



Dear Parents and Carers,

The weeks are flying by thick and fast, and it won't be long until we start the countdown to September!

Next week promises to be an exciting one with lots going on. Be sure to keep an eye on our social media pages to follow the adventures of our Year Six students as they explore London.

We are also looking forward to welcoming everyone attending the Exeter Chiefs community event this Thursday. Thank you to all who have acquired tickets — it's sure to be a fantastic afternoon!

Wishing you all a fabulous weekend ahead.

### **Staffing for Next Year**

We understand that many parents are eager to know which staff members will be working with their children from September. Please be assured that staffing information will be shared with you via email next week.

As the end of term approaches, we would like to inform you that our wonderful Year 4 teacher, Mr. Ellis, will be moving on to pastures new. Mr. Ellis is relocating to a setting closer to home as he prepares to welcome a new addition to his family. Mr Ellis last day with us will be Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

We would like to offer Mr. Ellis our huge congratulations and best wishes for the exciting journey ahead. Good luck from all of us here at Willowbrook!

### **Parent Communication Reminder**

Recently, our staff have experienced a significant increase in direct e-mails from parents, including during evenings and weekends. While we value open communication with our families, this level of contact outside working hours is not conducive to a healthy work-life balance for our staff and can result in important messages being missed.

To ensure all enquiries are handled efficiently and by the appropriate person, please direct all communication for teaching staff through the school office and not directly to teachers. This helps us make sure your message is seen and addressed in a timely manner, even if a staff member is off sick or attending training. Equally, if you wish to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) or the safeguarding team, please email the school office to book an appointment, including a brief reason for your request. Please note that SLT members are often very busy in the mornings managing incidents that arise, so if there is an urgent matter, your child's class teacher at the door should be your first point of contact.

You can contact the school office at: [willowbrook@thsp.org.uk](mailto:willowbrook@thsp.org.uk)

### **Supporting Communication with Our SENCo**

We understand that communication with our school SENCo, Miss Bennett, is very important. However, her time is extremely valuable as she works hard to support a large number of children across the school.

Recently, there have been several last-minute meeting cancellations and ad-hoc phone call requests. If you have a meeting scheduled with Miss Bennett that you can no longer attend, please inform the school office as early as possible. While we appreciate that emergencies and illness can happen, early notice allows Miss Bennett to manage her time effectively and fit in other parents who have made requests.

If you need to speak with Miss Bennett by phone, we kindly ask that you either email the school office explaining the reason for the call, or, if calling in, let the office staff know the nature of your enquiry. This will help Miss Bennett allocate time appropriately and ensure she can continue providing the best possible support for pupils across the school.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

### **Rocksteady Music Performance**

It's that time again — when we're lucky enough to enjoy some amazing music performed by the talented children who attend Rocksteady lessons. They've worked incredibly hard this term and have produced some truly top-tier music.

A huge well done to all our budding musicians who took part — it was a fantastic show, and we're so proud of each and every one of you!



### **Bikeability**

As we mentioned last week, our Year Six classes had the fantastic opportunity to take part in the Bikeability course. The students learned valuable road safety skills, improved their cycling confidence, and had a lot of fun along the way!

We received some wonderful feedback from members of the public, praising the children's behaviour and awareness. But don't just take our word for it—here's what some of the children had to say:

'Bike-ability was a very exciting experience. We learned many things like road-signs, junctions, how to ride safely on the road, etc. The two teachers, Teresa and Amalia, made sure we were comfortable and ready to ride every day. They helped us when we were struggling and gave us amazing tips. They made it challenging, so we would know what it would be like in a real-life situation. I would recommend it for the next year 6s!'  
Lexi 6W

'When we were doing bike ability, we were allowed to ride near Bettys mead, Teddy's (a barber shop), summer lane, our school and near premier and cyclorama. We had lots of fun and learning experience with Teresa and Ameilia. We learned many bike signals and road signs. We also learned the ABCD check. A is for air. B stands for brakes. C stands for chain. D stands for direction. We have learnt stage one and stage 2. In stage one Teresa and Amalia had to see our skills and see if we were safe enough to ride on the road. In stage 2 we got to ride on the road. We enjoyed this very much.'  
Jack 6W

### **Come and support our school choir!**

On Saturday 12th July, our school choir are performing at the Exeter Cathedral as part of a 200-piece mass school choir alongside a professional orchestra! This is a public event that anyone can attend - we would love to see as many of you there as possible! More information and tickets can be purchased here: [Exeter Festival Chorus: A New Creation | Exeter Cathedral](#)

### **Summer Reading Quest**

The children were lucky enough to have a visit from Zoe, who works at Pinhoe library, to tell us all about a summer reading quest they are launching on Saturday 12th July. The challenge will be available to start throughout the summer and involve lots of different activities, not just reading! Visiting the library is the first challenge completed. Children who take part receive stickers along the way and then get a keyring and certificate once the quest is complete. Please find more information [here](#):



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

Reception – Wednesday (outdoor learning) & Friday (PE)

Year 1 – Monday & Wednesday

Year 2 – Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 3 – Monday & Thursdays (outdoor learning)

4R – Thursday & Friday

4E – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday & Thursday

Year 6 – Monday (Swimming) & Friday



		hard all year to improve her writing and is now writing with increased confidence.
<b>4E</b>	Jenson C	For showing determination in improving his handwriting and having a sense of pride in his presentation.
<b>4R</b>	Amira A-M	Fantastic effort in her learning, particularly
<b>5T</b>	Anna W	For consistently showing our school values no matter the situation or adults in the room. She is an amazing role model for her peers.
<b>5P</b>	Aram A	For showing fantastic aspiration in her learning and taking pride in all that she does at school.
<b>6BR</b>	Reggie D	For his improved effort for TTRS this week and trying to improve his score.
<b>6W</b>	Freyja R-G	Her confidence has grown hugely during our rehearsals for the Year 6 play, and she has put in lots of effort to learning her lines and projecting her voice for both the speaking and singing parts.

