

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to those of you who were able to come to our Easter activities this week. A huge thank you to Mrs Tucker for her organisation and hard work in setting these up.

We are now on our Easter break and return on Tuesday 22nd April. When we return, we have tweaked our timetable to try to make a bit better use of time. As part of this, we have moved PE and outdoor learning slots around – you can find these below and I will leave this in future newsletters, as, if you're anything like me as a parent, life interrupts and it's easy to forget!

Likewise, you can find our diary dates for the summer term on page 2. There are a few things that may be added in, but I hope this gives you a good starting point. This term's activities include inviting you to watch your child's class assembly. Each class will have a specific Tuesday afternoon slot at 2.45pm, where they will showcase their work. We will share dates about your child's class soon. Additionally, if your child is receiving a Friday Flyer award, we will notify you on a Wednesday so you can join us at 2.45pm. We look forward to welcoming you.

Have a lovely Easter break.

Early Years drop off and collection

In reception and nursery, we have been working hard to improve our indoor and outdoor environments. Our outdoor provision is part of our classroom and is something that we set up in the morning with activities that are linked to our learning. We have been finding over the last few months that some of these activities are played with before school or moved, which means that we need to reset them before we can start our learning outdoors. We have also found that after school, some of our resources are played with and not tidied up.

As a result of this, the gates to the reception and nursery area will now open at 8.40am, just in time for the classroom door to open. At the end of the day, they will open at 3.10pm and be shut at 3.30pm. We ask that during the times that the gates are open, nursery and reception children as well as siblings do not play in the garden and are respectful of our outdoor classroom resources. By making these changes we can ensure that the children can maximise their learning in our outdoor space.

Thank you in advance for your support with this change.

Dates for your diary for the summer term:

Wednesday 30th April – Rocksteady concert in the hall, 10am.

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

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

Friday 20th June - Walkability for Year 4

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

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

Top Readers this week are:

3F Oliver D

3H Erin H

4E Zachary W

4R Manuel A

5P Acey-Mae H

5T Denny G-W

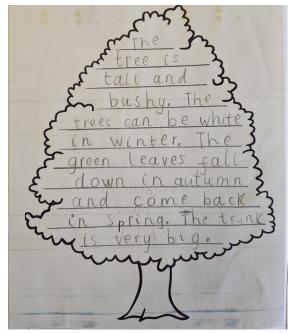
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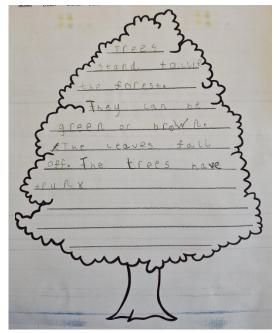
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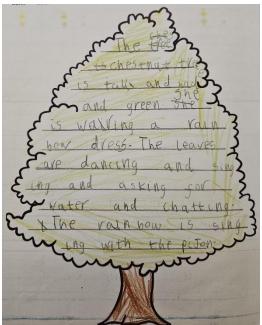


Year 1 Shape Poems

Year 1 have recently been working on shape poems; there were some lovely examples and a few of these are below.







School carpark

In recent weeks, we have noticed how busy the school carpark is getting. Parking is for those with blue badge only. For those using taxis, we kindly ask that they drop off and park in the arena opposite.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping the parking area safe and accessible.

Farmer visit

Last week, we had a farmer visit the school who brought with him a calf for the children to see.

Thank you to Mrs Tucker's husband for taking the time to come in and bring the calf for a visit.



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. We therefore want to clarify our uniform here at Willowbrook as we look for improvements after Easter:

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 1 School meals menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL
Margherita Pizza with Pasta and Peas	British Chicken Korma with Rice and Naan Bread	Toad in the Hole with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	British Chicken Pasta Bake with Focaccia Bread and Carrots	Breaded Fish with Chips and Beans
VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL
Salmon Fingers with Wedges and Peas	Vegetable Bolognese with Pasta and Sweetcorn	Vegetarian Toad in the Hole with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	5 Bean Chilli with Rice, Nacho's and Carrots	Homity Pie with Chips and Beans
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	Jacket Potato with Cheese and Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese and Beans or Tuna Mayo
DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT
Raspberry Ripple Shortbread	Chocolate Brownie	Fruit Iced Lolly	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Custard cookies