



Dear Parents and Carers,

As November draws to a close, it's been a busy and exciting week at Willowbrook! Year 4 and Year 6 took part in the Walkability programme; we enjoyed an incredible Rocksteady concert and were treated to some wonderful music assemblies. The Choir has been practising hard for their upcoming performance at St James' Park, and across the school, children have begun learning carols ready for the festive celebrations in December.

We wish all our families a fabulous weekend!

Poppy appeal

A huge well done to everyone who donated towards the Poppy Appeal by purchasing a poppy or poppy appeal items. Thanks to your generosity, we raised a staggering £217.28!

Thank you for supporting such an important cause – our community in action!

Rock Steady and Music Assembly

Children from across the year groups took part in one of their winter Rock Steady concerts and music assemblies this week. It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to showcase what they have been learning, performing to both their parents and peers. The concert was full of energy, confidence, and talent—what a show it was! The children should feel incredibly proud of themselves for putting on such fantastic performances. Well done to everyone who took part.

If anyone was feeling particularly inspired by the performances and would like to take up Music lessons, please follow this link for more information: [Instrumental tuition - 2025/26 – Fill in form](#)

Walkability

This week, children in Years 4 and 6 took part in the Walkability course. Walkability is a programme that helps children learn how to stay safe when walking near roads and crossing them. The sessions included practising the Green Cross Code, spotting and understanding road signs, and learning how to be alert when travelling around their local area. The aim is to give pupils the confidence to walk safely and independently, while encouraging them to enjoy active travel.

Year 6 Civic Award

Our Year 6's, who signed up to take part in the Civic Award this year, have made an excellent start. All the children have started their 'Citizenship in the School Community' aspect of the award with many of the children becoming reading buddies in school. Each class now has a Year 6 reading buddy visit them weekly to listen to some of our younger children read. This has been very popular with the Year 6's and the children who visit them!

They have been working hard on their hobbies both in and out of school and have some fantastic ideas about how they are going to support their chosen charities, which includes

running their own Civic Award fair in the Spring term. Further information about this will follow in the Spring term but watch this space for some amazing craft and game stalls! Finally, some of our Year 6's are passionate about making our school more wildlife friendly and have written to local businesses to ask if they are able to help with donations of seeds and bird boxes. Well done to Harriet and Olivia for securing our first donation of wildflower seeds. We would like to thank Otter Nurseries for this kind donation that we will plant in early Spring.

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.

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.

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.

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

Dates for your diary for the Autumn term:

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

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

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



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 Arthur CS

4R Wapana K

5T Millie S

5W Anya M

6MT Awab I

6P Aram A



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



Christmas Events in
Whipton & Beacon Heath

Whipton Wonderland Carols

A community carol service that celebrates
Jesus bringing his light to the darkness of this world.

Sunday 21st December, 7pm
at St. Boniface Church, Whipton.

Not-Quite-Midnight Mass

A quiet and contemplative traditional
Holy Communion Service.

Wednesday 24th December, 8pm
at Holy Trinity Church Centre,
Arena Park.

While families are welcome at these events
they will mainly be aimed at adults

www.whipton.church



**Christmas
Events at**
St. Boniface Church Whipton
for the whole family

NURSERY RHYME NATIVITY
A SING-ALONG NATIVITY WITH KIDS ACTIVITIES AND BRUNCH
COME DRESSED AS A NATIVITY CHARACTER OR WEAR A CHRISTMAS JUMPER

SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER - 11AM

POP-UP CHRISTMAS CAROLS
JOIN US OUTSIDE SAINSBURY'S IN PINHOE TO SING CLASSIC CHRISTMAS CAROLS
WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER OR DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE NATIVITY
CHARACTER.
PRAYER WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER - 11AM

**FAMILY CHRISTMAS DAY
CELEBRATION**
JOIN IN WITH SONGS, GAMES, AND BRUNCH AS WE CELEBRATE
THE BIRTH OF JESUS

THURSDAY 25TH DECEMBER - 10AM

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Week commencing 1st December:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL
Tomato and Mozzarella Pasta Bake with Homemade Focaccia, Sweetcorn and Salad	Homemade Chicken Burger with New Potatoes, Broccoli and Peas	Toad in the Hole and Gravy with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Fine Green Beans	Devon Beef Chilli with White and Wholegrain Rice, Tortilla Chips and Sweetcorn	Chicken Bites with Chips, Peas and Baked Beans
VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL
Mushroom Biryani with Homemade Focaccia, Sweetcorn and Salad	Halloumi Burger with New Potatoes, Broccoli and Peas	Vegetarian Sausage Toad in the Hole with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Fine Green Beans	Vegetable Fajita with White and Wholegrain Rice, Fresh Chopped Salad and Sweetcorn	Vegetable Sausage Roll with Chips, Peas and Baked Beans
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
Chocolate Mousse	Peach & Apple Crumble & Custard	Blueberry Muffin	Iced Bun	Ice Cream Pot