

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just like previous weeks, this one has been no exception with the children continuing to bring energy and positivity, to everything they do.

As we move into October, please take a moment to check our upcoming dates section for important information about events and activities happening throughout the month.

After school and Club Collection

We'd like to kindly remind families that once children have been collected from school or afterschool 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.

Music Lessons

This is just a quick reminder that you can sign up for music lessons throughout the school year. All you have to do is fill in this form.



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



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 below 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.

Parents Evening

We're pleased to confirm that our upcoming Parents' Evening will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 21st October Thursday 23rd October

Nursery Parents evening will be on the following dates:

Tuesday 21st October Wednesday 22nd October

Appointments are available between 15:35 and 18:00 and each appointment will last 10 minutes, providing an opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far and any questions you may have. Bookings have been set up on Arbor - the booking window opens at 9am on Monday 6th October and will close at midday on Friday 17th October.

Please note that appointments can only be booked via the Arbor app, so we ask that you ensure it is downloaded and accessible ahead of the booking window. If you need any help accessing Arbor or have any further questions, feel free to contact the school office.

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.

Starting school in 2026

Join us on Thursday 23rd October 9:30 – 11:30 for our open morning. Children and staff will be delighted to welcome you. Discover how our core values shape everyday learning, play, and community spirit.

To book your place, please contact the school office.



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Reminder: No Smoking or Vaping Near School Gates

We kindly ask parents and carers not to smoke or vape outside the school gates. Many children and families gather at drop-off and pick-up times, and we want to ensure the area remains a clean and healthy space for everyone. Thank you for helping us set a positive example for the children and supporting a safe, welcoming environment at our school.

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.

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

Dates for your diary for the summer term:

Reception Phonics Information Session - Wednesday 8th October

Poetry Morning – Friday 10th 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 - 6t 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 17t 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



Friday Flyer

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

Class	Name
1P	Phoebe H
1S	Ayla D
2F	Jake S
2SB	Ayesha
3H	Aidan C
3B	Fadime A
4B	Max C
4R	Edward B
5T	Ruby C
5W	Evie G
6MT	Amelia S
6P	Charlie R



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 Lily C 3H Selin C 4B Delilah B 4R Wapana K 5T Manu A 5W Kacper B 6MT Lemar D 6P Maddison C

Week commencing: 6th October







