



Dear Parents/Carers,

We've made it to the last day of this half term!

We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved, restful break and have the opportunity to spend some quality time with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Monday 2nd November**, ready for another exciting half term ahead.

Farewell to Miss Walker

As we reach the end of this half term, we would like to take a moment to recognise and celebrate Miss Walker and the incredible contribution she has made to our school over the past 13 years.

Throughout her time with us, Miss Walker has shown outstanding dedication, commitment, and passion for teaching. She has inspired the children and helped them to grow in confidence and achieve their very best. Her kindness and encouragement has made a lasting impact on all of us here at Willowbrook.

On behalf of all the staff and pupils we wish her every happiness and success in her next chapter.

Car Park Safety Reminder

We kindly ask all parents and carers not to park directly outside the front of the school or on the double yellow lines. These restrictions are in place for an important reason: they help to keep our children, families, and staff safe during busy drop-off and collection times. Vehicles parked in these areas can obstruct visibility, create congestion, and make it more difficult for children to cross the road safely. Please use designated parking areas where possible and help us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

We would also 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.

Secondary School Applications for Year 6 Parents

A reminder to all Year 6 families that applications for secondary school places for September 2027 must be submitted by 31 October 2026.

Applications should be made online via the [Citizen Portal](#).

Even if you are still undecided about your preferred school, or you are planning a house move, it is important that you submit an application before the deadline. Applications can be updated later if circumstances change. Please be aware that late applications are processed after those received on time and may reduce the likelihood of being offered a place at your preferred school.

If you have not yet applied, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible to ensure your application is considered on time.

Harvest Festival and Food Bank

During our assembly, we spoke about the importance of Harvest Festival and why it is celebrated. Harvest is a time to give thanks for the food we have and to think about those who may be less fortunate than ourselves. As part of our celebrations, we collected donations for the Exeter Foodbank. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our school. Thanks to your kind donations, we collected a fantastic amount of food that will help support local people and families in need. Your donations will make a real difference.



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](#)

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
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

PE Days

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

Tuesday – Acorn & Seedling (Rec), Vale (Y5), Glade (Y5), Cedar (Y3) and Ash (Y3), River (Y6) and Brook (Y6)

Wednesday- Grove (C&I), Elm (Y4), Sycamore (Y4), Hazel (y1) and Beech (Y1), Birch (Y2), Rowan (Y2)

Thursday- Willow (Nur), Cedar (Y3), Ash (Y3), Elm (Y4), Sycamore (Y4), Vale (Y5) and Glade (Y5)

Lunch Menu Week Beginning 2/11/26

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL
Macaroni Cheese & Garlic Bread	Chicken Stir Fry	Roast Turkey & Stuffing	Salmon & Broccoli Pasta Bake	Breaded Chicken Nuggets
VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL
Sweet Chilli Halloumi Wrap	Quorn Stir Fry & Noodles	Vegetable Wellington	Vegan Sausage Roll & Potato Wedges	Veggie Nuggets
JACKET POTATO	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	Served with Tuna, Cheese or Beans	Served with Tuna, Cheese or Beans
OTHER	OTHER	OTHER	OTHER	OTHER
Egg & Lettuce Sandwich	Pizza Muffin or Baguette	Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Tuna Mayo & Cucumber Wrap
SIDES	SIDES	SIDES	SIDES	SIDES
Sweetcorn or Carrot Sticks	Peas or Green Beans	Roast or Mash Potato, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Corn on Cob or Cucumber Sticks	Chips or Pasta, Peas or Salad & Tomato Sauce
DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT
Fruit Crunch Pot	“ABC” Cake	Ice Cream Pots	Cookie	Vegan Chocolate Brownie



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.



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

Book now!

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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



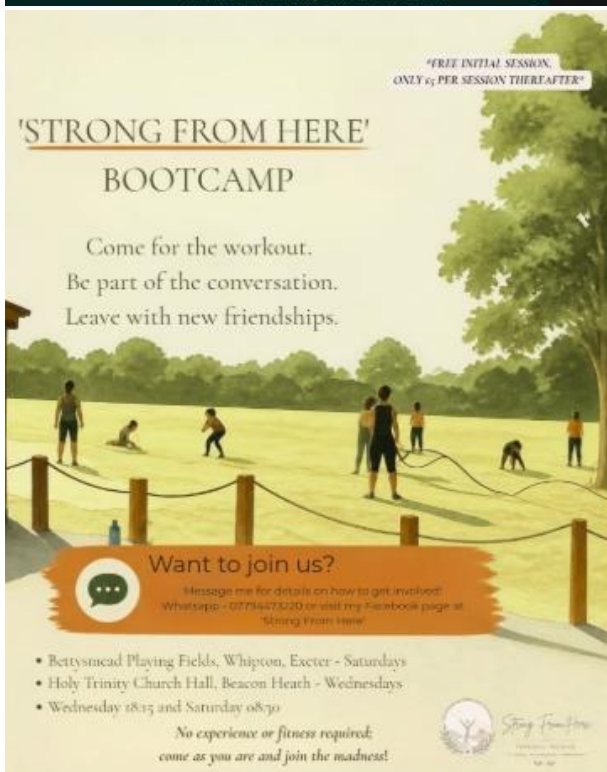
WILLOWBROOK
PRIMARY SCHOOL

ALL ABILITIES
WELCOME!

TRAIN LEARN GROW

'STRONG FROM HERE' BOOTCAMP

Come for the workout.
Be part of the conversation.
Leave with new friendships.



Want to join us?

Message me for details on how to get involved!
Whatsapp - 07734473220 or visit my Facebook page at 'Strong From Here'

- Bettysmead Playing Fields, Whitton, Exeter - Saturdays
- Holy Trinity Church Hall, Beacon Heath - Wednesdays
- Wednesday 18:15 and Saturday 08:30

No experience or fitness required;
come as you are and join the madness!



SCHOOL DISCO

Tickets cost £3.50 to include a snack

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

3rd November	5th November
Nursery and Reception 3.30 - 4.30	Year 1 and 2 3.30 - 4.30
Year 3 and 4 4.30 - 5.30	Year 5 and 6 4.30 - 5.30

BEACON HEATH RESIDENTS *Community Meal*



Thursday 22nd October, 19th November,
10th December & 21st January
Beacon Heath Church
Food served at 6.30pm

JOIN US FOR FREE HEALTHY VEGETARIAN
HOME COOKED FOOD

Door open at 5 for a cuppa, dinner served at 6.30pm
Lend a hand helping out if you come early

More info- Ebbie Peters- ebbie.peters@eci.org.uk or call 07516 692583

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WHIPTON HALL-WEEN

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER
WHIPTON COMMUNITY HALL

Timed sessions: 1pm - 1.45pm and 2pm until 2.45pm

Pre book Only

A quieter Halloween experience - Only 20 children per session

A fun family friendly event for younger children

A sensory experience where children
can take part at their own pace.

Spooky themed games
Mystery buckets
Halloween crafts
Gross out challenges

No jump scares
A welcoming &
inclusive event

£2.50 PER CHILD

No refreshments will be sold at this event

All children must be accompanied by an adult

TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS

WWW.TICKETSOURCE.COM/WHIPTONCOMMUNITYHALL

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