



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all the nice comments about my decision to retire. I have not announced it to the children as I thought it was better for them if they found out as and when parents told them. Some know now and I have been really touched by their comments and some of them have made me laugh...especially the child who thought I was 'only 49'!

Have a wonderful half term with your families and we will look forward to seeing you back in a week's time.

Message from Chair of Governors

As governors we want to say a huge thank you to Molly for her tremendous contribution to life at Willowbrook over the past 28 years. Molly's deep care for the children and families of Willowbrook has been clear to see, and I'm sure you will agree that she has more than earned her retirement! We will be working hard over the next two months to recruit a brilliant new Headteacher to fill the big shoes that Molly will leave, and to ensure that the transition is smooth and seamless for the school community. We wish Molly the very best for the future!

Well done

These children have been the top readers for the week of 29th – 5th Feb. Fantastic news.

3H Amira A	5T Remus M
3S Amayah M	5W Maksymilian S
4E Ore J	6B Amelia H
4F Matilda C	6P Laicie W

World Book Day

Just a bit of advance notice that it is World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. This is the day when we all dress up as characters from books and have lots of different reading activities all day in school. There is no need to spend lots of money on elaborate costumes, there is nearly always something in the cupboard.

Exe Factor 2024

Thank you to the children who have handed in their applications for Exe Factor! Make sure you practise over half term as the auditions will be here before you know it!

Well Done Year 5

Year Five went on a trip to Plymouth this week to see a production of Aladdin. They travelled by train and I was very proud to receive an email from a member of the public

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commenting on how wonderful their behaviour was and commenting on the positive relationships between staff and pupils. He said that they were an absolute credit to the school, so well done Year Five!

Library Books

It would be great if everyone could have a look at home and see if they have any school books lurking in a dark corner. We do not mind how overdue they are...we will be delighted they are back!

Parents Evening

Just a reminder that Parents Evening is the week after half term, the booking system will be open until Sunday 18th at 12pm. If you need help booking your slot, please come in and speak to someone in the office on Monday 19th.

A poster for 'Mrs Mellors' Maths Challenge' with a dark blue background, gold stars, and bokeh effects. It lists names of children who completed the challenge, categorized by year group. A congratulatory message is on the left.

Mrs Mellors' Maths Challenge

Well done to these children who have completed the challenge and earnt points for their family group!

<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Reception</u>
Elliot	Albie G	Vaidas
Delilah B	Ellie V	Austin O-D
lylah	Lily C	
Tomas	Erin C	
Oliver D	Riley B	
Max		

What have the lower school been up to this week?

Nursery

Sign of the week



boat

This week, the Nursery finished their learning on transport. We explored objects that floated and sank, and spent lots of time exploring numbers! The children are fantastic at counting to 5, ordering numbers to 5 and counting out 5 objects. Well done everyone.



Reception

Reception has continued to enjoy their Superhero theme. They have read the book 'A Superpower like mine'. The children have also learned about the Lunar New Year and made paper lanterns. We have learnt all of our sounds so have been practising reading longer words!





Year 1

In Year 1, we have been exploring the book *Handa's Surprise*. The children tried lots of different fruits and thought of adjectives for each one. The children have used these to create their own versions of the stories. We are very proud of how hard the children are working on their writing.

We have also been working hard on place value to 50 in maths, directing BeeBots in computing and balancing in PE. It has been a very busy half term!

Year 2

In Design and Technology, the children have finished their bi-planes inspired by Amelia Earhart. This linked to our writing, where the children have written a biography about Amelia Earhart. We have been asking questions about what could have happened to Amelia.

In PE, during tennis, we have been working on controlling the ball and serving it to our partners.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal
Macaroni Cheese with Focaccia Bread and Peas	Sausage, Mash, Sweetcorn and Gravy	Roast Turkey, Roast Potatoes, Fresh Veg Medley	Pepperoni Pizza with Wedges and Salad	Chicken Bites, Chips and Baked Beans
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option
Sweet Potato and Butternut Korma, Rice and Peas	Tomato and Cheese Gnocchi, Focaccia Bread and Sweetcorn	Roasted Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes, Fresh Veg Medley	Margherita Pizza with Wedges and Salad	5 Bean Enchilada, Chips and Baked Beans
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
Cake Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Flapjack Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Ice Cream Pot Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Cake Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt	Cookie Or Fresh Fruit/Yogurt

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There is many great attractions and activities in Exeter, that won't break the bank, and will keep the kids, entertained this February half-term.

