



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and rewarding week at school. Our Year 2 pupils impressed everyone with their class assembly, showcasing their learning with confidence and enthusiasm. Meanwhile, Year 5 took part in a Greek workshop, which provided them with a fascinating insight into Ancient Greek history and culture. Throughout the week, the children have demonstrated exceptional focus and effort. Their commitment to working hard and supporting one another has been evident in every activity. Please see Poster below regarding all upcoming Christmas events in December.

Class Assembly

2F did brilliantly this week performing their class assembly. They spoke all about their work on the Great Fire of London including DT, history, English and art. All the children had a line to say, and they sang 'London's burning'. It was fantastic!

Lilly - I think it was good because I love how me and my friends tried our best. I loved how other people tried their best and I tried my best as well.

Trevor - I liked singing London's burning and saying, 'pour the water'.

David - I liked everything about the assembly. The most interesting part for me was when we sang the song.

Walking home after clubs

Now that it is getting dark at 4.30pm, we won't be letting any Year 5/6 children walk home after their after school club, unless they have specific permission to do this. If you still would like your child to walk home after a club, please let the class teacher or the office know and we will ensure the adult running the club is aware. Thank you.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated today to raise money for Children in Need. The children have all looked very comfy in school today in their PJs – as have the staff! Thank you to the kitchen for producing so many yummy cakes that the children enjoyed at break time and for the PTA for organising for us. Hopefully you all saw 'BamBoo' the panda on the front playground too – a name chosen by the children! We will let you know how much we raised next week.

Ancient Greek Workshop – Year 5

After Early Bird Maths, we went to the hall to meet a visitor who was going to teach us more about ANCIENT GREECE. First we watched kids dress as Greek people from poor to rich. These included a slave, a farmer, a 5 year old kid, a rich lady & a soldier. Back in the day, democracy was a thing but strict. If you were under 18, a slave, didn't own your land or were a woman then you couldn't vote. The only person on that list of people that COULD vote was the soldier, unless the farmer was male and owned his land. (Fun fact, farmers had to pay to work!)

In the hall there were 5 different sections:

Section 1 was >CAREFULLY< looking at REAL LIFE battle equipment.

Section 2 you had to match the items to the labels (they were fake items) and strategically place them in a sack.

Section 3, there were pretend armour, shields and swords that you had to pair up, and then you could fight pretend with your friends.

Section 4 had a small wooden boat and a foam brick wall~the way this worked was 2 people sat on the boat, one front one back, and the others had to push the boat so that it pushed over the wall and everyone had to go on the boat once.

Section 5, a map of Ancient Greece with no labelled places on it and you needed to match the labels with City States on them with the place on the map where they are meant to go.

Then it was break time. 15 minutes later we continued. 5T stayed in class 5W as 5W moved to 5T's class where there were lots of outfits for different gods.

You had to go around the room guessing which outfit belonged to which god.

When everyone had guessed all the gods' outfits, one person from each group went up to the front of the class dressed up in an outfit and the visitor revealed which god wore which outfit. They were going to take a group photo, but sadly the tablet didn't have enough battery. - :(- Then we had our lunch break.

Later on, we swapped again, & 5T went to do the outfit project. What changed was that 5W went to the hall instead of their classroom. In the hall they did some acting. There were about 5 bags with laminated sheets with a different play on it. The sheet had all the main and secondary roles and what happens in the play. There were also props in the bag. There were 5 groups of about 6 to 8 people. The plays were things like: Perseus & Medusa or The Flight Of Icarus. They only had about 10 minutes to get ready for performing to the rest of the class. There weren't any lines written down so they had to make up their own lines. It wasn't as easy as it sounds!

After every group had performed, 5T joined us in the hall to do an activity all together, both classes.

The activity was the Olympics and we split up into our family groups to take part in different sporting activities.

By Anya McHutchon 5W



Admissions Policy for 2027–2028: Annual Consultation

Alongside all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on our admissions policy for 2027–2028. The Local Authority is also consulting on its own admission arrangements. You are invited to review the proposals and share your views. Our proposed policy is available on our admissions page here. You can view all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>, and further information is available at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

The formal consultation period runs until 16th January 2026. All policies will be determined on 28th January 2026 and published by 15th March 2026.

