



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week it's been at Willowbrook! It was fantastic to see everyone dressed up for World Book Day in so many brilliant costumes – there was such a wonderful buzz throughout the school. A special well done to our Year Five pupils who represented us so beautifully at Exeter School for their Celebration of Singing, they really did us proud. Please find all this week's important updates below.

### **World Book Day**

On Thursday, we enjoyed a fantastic World Book Day in school, spending the day celebrating and sharing our love of reading. The children took part in a whole-school assembly, indulged in special World Book Day cakes, and joined in with class swaps where older pupils read with younger ones. We also had a teacher swap, with staff visiting different classes to share favourite books.

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTA's Wonka Bar sales. Don't forget – there's still time to enter Elijah's toilet-roll book character competition (deadline: 13th March) and the Design a National Book Token competition (deadline: 20th March).



### **Celebration of Singing**

On Wednesday, a group of Year 5 children took part in a wonderful Celebration of Singing event at Exeter School. Since January, they have been rehearsing enthusiastically for the event, learning to sing in a round and developing their pronunciation and diction. They were joined by pupils from Woodwater, Duchy, Wynstream and Exeter School, coming together to perform as one large choir. The sound of all the children singing in harmony was truly beautiful!

"It was fun, amazing and inspiring! I would love to go again if I got the chance!" Phoebe V 5W

### **Exe Factor Competition**

For those who have been asking, we will be doing an Exe Factor competition this year. Historically we have done this at the end of the Spring term, but with all the fun Easter events taking place, we felt it would be better to spread out the fun! We will be holding the Exe factor competition on Friday 22nd May at 2pm. Children will be given the information needed to sign up for auditions in the Summer term.

### **Nursery Update**

Our nursery is currently completely full for the remainder of this academic year (2025-2026), and we are therefore unable to offer any new start dates before the year ends. This also means we are unable to accommodate any changes to existing children's days or hours during this time. Families are still welcome to submit a request, and we will be happy to add you to our waiting list, though we cannot guarantee that a space will become available.

For clarity, children who already have a confirmed place to start with us in the summer term this year do have their space secured. We will be in contact with these families in the coming weeks with details about settling sessions and home visits.

Looking ahead, places for the 2026-27 academic year are filling up quickly. If you would like your child to join us in the Autumn, Spring or Summer term next year, please ensure you submit your request for hours as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

### **Important Message regarding After School Club**

Our afterschool club has grown increasingly busy, and we have found it challenging to maintain the high-quality, meaningful experience we want for every child. After reflecting on this, we have decided to reduce the number of places available so that both children and staff can enjoy a calmer, more supportive environment. To help us manage this effectively, please ensure all afterschool bookings are made in advance through the Arbor app, so your child's place is secured. This will not affect any already prebooked sessions.

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

### **Important Message regarding breakfast School Club**

We would like to share an important update regarding Breakfast Club. From now on, we will no longer be able to accept walk-ins. If a child is not on the Breakfast Club register, they will unfortunately be unable to attend. As a reminder all children attending the breakfast club must be signed in by an adult.

Please ensure that all bookings are made in advance through the Arbor app at least 48 hours before the session is due to take place, so that your child's place is secured.

## Mother's Day Cream Tea

Mother's Day cream tea, this will be held on Friday 13th March at 2.30 in the hall, tickets cost £5 per adult, and children are free unless they would like a cream tea in which case they are £2.50. There will be plenty of cakes available for free for children who do not want a cream tea. Please buy tickets from our website [www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofwillowbrook](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofwillowbrook) These will go off sale 6th March to allow us to make sure we have enough food for everyone.

## Parents Evening

Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th March. Please book your appointment through the Arbor App. If you experience any difficulties accessing Arbor, email the school office.

During Parents Evening week, 16th–20th March, school clubs will not be running.

Mrs Cook will be selling bingo tickets for our up and coming 'Lambing Bingo' and the Mental Health in School Team will also be available to speak to, promoting the Lumi Nova App that the children were introduced to in Children's Mental Health Week. This will all be in the main foyer.

