



Dear Parents/Carers,

As some of you may know or remember, at the end of last year our choir had the fantastic opportunity to be recorded while performing at the Rise Up Teachers Rock event at the Cathedral. It was an incredible event that we feel lucky to have been a part of.

We are delighted to share the recording with you. Please follow the link below and see if you can spot some familiar Willowbrook faces in the crowd!

<https://youtu.be/XDexNFJsGLM?si=VeHb6MJPVaRRouOz>

Allergies and Medication

We have recently sent home our allergy and medication update forms. Please ensure that all information is checked carefully, updated where necessary, and returned to school as soon as possible. Keeping these records accurate helps us to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children.

Parent Support Corner

This week's featured parent guide: Managing School Anxiety



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

Join Our Team

We are excited to be advertising a Teaching Assistant position here at Willowbrook. This is a fantastic opportunity to become part of our friendly, dedicated team and make a real difference in the lives of our children every day.

If you are passionate about supporting young learners and feel you would be a great addition to our team, we would love to hear from you. Please follow the link below for full details and information on how to apply.

<https://willowbrook.current-vacancies.com/Jobs/Advert/4324540>

Reception Open Events – Please Spread the Word!

Do you know a family with a child starting primary school in September 2027? We'd love your help in spreading the word about our Reception Open Events on Wednesday 7th October 2026. We'd also like to warmly invite families with children attending Willowbrook Nursery to come along and find out more about starting Reception with us.

Open Morning: 9:30–10:15am

Open Evening: 5:30–6:00pm

To book a place, please contact the school office at willowbrook@thsp.org.uk. Reception applications open on 15th November 2026 and close on 15th January 2027. We look forward to welcoming new families to Willowbrook.



Government SEND Reforms: Share Your Experiences and Views

As you may be aware the Government are bringing forward significant reforms to the SEND system. These changes could have a huge impact on Children and young people, Their families, schools and local authorities across our constituency. It is very important that the experiences of local families are heard at these reforms and are developed.

As parents and carers, you will understand the realities of the SEND system better than anyone. We want to know what is working well and where families maybe struggling, and where we need to implement change. On Thursday 1st October at 6PM there will be a SEND policy workshop being held at Ingrams sports pavilion, London Road, Cranbrook, EX5 7LF. This will provide opportunities for families to speak openly, raise concerns, ask questions and share their views on the government policy reforms. If you would like to attend, please register your interest at www.davidreed.uki/events

Family Captains

This week, we had the pleasure of selecting our new Year 6 Family Captains. Being a Family Captain is a fantastic opportunity to lead by example, support younger pupils, and help promote our school values throughout the year. We are confident that our new captains will be excellent role models for their families and the wider school community. Well done to all the Year 6s to presented to their family groups – the standard, as always, was really high.

Cherry	Oak	Maple	Chestnut
Pheobe V	Aria	Ava	Anya
Rowan	Amayah	Erin	Abigail
Filip	Amira	Aleks	Oakley

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 6 th October	Year 6	Farm wise trip
Thursday 15 th October	Year 1 - 6	Harvest Festival
Friday 16 th October	Years 1 – 6	Intra-sport Competition
Tuesday 3 rd November	Year 4	SWW to visit Year 4
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
Friday 6 th November	Year 4	Walkability
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
Tuesday 15 th December	Choir	Christmas Cracker Choir event
Friday 18 th December	All Years	Christmas Jumper day

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 28/09/26

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL
Tomato and Cheese Pasta Bake	Chicken & Ham Tagliatelle & Garlic Bread	Toad in the Hole	Butchers Pork Meatballs in Tom. Sauce served in a Finger Roll	Breaded Fish Fingers
VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL
Quorn Bolognaise	Cheese Pizza Baguette & Potato Wedges	Veggie Toad in the Hole	Cheese Wheel	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 Mayo Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Tuna Mayo Bap	Sausage Roll	Cheese Sandwich
SIDES	SIDES	SIDES	SIDES	SIDES
Crusty Bread, Diced Carrots or Salad	Corn on the Cob or Salad	Roast or Mash Potato, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Potato Wedges & Mixed Vegetables	Chips or Pasta, Sweetcorn or Salad & Tomato Ketchup
DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT
Fruit Iced Smoothie	Fresh Fruit Platter	Pineapple Cake	Cookie	Chocolate & Date Krispie Cake

SPORTYSTARS

OCTOBER HALF TERM ONLY!!

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AGES 5 - 12**

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CRAFTS, DODGEBALL,
FOOTBALL, INFLATABLES
AND MORE.**




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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.

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Junior Dragons (4-7 years) 5.00-6.00pm / Intermediate Class (aged 8+) 6.00-7.15pm

**Mondays (First classon 3rd October)
Alphington Village Hall, Ide Lane, Alphington, Exeter, EX2 8UP**

**Thursdays (First classon 22nd September)
Whipton Community Association, Pinhoe Road, Exeter, EX4 8AD**

**Please contact Tony on: 07890 450568
jongyeongtkd@gmail.com**



Small Talks

Safer Families

**Free support for
parents and carers**



Talking to kids about the hard stuff can be difficult. Let's Talk Safer Families gives you a place to start.

Join a free session

**Let's Talk
Safer Families**



Most parents want to talk to their kids

about things like
online safety,
relationships
& peer pressure

What stops them isn't a lack of care.
It's not knowing where to start.



What's coming up from Let's Talk Safer Families

Free sessions and expert conversations for parents and carers.

Core Sessions:

- Primary** - Building Strong Foundations.
- Pre-teens** - Staying Connected Through Change.
- Teenagers** - Keeping Connection When It Matters Most.
- SEND** - Supporting Safety, Celebrating Strengths

Themed Programme:



Meena Kumari & Sav Vaid
Violence Against Women and Girls



Junior Smart
Exploitation



Lewis Nurton
Misogyny and harmful online narratives

Podcasts:



The Gazzard Trust
Unhealthy relationships



Dan Barton and youth workers from SPACE
Online harms

Follow Let's Talk Safer Families for programme and booking updates.



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