PE days

Monday – 6MT,6P,2SB,2F,1P and 1S

Tuesday – 3H,3B,5T and 5W

Wednesday – Reception, 1S,1P,5T,5W,4B and 4R

Thursday – 2F,2SB,6MT,6P,3H, 3B and 4B

Friday – 4R

Dates for your diary for the Autumn term:

Autumn term 2 - Monday 3rd November – Friday 19th December

Year 4 Walkability – Tuesday 25th November

Rock steady concert – 26th November

Year 6 Walkability – Friday 28th November

Y1/4/5 Music assembly – 9am, Friday 28th November

Y2/3/6 Music assembly – 2.30pm, Friday 28th November

Choir concert at St James' Park – Monday 1st December

Year3/4 Art and music workshop – Thursday 4th December

Nursery Carols – Tuesday 9th December

Drama club performance – Wednesday 10th December

Christmas Lunch EYFS and KS1 – Wednesday 10th December

Christmas Lunch KS2 – Thursday 11th December

Santa Run – Friday 12th December

Christmas fair – Friday 12th December

Receptions Nativity performance – Tuesday 16th and Wednesday 17th December

Year 1 – 6 Carol concert – Thursday 18th December

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 19th December

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 17th 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



Term Dates

Autumn Term

School open - 3rd November – 19th December

Christmas Holiday 22nd December - 5th January

Spring Term

Children return on Tuesday 6th January – 13th February

w/b Monday 16th February: half term holiday

School open - Monday 23rd February – Thursday 2nd April

Easter Holidays Friday 3rd April - Friday 17th April

Summer Term

Children return on 20th April – 22nd May

School is closed on Monday 4th May (bank holiday)

w/b Monday 25th May: half term holiday

School open - Tuesday 2nd June – 22nd July. School is closed on Monday 1st June for a training day.

School is then closed for the summer holidays

Top Readers

Excellent reading by all year groups this week, but here are this week's top readers from each class. Well done and keep up the great word count!

3BG Lily C

3H David P

4B Artur C-S

4R Wapana K

5T Manu R

5W Kacper B

6MT Awab I

6P Amelia J

Friday Flyer

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

Class	Name
1P	Mason G
1S	Hugo H
2F	Pippa W
2SB	Khaleesi C
3H	Brody CF
3B	Rosie A
4B	Layla-Mae P
4R	Amelia K
5T	Aria-Rose H
5W	Ros S
6MT	Lillianna W
6P	Elliot M





WILLOWBROOK CHRISTMAS EVENTS

TUES 9TH DEC

- Nursery Carols - 2.30pm

WED 10TH DEC

- EYFS & KS1 Lunch

THURS 11TH DEC

- KS2 Lunch

FRI 12TH DEC

- Santa Run - 9am family run
- Christmas Fair 2pm

TUES 16TH / WED 17TH DEC

- Reception nativity 2.30pm both afternoons

THURS 18TH DEC

- Carol concert for Years 1-6, 2.30pm.

FRI 19TH DEC

- Christmas jumper day! Non-uniform for the final day of term.

Final week of clubs is Monday 8th-Friday 12th December



Refreshments

Santa

Craft tables | Raffle
Kid's Zone | Santa's grotto

Beacon Community Centre
Saturday November 22nd
11am-2pm

Beacon Christmas Fayre

the beacon
Bringing People Together

Apply for a primary school place

Was your child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022?

Apply online at:
devon.cc/admissionsonline
or scan the QR code. Applications open from 15 November 2025 to the 15 January 2026

If you can't access the school admissions website you can get more information by emailing admissions@devon.gov.uk or call our Education Helpline on: **0345 155 1019**



You must apply through the Admissions Team, even if you've already given details to a school. Applications made directly to schools or on their lists will not be accepted.



Wednesday commencing 17th November:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL
Pepperoni Pizza with New Potatoes, Fresh Chopped Salad Sweetcorn	Devon Beef Burger with Wedges, Salad and Peas	Roast Devon Pork with Gravy, Roast Carrots and Cabbage	Mild Chicken Curry with White and Wholegrain Rice, Naan Bread and Green Beans	Fish Cake with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas
VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL
Margherita Pizza with New Potatoes, Fresh Chopped Salad and Sweetcorn	Quorn Sausage with Wedges, Salad and Peas	Mozzarella and Tomato Pinwheel with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Cabbage	Creamy Mushroom Stroganoff with White and Wholegrain Rice, Naan Bread and Green Beans	Vegetable Nuggets with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas
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		Tomato Pasta	
DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT
Fresh Fruit Platter	Fruit Jelly	Iced Lemon Muffin	Pear and Chocolate Crumble with Chocolate Custard	Ice Cream Pot

NUTRITIOUS LUNCH INCLUDED!



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* **Where is it held?**
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 ★ St Thomas Primary School, Exeter, EX2 9BB*
 ★ Cranbrook Education Campus, Cranbrook, EX5 7EE*
 ★ Whipton Barton Federation, Exeter, EX1 3JP
 ★ Littleham Primary School, Exmouth, EX8 2QY

* **Running** 22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th December
 ★ 9am - 1pm
 *Option to extend to 9am - 3:30pm, £9.99
 (30% discount until Monday 10th November!)

* **Who can attend?** Children aged 4-11 who are in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals

* **How do I book?** Scan the QR code (above and below) and select your venue/dates

* **When can I book?** NOW! Please use the QR codes attached

* **Have questions or need help booking?** Contact us on dcrysell@premier-education.com or 01392 982809

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LOADS OF ENERGY!

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- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgments.

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