



Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a busy week this week - there seems to be a positive buzz around school now which is lovely to be apart of. A huge thank you to everyone who was able to donate to our food bank collection as part of our harvest celebration in school – we have a brilliant array of goods ready for them to collect on Monday next week.

Car Park Safety Reminder

We would like to kindly remind all parents, carers and visitors not to walk through the school car park when entering or leaving the school during pick up and dropoff times. We appreciate that the car park may seem like a convenient shortcut; however, for safety reasons we ask that designated pedestrian routes are always used. Throughout the day, delivery vehicles, staff vehicles and other authorised traffic may be moving within the car park, and we cannot guarantee the safety of pedestrians in this area. Thank you for your understanding.

School Community Reminder

We would like to kindly remind all parents and carers that we strive to maintain a welcoming, respectful, and family-friendly environment for all members of our school community. We have recently had a small number of instances where inappropriate language has been heard around the school gates and playground, as well as clothing displaying offensive wording. We ask that all adults are mindful of the language they use and the clothing they wear when on school premises or during drop-off and collection times.

Parent Support Corner

This week's featured parent guide: School Transitions

Understanding *school transitions.*

Whether your child is starting school, moving up a year or changing class, understanding transitions is the first step to helping them move through change with confidence and curiosity.

Read the full guide: [Let's Talk About... School Transitions - A Guide for Parents & Carers](#)

Atom Access for Pupil Premium Families

We are pleased to share information about **Atom Access**, a free online learning platform available to all pupils eligible for **Pupil Premium**. Through Atom Access, children can benefit from personalised Key Stage 2 learning, Year 6 SATs support, and 11+ preparation at no cost to families. This year, Atom has introduced a new and improved dashboard, making it even easier for schools to verify applications, monitor pupil engagement and progress, and invite eligible KS2 families to access the platform. We would encourage all eligible families to take advantage of this fantastic resource to support learning both at school and at home. For more information, please contact the school office.

[set up your free account,](#)

Intra Sports Competition

Today, we held an Intra-Sport Competition for pupils in Years 1 to 6. The event ran beautifully throughout the day, with children demonstrating fantastic sportsmanship. Representing their house teams of Cherry, Oak, Chestnut, and Maple, pupils took part in a specially designed obstacle course that challenged and developed their speed and coordination. It was wonderful to see so many pupils supporting one another, and the real sense of pride representing their houses.



Is your child interested in learning a musical instrument?

Learning a musical instrument is fun, builds confidence and can open the door to a lifelong passion for music. At Willowbrook School, we are proud to welcome visiting music teachers who provide a wide range of instrumental lessons.

We work with Music Devon - a co-operative team of inspiring music teachers in the Devon area.

Our teachers offer a range of instrumental lessons, including guitar, piano and drums just to name a few! The cost of these lessons is between £9 - £12 per lesson (dependent on the specific peripatetic music teacher) and would be charged termly or half-termly.

If you want to sign up to lessons, please complete the below form:

[Instrumental tuition - 2025/26 – Fill in form](#)

We hold biannual music assemblies in school for children who are learning an instrument to showcase their talents to the rest of the school and parents. Dates for these are put in the weekly newsletter.

PE Days

Monday - Hazel (y1), Beech (Y1), Birch (Y2), Rowan (Y2), River (Y6) and Brook (Y6)

Tuesday - Birch (Y2), Rowan (Y2), Vale (Y5), Glade (Y5), Cedar (Y3) and Ash (Y3)

Wednesday- Grove (C&I), Elm (Y4), Sycamore (Y4), Hazel (y1) and Beech (Y1).

Thursday- Cedar (Y3), Ash (Y3), River (Y6), Brook (Y6), Elm (Y4), Sycamore (Y4), Vale (Y5) and Glade (Y5)

Friday - Acon and Seedling (REC)

Dates for your diary

Date	Year group	Activity
Tuesday 3 rd November	Year 4	Walkability
Tuesday 3 rd November	Nursery and Reception	School disco 15:30 – 16:15pm
Tuesday 3 rd November	Year 3 and 4	School disco 16:30 – 17:30pm
Thursday 5 th November	Year 1 and 2	School disco 15:30 – 16:15pm
Thursday 5 th November	Year 5 and 6	School disco 16:30 – 17:30pm
Tuesday 10 th November	Year 1 - 6	Remembrance Assembly
Wednesday 18 th November	Years Rec – Year 6	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 2 nd December	Year 1 - 6	Rock Steady concert 10:00 – 11:00 Am

Tuesday 8 th December	Nursery	Carols
Wednesday 9 th December	EYFS and KS1	Xmas Lunch
Thursday 10 th December	KS2	Xmas Lunch
Friday 11 th December	All Years	Santa Run and Xmas fayre
Friday 11 th December	All Years	Christmas Fete 15:00 – 16:30pm
Tuesday 15 th December	Choir	Christmas Cracker Choir event
Friday 18 th December	All Years	Christmas Jumper day
Friday 5 th March	All Years	Mother's Day Gifts and Cream Tea
Friday 18 th June	All Years	Father's Day Gifts
Friday 2 nd July	All Years	Summer Fete 15:00pm - 17:00pm