**Top Readers this week are:**

3F     Elliot W  
3H     Erin H  
4E     Ava M  
4R     Manuel A  
5P     Charlie R  
5T     Harriet B  
6BGR   Maks S  
6W     Samira H

The class that has read the most this week is 5T.

They have read almost 4 times as much as the next class, which is 3H.

Well done all but especially 5T!

# ☀️ Enrichment Week 2025 ☀️

Monday 14th July – Tuesday 22nd July

To celebrate the end of the school year, we're holding a special enrichment week packed with exciting trips, performances, sports and workshops – ending with a whole school colour run!

## MONDAY 14th JULY

- 👦 Year 2: Trip to Rosemoor Gardens
- 🏈 Years 3–6: Rugby Intra-Sport Competition

## TUESDAY 15th JULY

- ⚾️ Year 6 vs Staff Rounders Match  
3:30pm on the field – Parents welcome to spectate!

## WEDNESDAY 16th JULY

- 🎭 Year 6 End-of-Year Production @ St James  
11:00am: Dress rehearsal for Y5  
2:00pm: Final performance for parents

## THURSDAY 17th JULY

- 🎭 Paddleboat Theatre for Nursery, Reception, Y1 & Y2
- 🎭 Year 3 Theatre Workshops (afternoon)
- 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Parents' Open Evening
- 🧠 Parent Mental Health Workshops  
2:50–3:20pm: Sleep Hygiene  
3:30–4:00pm: What is Anxiety?  
4:10–4:40pm: 10-a-day: Staying Mentally Healthy

## FRIDAY 18th JULY

- 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Family Morning for Years 2–6
- 🏖️ Year 1: Trip to Lyme Regis Beach
- 🌳 Reception: Trip to Mincinglake Valley Park

## MONDAY 21st JULY

- 🎤 Beatboxing Performance for the whole school
- 🎨 Workshops for Years 3–6
- 🏕️ Year 4 Camping on the school field (overnight)

## TUESDAY 22nd JULY – Final Day!

- 👑 Year 6 Leavers Assembly – 9:00am (Parents invited)
- 🏆 Whole School Awards Assembly – 10:15am (Invited parents only)
- 🏃‍♀️ Sponsored colour run! – Fun for the whole school! (More details to follow)

🎉 Get ready for a week of fun, learning, and celebration!

Let's finish the school year with colour, creativity, and community! ☀️🎨

## Week 3 School meals menu

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	<b>MAIN MEAL</b>
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
<b>VEGETARIAN MEAL</b>	<b>VEGETARIAN MEAL</b>	<b>VEGETARIAN MEAL</b>	<b>VEGETARIAN MEAL</b>	<b>VEGETARIAN MEAL</b>
Sweet and Sour Vegetables with Noodles and Carrots	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
<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	<b>JACKET POTATO</b>	<b>JACKET POTATO</b>
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
<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>	<b>DESSERT</b>
Lemon Cookie	Carrot Cake	Ice Cream	Apple Flapjack	Jam sponge

# Colour run 2025



Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

We are very excited to run our first sponsored obstacle colour run event! This event aims to raise money towards improving our indoor and outdoor provision across the school.

#### On the day

All children will be given the opportunity to complete the event irrelevant of the funds raised, however we do want to raise as much money as possible. The event will consist of an assault course with obstacles before a final colour run across the field where coloured powder is thrown at the children (more info below).

At the end of the race each child will get a medal. Every child that raises £5 or more will receive a rainbow wristband. Every child that raises £25 or more will get a rainbow wrist band, a drawstring bag and a pair of colourful sunglasses. There will also be an opportunity for your child to buy a raffle ticket for £1. The winning child in each class will be able to throw the coloured powder over a teacher! One lucky child will also be able to gunge Mr Greenhall! Raffle tickets will be sold outside Reception at 3.30pm on 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> July.

Children are encouraged to wear a white top and sports bottoms. They can bring spare clothes if they would like. Please be aware that the coloured cornflour may stain so please provide outfits that you don't mind getting messy! We will be throwing the powder below the shoulders. We will have sunglasses for the children to wear but if your child would like to bring in goggles then they are welcome to do so. The throwing powder purchased is vegan coloured cornflour mixed with food grade dye. If your child would not like to have throwing powder on them then please let your child's class teacher know and we will ensure that they do not run through the throwing stations.

We will send home the sponsorship form with your child on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July. Sponsorship money can be paid using the QR code on the sponsorship form or by giving money to the office (not to the class teacher). If using the QR code, please make a note of the reference number when you pay. If paying in cash, please ensure the envelope is labelled. All sponsorship money needs to be handed in by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July to ensure that children are given the correct prizes at the event.

We hope that this will be a fun activity for all the children on the last day of school. .

*Come and celebrate our  
10 year anniversary*



*at the*  
**Big  
Beacon  
Summer  
Celebration**

*Stalls, BBQ, Café,  
Interactive Displays,  
Professor Bumble, Music,  
Penalty Shoot Out, Crafts,  
Face Paint and more*

*Saturday  
12<sup>th</sup> July*

*1130-1500*

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