



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a lovely final week with lots happening, and it's been a joy to see the children finish the term on such a positive note. This week's newsletter also includes a lot of important information about upcoming events and some key changes, so please do take a moment to read through everything carefully.

We hope the break brings some much-needed sunshine and that you all enjoy a restful week off. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 23rd February.

Ramadan

We understand that many of our children will begin to celebrate Ramadan over the next few weeks - we shared this with children in a whole school assembly this week. If your child is planning on fasting over this period, please let your child's class teacher know. We will be providing the children with a space to pray should they wish to during this time.

Astro Dome

The Astro Space Dome visited Willowbrook this week, giving children in Reception and Year 5 an unforgettable journey into space. Each session was tailored to be age-friendly and engaging, allowing pupils to explore the wonders of the universe in ways that suited their stage of learning. Our Year 5 children enjoyed a detailed tour of the solar system and were able to study star constellations up close, while our reception pupils had a gentle and magical introduction to what lies beyond Earth's atmosphere. It was a fantastic experience for all involved and sparked plenty of curiosity and excitement.



Parents Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th March. Please book your appointment through the Arbor App. If you experience any difficulties accessing Arbor, email the school office and they will be happy to help you get set up.

During Parents evening week, 16th–20th March, school clubs will not be running.

Online safety workshop

Thank you to those parents who have stated they are interested in a workshop on online safety. We are working with our Trust safeguarding lead and will get a date to you shortly.



What about **WHATSAPP?**

Do you know the **minimum age** to use this? What are the **risks?**



Unwanted contact

to contact somebody on WhatsApp, all you need is their phone number, which could expose you to unwanted messages or calls

Inappropriate content

messages are end-to-end encrypted which means that the content cannot be monitored. This means that your child could see or hear harmful or upsetting content e.g. pornography or violence.

Location sharing

live location feature means that your child could reveal their current location to others

Cyberbullying

children could be bullied, feel left out or deliberately excluded or removed from groups

Oversharing

privacy features, such as disappearing and 'view once' messages, might mean that your child feels safe to reveal private or risky information or images. However, there is always a risk that this could be copied and shared



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WhatsApp safety guide for parents

Internet matters.org

13+ WhatsApp's minimum age in the UK

58% Kids aged 3-17 who use WhatsApp

37% Kids under 13 who use WhatsApp

5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp

- 1 Review privacy settings** WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings to keep users safe. Customise groups, app access, live location and more.
- 2 Customise contacts** Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.
- 3 Talk about personal information** Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.
- 4 Show them where to get support** If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.
- 5 Check in regularly** Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.



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Visit <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/whatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents/#whatsapp-safety-tips> for advice for parents

[LGfL](https://www.internetmatters.org/)

World Book Day – 5th March

We are excited to celebrate **World Book Day** on **Thursday 5th March**! This is always a wonderful opportunity to share our love of reading and to bring our favourite stories to life.

Dress Up as Your Favourite Book Character

Children are invited to come to school dressed as **any character from a book they love**. Whether it's a classic hero, a mischievous villain or a magical creature, we can't wait to see all the creative costumes!

Cake at Break Time – 50p

To add to the fun, there will be **cake** on sale at break time for **50p**. All proceeds will go to the PTA.

Design a National Book Token Competition

This year, pupils will also have the chance to take part in the **National Book Token Design Competition**. All entries will be submitted to the national judging panel—and here at Willowbrook, we will also choose **one winner per year group**.

We look forward to a fun-filled day celebrating stories, imagination, and the joy of reading!

Important Message regarding After School Club

Our afterschool club has grown increasingly busy, and we have found it challenging to maintain the high-quality, meaningful experience we want for every child. After reflecting on this, we have decided to reduce the number of places available so that both children and staff can enjoy a calmer, more supportive environment. To help us manage this effectively, please ensure all afterschool bookings are made in advance through the Arbor app, so your child's place is secured. This will not affect any already prebooked sessions.

A reminder that if you need to pass on a message after 4:30pm, please call 07930 727654 as the school office will be closed.

Lost Property

lost property is located on the back playground outside the staff room at the end of each school day. Please take a moment to check if your child is missing anything.

To help us return items quickly, please ensure that coats, jumpers, and PE kits are clearly labelled with your child's name. This makes a huge difference when belongings are misplaced.

Friends Of Willowbrook

We have some exciting events for next term!

World book day - Thursday 5th March

Our Willowbrook wonder bars will be back bigger and better than last year. Please see the below poster for more information.

Thursday 5 th March 2026	<h1>Wonderbar</h1>	Issue 1
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<p>Willowbrook PTA Breaking News The latest updates</p> <p>We the PTA have some wonderful prizes for you!</p> <p><i>20 Golden tickets have been hidden underneath the ordinary wrapping of our ordinary wonderbars, it could be in any of the bars sold to any of you!</i></p> <p><i>we have 5 main prizes</i></p> <p><i>£50 vase voucher - gifted by Mike Teevee</i></p> <p><i>Scrumdillyumptious chocolate hamper - gifted by Augustus Gloop</i></p> <p><i>Luxury Cream tea hamper - gifted by Veruca Salt</i></p> <p><i>Glorious sweet hamper - gifted by Violet Beauregarde</i></p> <p><i>Bucket of fun hamper - gifted by Charlie Bucket</i></p> <p><i>There will be 15 other small prizes for you to win.</i></p>		<p><i>Keep a look out for your golden ticket, please don't eat it!</i></p> <p><i>Bars will cost £2 and can be bought on world book day, on the back playground, just look out for Mrs Wonka!</i></p> <p><i>There will be dairy free options too so please let us know at the time of purchase if you require it.</i></p>
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Mother's Day cream tea

This will be held on Friday 13th March at 2.30 in the hall, tickets cost £5 per adult, and children are free unless they would like a cream tea in which case they are £2.50. There will be plenty of cakes available for free for children who do not want a cream tea. Please buy tickets from our website www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofwillowbrook

These will go on sale on 6th March to allow us to make sure we have enough food for everyone.

