 8th Nov 3.30-4.15
- Year 1 and 2 -9th November 3.30-4.15
- Year 3 and 4 8th November 4.30 - 5.30
- Year 5 and 6 9th November 4.30 -5.30

Tickets are £2.50 to include drinks and snack. Tickets are available on our website: www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofwillowbrook

Glowsticks can be bought for 20p and glitter tattoos for 50p. Please bring cash for these on the night.

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Tickets are on sale now until 5th November. Please drop off and pick up your child/ren to their classroom doors.

If you can help out at any of these please let us know on here or at fow@willowbrook.devon.sch.uk

After school Activities

Due to the school Disco's there will be no after school activity clubs on Wednesday or Thursday. This does unfortunately mean that there will be no Football club on Wednesday and there will also be no Lower school Choir or Colouring and Drawing club on Tuesday as there will be a staff meeting.

Some useful dates for this term

Wednesday 8th November Robots and Rockstars Day – dress up as a Robot or a Rockstar

Wednesday 8th November Nursery and Reception disco until 4.15

Wednesday 8th November Year 3 and 4 disco 4.30-5.30

Thursday 9th November Years one and two disco until 4.15

Thursday 9th November Years 5 and 6 disco 4.30-5.30

Wednesday 15th Year 6 visit Narnia performance

Friday 17th November Children in Need day – wear pyjamas!

Friday 17th flu vaccinations

Friday 17th November 9am - Music Assembly for children in Years 3, 5 and 6.

Friday 24th November 9am - Music Assembly for children in Years 1, 2 and 4

Friday 1st December Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 5th December Christmas Lunch Nursery to Year 2

Thursday 7th December Nursery Nativity

Thursday 7th December Christmas Lunch years 3,4,5 and 6

Friday 8th December Santa Run for whole school

Monday 11th December Carol Concert at St James' Park

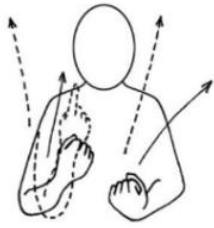
Wednesday 13th December Reception Nativity

Thursday 14th December Carol Concert years 1 to 6

Friday 15th December Christmas Jumper Day

NURSERY

Sign of the week



fireworks



Nursery have had a lovely first week back after half term. We have enjoyed exploring activities related to halloween and firework night. Before half term the children helped to make some delicious pumpkin soup! It was a love or hate kind of soup but we loved making it all the same. Well done Nursery!

RECEPTION

We have been learning all about the Autumn festivals Halloween and Bonfire night this week.



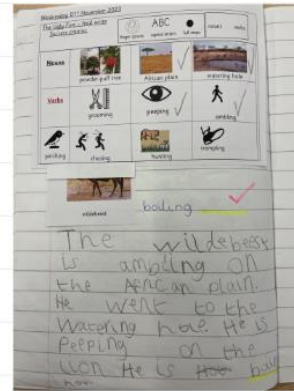
The children have been sharing their Halloween costumes. We've also have lots of fun with spooky slime and looking inside a pumpkin.

YEAR 1

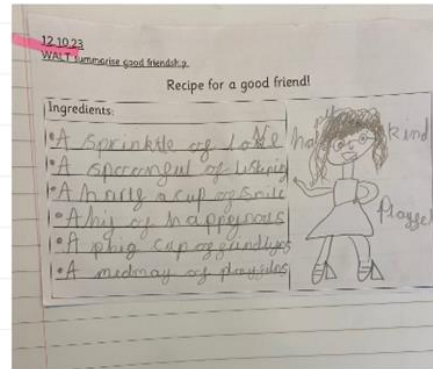
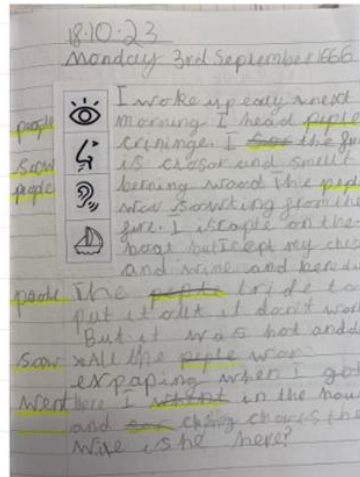
Just before half term, we were learning how to print by putting paint on objects. This week, we've finished our Art unit by making our own choices to create a final 'Sunflowers' piece inspired by Van Gogh.



We have also finished our Julia Donaldson English unit and completed our first write of Y1, sequencing sentences to describe the 'ugly five'.

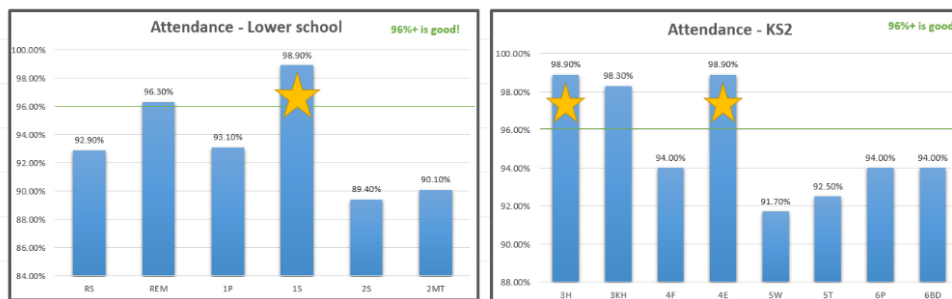


YEAR 2



In Year 2, we have been writing a diary as if we were present during the Great Fire of London! We have also created some recipes for a good friend in PSHE and have applied our number bonds in maths.

ATTENDANCE (MON-WED THIS WEEK)



Attendance this week is just based on Monday-Wednesday. Well done to 1S who had absolutely fantastic attendance! In KS2, 3H and 4E are joint winners, with 3KH very closely behind. Well done to these classes!

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal
Chicken Pizza with Wedges and Salad Bar	Macaroni Cheese with Focaccia Bread and Peas	Toad in the Hole with Mashed Potato, Carrots and Sweetcorn and Gravy	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Focaccia and Salad	Chicken Bites, Chips and Baked Beans or Peas
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option
Vegetable Biryani with Mango Chutney and Salad Bar	Winter Vegetable Frittata with Saute Potatoes and Peas	Halloumi Traybake with Mashed Potatoes, Carrots and Sweetcorn	Leek and Potato Bake, Potato Wedges and Salad	Homemade Vegetable Sausage Roll, Chips and Baked Beans or Peas
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
With Cheese / Beans / Tuna Mayo	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
Flapjack Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Banana Marble Cake Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Ice Cream Pot Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Cake Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Cookie Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt