



Dear Parents/Carers

This week has had such a lovely atmosphere around the school. Our Year 5 and 6 children had the fantastic opportunity to watch the St James pupils perform Annie the musical, which they absolutely loved. Those taking part in the Civic Award enjoyed an adventurous afternoon of bell boating, and some of our children also took to the stage in the Rocksteady concert—which was a real highlight with fantastic performances. To the end of the week we had a visit from a farmer and a 2 week old calf – another busy week!

We do have some important updates regarding staffing and changes to next week's lunch menu options, so please take a moment to read these carefully. Thank you.

Found Items

We have received several missing items into the office this week. We have a house key with a very distinctive key ring. If you can let the office know what key ring is attached, we can hand this over.

We have had a mobile phone handed in, if you can let us know what phone, case and wallpaper description we can release this to its rightful owner

A keepsake token with Hugs from heaven and a lovely verse on the back has been found outside of Nursery area, this is obviously a very sentimental token to someone. Please can we see if we can reunite this with the owner.

School Communication

At Willowbrook, we always welcome communication from our families and value the opportunity to hear your concerns. We aim to respond as promptly as possible; however, as a large and busy school with many needs to attend to each day, we follow a **48-hour response policy**. This ensures that staff have the necessary time to investigate matters thoroughly and provide clear, informed responses. We will always endeavour to respond as quickly as possible and will always prioritise dependent on the concern.

Please be aware that teachers are in class throughout the school day and cannot answer phone calls or emails while teaching. We kindly ask that families contact the school office with any urgent queries, and our team will ensure messages are passed on appropriately.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support in helping our school run smoothly for all children.

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.

Staff Updates

We are delighted to share some very special news from Miss Stanbury. She will be going on adoption leave from the Easter break as she begins an exciting new chapter in her family life. This is a wonderful moment for her, and we are thrilled to celebrate it alongside her.

As is often the case with the adoption process, timescales can move quickly, so we appreciate your understanding regarding the short notice of this update.

Further information about staffing arrangements and cover during Miss Stanbury's leave will be shared as soon as possible. Mrs Gambrell and Mrs Argent will be supporting the transition to ensure continuity and a smooth experience for the children.

We know you will join us in wishing Miss Stanbury all the very best during this special time. She would also like to express her gratitude for the kindness and support shown throughout her time here and for the joy of working with your children.

Supporting your Child at school

We are proud to serve a diverse community, and a key part of that commitment is ensuring our school is as inclusive as possible. Willowbrook has a proportion of pupils with SEND that is significantly higher than average for a school of our size. As a result, much of our practice is designed to support cohorts with a wide range of needs—this is embedded in our everyday approach.

To help everyone understand how this works, and to clarify when it may be appropriate to raise concerns, we've included a helpful infographic below.

Willowbrook School

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT WILLOWBROOK

1

Inclusive Practice in Classrooms

Many children are effectively supported by their class teacher through: clear and structured teaching, adaptations to tasks or resources, additional reassurance and check-ins, flexible approaches to learning. These strategies are part of our ordinarily available inclusive provision. At Willowbrook, over 10% of children have EHCPs and a further 20% are on our SEND register.

2

When to Contact the Class Teacher

If you have concerns about your child's learning or progress, how they are being supported in class, or minor emotional, attention or organisational needs, please contact your child's class teacher first. They know your child best, see them daily, and can usually respond quickly and effectively.

3

The Role of the SENDCo

The SENDCo supports pupils with identified special educational needs including SEND support plans or EHCPs, needs requiring specialist advice or assessment, and complex barriers to learning. Their time is focused on pupils with the highest level of need.

4

If Concerns Continue

If a concern persists after discussion with the class teacher, they will consult with phase leaders, senior leaders or the SENDCo as appropriate. This ensures concerns are considered carefully and in the correct order. If you have further concerns after consulting with your child's class teacher, please contact the school office.

Contact the school office for enquiries:
willowbrook@thsp.org.uk

Afterschool Club Reminder - If you need to pass on a message after 4:30pm, please call 07930 727654 as the school office will be closed.

Civic Award

On Tuesday the students who are participating in the Civic Award went on a trip to Haven Banks. We originally planned to go kayaking but we went on Bell boats instead. Bell boats are similar to kayaks except the kayaks are singular and the bell boats can hold 10 rowers and someone who steers the boat.

At 11:00am, the coach arrived and we then travelled down to the quay. Upon arrival, we then had our lunch before we started the rowing. Once we arrived at Haven banks (which is located along the Exeter quay) we had the choice to wear wetsuits or not. Afterwards, we all put on our lifejackets and had a tutorial on safety and how to row the boats. Then, we grabbed our oars before heading in one of the three groups to the boats.

On the water, we faced obstacles and games like ducking under bridges, playing Simon says, doing head shoulders knees and jump, standing and paddling, pretending to be a sailboat, boat of consequences, races, singalongs and chants. We also had the opportunity to steer the boat.

After 2 hours on the water, we arrived back. When we put our oars away, we then had the chance to jump into the water! After, we were soaked!!! We got changed before heading back to school.