2026-2027 Term Dates

Autumn Term	Monday 7 th September 2026
Half Term	Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October 2026
Ends	Friday 18 th December 2026
Christmas Holiday	Monday 21 st December 2026 to Monday 4 th January 2027
Spring Term	Tuesday 5 th January 2027
Half Term	Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February 2027
Ends	Thursday 25 th March 2027
Easter Holiday	Friday 26 th March to Friday 9 th April 2027
Summer Term	Monday 12 th April 2027
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 29 th May 2027
Half Term	Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June 2027
Ends	Thursday 22 nd July 2027

Non-Pupil and Occasional days

NPD 1	Thursday 3 rd September 2026
NPD 2	Friday 4 th September 2026
NPD 3	Friday 23 rd October 2026
NPD 4	Monday 4 th January 2027
NPD 5	Friday 23 rd July 2027
OCCD1	Monday 26 th July 2027
OCCD2	Tuesday 27 th July 2027

Lunch Menu Week Beginning 19/10/26

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL
Tomato and Cheese Pasta Bake	Chicken & Ham Tagliatelle & Garlic Bread	Toad in the Hole	Sausage roll and chips
VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL
Quorn Bolognaise	Cheese Pizza Baguette & Potato Wedges	Veggie Toad in the Hole	Veggie Sausage roll and chips
JACKET POTATO	JACKET POTATO	JACKET POTATO	JACKET POTATO
Served with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Served with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Served with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	N/A
OTHER	OTHER	OTHER	OTHER
Egg Mayo Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Tuna Mayo Bap	N/A
SIDES	SIDES	SIDES	SIDES
Crusty Bread, Diced Carrots or Salad	Corn on the Cob or Salad	Roast or Mash Potato, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Chips & Cucumber and carrot stick
DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT
Fruit Iced Smoothie	Fresh Fruit Platter	Pineapple Cake	Ice cream

School Attendance

Small steps make a big difference!

Good attendance helps your child feel happier, builds confidence and gives them the best chance to learn and achieve.

100%	= 0 missed days	Perfect!
98%	= 4 missed days	Impressive!
96%	= 8 missed days	Good!
95%	= 9 missed days	Keep it up!
94%	= 11 missed days	Needs attention
90%	= 19 missed days	At risk
85%	= 29 missed days	Significant impact

Every day counts!

There are **190** days in a school year.



Why coming to school matters

School isn't just about lessons — it's about your child's future. Regular attendance helps them:



Learn new things and make progress



Build confidence and self-belief



Make friends and feel connected



Develop important skills for the future



Achieve their goals and reach their potential



Good attendance today...
brighter opportunities tomorrow!



IF YOUR CHILD IS FEELING UNDER THE WEATHER,

IT CAN BE HARD TO KNOW IF YOU SHOULD SEND THEM TO SCHOOL OR NOT.

UNLESS THEY HAVE A TEMPERATURE OF 38 DEGREES OR ABOVE, THEY'RE USUALLY GOOD TO GO.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

SEARCH NHS SCHOOL ILLNESS GUIDANCE.



OCTOBER HALF TERM ONLY!!

MULTI-ACTIVITY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMP

www.sportystars.co.uk

26.10.2026 - 30.10.2026
THE MAYNARD SCHOOL,
DENMARK RD, EXETER

8:15AM - 5:15PM
AGES 5 - 12

6+ ACTIVITIES EVERYDAY
INCL. WATER GUNS, GLOW SPORTS, ARTS AND CRAFTS, BODGERBALL, FOOTBALL, INFLATABLES AND MORE.



Devon Country Classroom
Hozzenon Farm • Crookernall

Term Time Clubs

Nature Explorers

Pre-School - Year 6

Thursdays after school from 3.45-5.30pm £8/child
To include a snack toasted on the fire.
The perfect way to unwind after a busy day at school!





Mini-Nature Explorers

18 Months – 5 Years

Thursdays and Fridays 10-11.30am £8/child
To include a snack toasted on the fire. Children to be accompanied by an adult.

October Half Term Clubs

Holiday Club

Pre-School - Year 6 26th and 29th October

Children will spend the day exploring nature, meeting animals, cooking on the fire and getting creative - all outdoors, hands-on and full of adventure.
9am-3pm £30 per child

Mini-Nature Explorers

18 Months – 5 Years

27th and 30th October 10-11.30am £8/child
To include a snack toasted on the fire, autumn themed crafts, pumpkin exploration, potion making and lots more! Children to be accompanied by an adult.

Autumn Themed



Led by qualified teacher, Katie Grist and supported by Level 3 Early Years Practitioner, Christine Grist.

Book now!

www.devoncountryclassroom.com





WILLOWBROOK

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

KICKBOXING • CONFIDENCE • DISCIPLINE • FUN



THURSDAYS
3:30 – 4:30PM



STARTING
17TH SEPTEMBER
2026



COST
£60



BUILDS
CONFIDENCE



MAKES
NEW FRIENDS



IMPROVES
FITNESS



LEARNS
VALUABLE SKILLS



WILLOWBROOK
PRIMARY SCHOOL

ALL ABILITIES
WELCOME!

— TRAIN LEARN GROW —



SCHOOL

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Tickets cost £3.50
to include a snack

Other snacks and glowsticks can be bought on the night for **50p**

3rd November

Nursery and Reception
3.30 – 4.30

Year 3 and 4
4.30 – 5.30

5th November

Year 1 and 2
3.30 – 4.30

Year 5 and 6
4.30 – 5.30