LEGO Club at Exeter Library

If sorting an enormous pile of LEGO by type and colour sound like a fun, relaxing activity to you then come along to Exeter Library on Monday 12th February. You'll not only be getting hands on with the LEGO but also playing an important part in helping the library prepare for the return of its popular LEGO Club in April. There'll be music, some biscuits to munch on, and also some Duplo for younger budding builders.

RAMM

Free to enter and perfect for those inevitable wet weather days, there's never a dull moment at RAMM with all their fantastic, fun activities this half-term. Bringing RAMM's insect collections to life, Project Buzz is a creative arts project involving twelve different community groups of children and young people around Exeter. It's on display until 25th February and joined by other events including:

13th February - 'What do you heart?' (£3.50 per child)

14th February - 'West African Drumming Workshop' (£5.50 per person)

15th February - 'The Story Explorers Show' (£5 per person)

16th February - 'Blast from the past' (Free)

Red Coat Guided Tours

Exeter's Red Coat Guided Tours take you on a journey of discovery around the city and make for a great way to learn about Exeter's history, for free. Tours include 'Medieval Exeter', 'Ghosts and Legends', 'Exeter's Historic Quayside' and many more to choose from. Taking place daily, children are welcome although under 16's must be accompanied by an adult.

St Nicholas Priory Exeter's oldest building, St Nicholas Priory, is hosting their half-term craft sessions on the 12th and 13th February. Be inspired by their wonderful building and kitchen, learn how to bake "soul cakes" and design a frieze to be displayed in the Great Hall. Fun for children aged 6 - 12 years (and parents), this is a pay what you think activity.

Haldon Forest Park Haldon Forest Park is a wonderful place for simply exploring and running a little wild in the great outdoors this half-term. With miles of different trails, there's adventure around every corner and this year there's even more fun to be had by celebrating the Gruffalo's 25th birthday with a brand new Gruffalo Party Trail. The interactive family trail features all sorts of party-themed activities and games, along with fun facts to teach you about life in the forest for the Gruffalo and other creatures.

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Money saving Meal Ideas

Kids eat for free at any Morrisons café, Kids aged under 16 eat for free at any Morrisons café when an adult spends £4.50 or more on a meal. The kid's meal includes piece of fruit and Tropicana Kids Orange or Apple drink or bottle of water.

Kids eat free at Pausa Cafés inside Dunelm stores Making a trip to Dunelm? You're in luck as kids eat free in the Pausa Cafés inside Dunelm stores. You can get one free mini meal deal for every £4 an adult spends in the in-store café.

Kids eat for £1 at Bella Italia Your little ones aged two to 11 can have a three-course meal for just £1 with every adult main meal.

This is available Monday to Thursday from 4pm to 6pm.

Kids eat for £1 in Asda's family-friendly cafés Kids across England and Wales can eat for just £1 at any time of day in Asda Cafés, 7 days a week, with no minimum adult spend required. Choose from penne pasta with meatballs or a vegan hidden veg pasta meal either with chips or a salad or peas. You can also get a free piece of fruit (apple, pear or banana) when purchasing the hot kids £1 meal deal.

Kids eat for £1 in Sainsbury's cafes

Enjoy one children's hot main meal or lunch bag for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main meal from £5.20 in the Sainsbury's café. Kids' meals in the Sainsbury's cafe come with a drink (blackcurrant water, apple juice, Happy Monkey chocolate milkshake or milk) and a piece of fruit.

Tesco Cafe

When an adult makes any purchase in The Café between 12–23 February. Excluding weekends.

Kids can eat from 45p at IKEA every Friday

These are just a few, but there are many more!