Join us at home for...



# Lambing Bingo!

1. Buy a bingo card from the PTA for **£5**.
2. You will be added to the Whatsapp update group. **Only the farmer (Miss Grist!) can post. Numbers will stay hidden.**
3. Sheep are numbered 1-90. Each time a lamb is born, it's number will be shared.
4. Mark your number off the bingo sheet.
5. Cash prizes for 1 line, 2 lines and a full house. **Email [fow@willowbrook.devon.sch.uk](mailto:fow@willowbrook.devon.sch.uk) before 9pm with a photo of your bingo sheet.**

Lambing starts at the end of March - a fun Easter holiday activity! All proceeds support the PTA and help fund exciting opportunities for our children.



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- ✓ Talk about their own worries in a way that is **non-stigmatising**



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## Friday Flyer

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

| Class |           |
|-------|-----------|
| 1P    | Joel M    |
| 1S    | Tasnim I  |
| 2F    | Jiya B    |
| 2SB   | Juju      |
| 3H    | Nicole    |
| 3B    | Riley B   |
| 4B    | Delilah B |
| 4R    | Lilah M   |
| 5T    | Rowan H   |
| 5W    | Phoebe C  |
| 6MT   | Lilah H   |
| 6P    | Harvey M  |



## 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.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Easter Holiday – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April

Summer term First day back – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Half Term – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

Non Pupil Day – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Last day of Term – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

School is then closed for the summer holidays

### Dates for your diary for the Autumn term:

Year 3 Exeter Roman Walk – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March  
 Class Photo's - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
 Red Nose Day – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
 Rock Steady concert – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
 Last day of Term – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
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 Last day of Term – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July



### commencing 9th March:

| Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| <b>MAIN MEAL</b>  | <b>MAIN MEAL</b>  | <b>MAIN MEAL</b>   | <b>MAIN MEAL</b>   | <b>MAIN MEAL</b>                                    |
| BBQ Chicken with White and Wholegrain Rice, Peas and Chopped Salad          | Devon Pork Burger with Ketchup, Potato Wedges, Salad Sticks and Sweetcorn                     | Devon Roast Pork and Gravy with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Cabbage              | Sweet and Sour Chicken with White and Whole grain Rice, Green Beans and Sweetcorn    | Breaded Fish with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas       |
| <b>VEGETARIAN MEAL</b>  | <b>VEGETARIAN MEAL</b>  | <b>VEGETARIAN MEAL</b>   | <b>VEGETARIAN MEAL</b>   | <b>VEGETARIAN MEAL</b>                              |
| Macaroni Cheese with homemade Garlic Focaccia Bread Pease and Chopped Salad | Vegetable Filled Pitta with Yoghurt and Mint Sauce, Potato Wedges, Salad sticks and Sweetcorn | Vegetable Yorkshire Pudding Cottage Pie with Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Cabbage | Sweet and Sour Vegetables with White and Whole grain Rice, Green Beans and Sweetcorn | Vegetarian Hotdog, with Chips, Baked Beans and Peas |
| <b>JACKET POTATO</b>  | <b>JACKET POTATO</b>  | <b>JACKET POTATO</b>   | <b>JACKET POTATO</b>   | <b>JACKET POTATO</b>                                |
| 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                       |
| <b>PASTA</b>  | <b>PASTA</b>  |  | <b>PASTA</b>   |   |
| Tomato Pasta  | Cheese Pasta  |  | Cheese Pasta   |   |
| <b>DESSERT</b>  | <b>DESSERT</b>  | <b>DESSERT</b>   | <b>DESSERT</b>   | <b>DESSERT</b>                                      |
| Bananas and Custard   | Raspberry Muffin  | Shortbread Cookie  | Fruit Jelly  | Ice Cream Pot                                       |

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  - ★ 8:30am - 3:30pm / 8:30am - 5pm
  - \*4 year olds 8:30am - 12:30pm - £13.99
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