Overall, we all had an amazing experience and appreciated the day off from learning!

By Olivia 6MT



Famer & Calf Visit

Today we had a lovely visit from a calf all the way from Mrs Tucker's farm. The children in lower school adored the opportunity to see the calf up close and asked lots of questions linked to their current and previous learning. Year 1 explored what the job of a farmer is like in all the different seasons. The children were amazed to hear that every calf has a passport and the number on the tag in their ear matches this passport! Here is what the children had to say about it.

Aluna "I liked stroking the calf. She was cute."

Freddy "We found out Spring is the hardest season for farmers, and his job is a little bit hard".

Phoebe "She was sweet and soft to touch".



The children named her 'Starla'. Here she is after the visit to Willowbrook back on the farm with her friends having her tea!



KS1 Easter Celebration at St Boniface Church, Whipton

Year 1 and 2 are visiting St Boniface Church in Whipton to take part in an Easter celebration. This is an opportunity for children to learn about why Christians celebrate Easter which will complement their learning in class. It will also be an opportunity for children to perform some of the songs they have been learning. We would love for parents of Year 1 and 2 to join us for this event. It starts at 1.30pm at St Boniface Church on Monday 30th March. You will need to then collect your child from school after the service as normal.

KS2 Spring Concert – Thursday 2nd April at 2.30pm

Come and join Years 3 – 6 to celebrate Spring through some of the songs that the children have been learning in singing assembly over this term. The gates will open at 2.20pm and the concert will start at 2.30pm. You will then be able to pick children up from their classrooms as usual following the concert.



EYFS PARENTS & CARERS INVITED!

EASTER CRAFT AFTERNOON

TUESDAY, 31ST MARCH | 2:30 PM

Join us for a fun-filled Easter craft session and sing song with your little ones!

On the day, come to the main reception and the children will be waiting in the hall.

Create beautiful Easter crafts together! Activities include Easter nest, bunny masks, biscuit decorating, and more. All materials provided. A wonderful bonding experience for EYFS children and their parents and carers!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

Friday Flyer

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

Class	
1P	Mehrin H
1S	Dominic L
2F	Sidrat S
2SB	Rosie G
3H	Elodie P
3B	Mila D
4B	Mia C
4R	Brooklyn J
5T	Manu R
5W	Thea P
6MT	Zahra R
6P	Erica G



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:

KS1 Easter concert St Boniface Church– Monday 30th March

EYFS Easter crafts – Tuesday 31st March

KS2 Spring Concert – Thursday 2nd April 2.30pm

Last day of Term – Thursday 2nd April

Easter Holiday – Friday 3rd – 17th April

Summer term First day back – Monday 20th April

National Childhood Measurements for Year 6 and Reception – Tuesday 21st April

International Dance Day – Friday 1st May



May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May
 Y5 trip to St Nicholas Priory – Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th May
 Year 6 SATS Week – Monday 11th – Thursday 14th May
 Y6 Beach trip – Friday 15th May
 Civic Award Fair – Monday 18th May
 Class Photo's - Tuesday 19th May
 Half Term – Monday 25th – Friday 29th May
 Non Pupil Day – Monday 1st June
 Y5 Dartmoor Trip – Wednesday 10th June
 Y2 Oral Hygiene workshop – Thursday 11th June
 Year 6 Residential – Monday 15th – Wednesday 17th June
 Sports day – Wednesday 24th June
 Year 6 high school transitions – Wednesday 8th – Friday 10th July
 Year 2 Trip to RHS Rosemoor – Tuesday 14th July
 Year 4 Trip to Escot – Wednesday 15th July
 Last day of Term – Wednesday 22nd July

Week commencing 23rd March:

Please note there are some changes to this week's Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL
BBQ Chicken with White and Wholegrain Rice, Peas and Chopped Salad	Beef Burger with Ketchup, Potato Wedges, Salad Sticks and Sweetcorn	Toad in the hole with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Cabbage	chicken chunks, chips, Baked Beans and Peas
VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL
Macaroni Cheese with homemade Garlic Focaccia Bread Pease and Chopped Salad	Vegetable sausage hot dog, Potato Wedges, Salad sticks and Sweetcorn	Vegetable mince Yorkshire Pudding with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Cabbage	Vegetarian sausage, with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas
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	
PASTA	PASTA		PASTA
Tomato Pasta			
DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT
Chocolate mousse	Raspberry Muffin	Shortbread Cookie	Ice Cream

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- ★ St Thomas Primary School, Exeter, EX2 9BB

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Good Friday
 With Made for Stage
Princess day
Friday 3rd April
 Whipton community hall
 10am until 12pm
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Good Friday
 with Made for the stage
Superhero day
Friday 3rd April
 Whipton community hall
 1pm until 3pm
 Learn to pose like a hero!
 Create your own mask to take home Hero themed games & races to test our speed, strength & teamwork

Hero's attend many events - can we learn to dance like a hero & how to greet our fans?
 Storytelling - Lets create a hero story together!

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Whipton Easter Trail

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Willow Way, Exeter EX4 8DY

Tuesday 7th April - 2:00 – 3:30pm

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