Mother's day gifts

Forms will come out to you on the first Monday back after half term and will need to be returned by 27th February so we can get enough gifts, this will run the same as last year, gifts being selected after school, the only difference is we won't be collecting money with the forms but on the day when you collect your gift.

PE Days

Monday – Year 2, Year 3 and Year 1

Tuesday – Year 6 and Year 2

Wednesday- Year 4 and Year 1 (Year 5 Swimming)

Thursday- Year 6 and Year 4

Friday- Year 3

School Term Dates

Last day of Term – Thursday 2nd April

Easter Holiday – Friday 3rd – 17th April

Summer term First day back – Monday 20th April

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 4TH May

Half Term – Monday 25th – Friday 29th May

Non Pupil Day – Monday 1st June

Last day of Term – Wednesday 22nd July

School is then closed for the summer holidays

Dates for your diary for the Spring term:

Half Term – Monday 16th – Friday 20th February

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th February – Children’s mental health week.

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

Year 3 Exeter Roman Walk – Wednesday 18th March

Class Photo’s - Thursday 19th March

Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March

Last day of Term – Thursday 2nd April

Easter Holiday – Friday 3rd – 17th April

Summer term First day back – Monday 20th April

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More details / dates for Easter events will follow straight after half term.

Week commencing 23rd February:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL
Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges and baked Beans	Devon Beef Bolognese with homemade Focaccia Bread and Peas	Devon Sausage Toad in the hole and gravy with roast potatoes. Carrots and Fine Green beans	Chinese Chicken noodles and naan Bread and sweetcorn	Fish Cake with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas
VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL
Vegetable Pizza with Potato Wedges, and baked Beans	5 Bean Chilli with Rice and Peas	Vegetable Toad in the Hole with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and fine Green Beans	Cauliflower and Chickpea Curry with White and wholegrain rice, Naan bread and sweetcorn	Butternut Squash and Bean Burger with Chips, Peas and Baked 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	Cheese and Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese and Beans or Tuna Mayo
PASTA	PASTA		PASTA	
Tomato Pasta	Cheese Pasta		Cheese Pasta	
DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT
Marble Cake	Fresh Fruit Platter	Chocolate Cookie	Peach and Apple Cobbler and Custard	Ice Cream Pot

SportyStars

FEB HALF TERM HAF PROGRAMME

ST LUKE'S CAMPUS, UNIVERSITY OF EXETER

THURSDAY 19TH - FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

9:00AM - 13:00PM OR 12:30PM - 16:30PM

Includes Hot Lunch

DEVON HAF (HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD)

The poster features a QR code in the center, a yellow circle on the left stating 'Includes Hot Lunch', and a circular logo on the right for 'DEVON HAF (HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD)'. At the bottom, four children in blue SportyStars t-shirts are shown holding various sports equipment like a tennis racket, a basketball, and a soccer ball.



FREE PREMIER HAF CLUBS

more fun, more friendships, more smiles
DURING THE FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

Book today
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EXETER / EXMOUTH HAF VENUES

- * **What is a HAF Club?** A FREE HAF Club includes physical activity, sports, dance, arts and crafts, well-being activities, AND A NUTRITIOUS LUNCH for your child!
- * **Where is it held?**
St Thomas Primary School, Exeter, EX2 9BB
Bowhill Primary School, Exeter, EX4 1JG
Cranbrook Education Campus, Exeter, EX5 7EE
Pirchoe Cafe Primary School, Exeter, EX4 8PE
Whipton Barton Federation, Exeter, EX1 3JP
Littleham Cafe Primary School, Exmouth, EX8 2QY
- * **When is it?**
Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February, 9am-1pm
Please check individual venues for exact running dates
- * **Who can attend?** Children aged 4-11 who receive Free School Meals
- * **How do I book?** Scan the QR code (above and below) and select your venue/dates
- * **When can I book?** Bookings go live on 30th January. Please use the QR codes attached
- * **Do you need help with booking?**
Contact us on...
dcrysell@premier-education.com
or 01392 982809
or Facebook messenger

PLEASE BRING
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!

Our HAF Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays. Join us this holiday period as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy this half-term!

Book now for a holiday full of excitement!

Book today
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 Message us to book @ Premier Education Devon
 

Whipton Community Association February half term activities

Family Watercolour session
With Pete the Poet

Friday 20th February
Whipton community hall
From 10 am until 12

All Materials provided, All welcome
Open to Adults & Children
Minimum age 6
Cost £5 per participant
Refreshments on sale

To book www.ticketsource.co.uk/whiptoncommunityhall
Parents to accompany and supervise children at all times



Whipton Community Association February half term activities

Children's Interactive Storytelling
With Pete the Poet

Friday 20th February
Whipton community hall
From 2pm until 3pm

Pete is an award-winning performance poet and storyteller. His one hour session of inter-active stories for children of all ages will be great fun. Poetry, music, dance and drama will combine to create a highly enjoyable imaginative, problem-solving experience. All those taking part will use glove puppets, soft toys, drums, shakers and a multitude of crazy costumes to bring the stories alive.

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