



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the first week after half term! We've hit the ground running with plenty of excitement and learning experiences across the school. Please check your child's amended PE days below and amended dates for your diary.

This week, our Early Years children have been exploring the history of Bonfire Night, learning about why we celebrate it and how fireworks have become part of the tradition. They've also begun to explore other celebrations from different cultures—an exciting journey into seasonal festivities!

Meanwhile, some of our Key Stage 1 pupils have been diving into local Geography, learning that we live in Exeter, which is a city in the county of Devon. It's been wonderful to see their curiosity grow as they begin to understand more about the world around them.

A massive thankyou to Friends of Willowbrook for the fantastic Halloween discoes they have put on for all they year groups. A huge thank you to all those who helped run and supervise the disco and all the children that came and enjoyed the Halloween spirit.

We also held a sensory disco; it was a joyful event where everyone could dance, relax and enjoy the music together. The room was filled with smiles, laughter and a wonderful sense of togetherness.



Staff changes

At the end of the Autumn term, we will be bidding a fond farewell to Mrs McDonald, who has been a vital part of our Willowbrook community. Mrs McDonald has primarily worked in the C&I room and has led interventions for children across the school with dedication and compassion. Her absence will be a significant loss for us at Willowbrook; we are incredibly grateful for everything she has contributed and wish her every success and happiness in her future endeavours.

Class Assembly

This week, Class 4R delivered a fantastic assembly all about the Ancient Egyptians, sharing what they've learned from their recent visit to Exeter's Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM). The children spoke confidently about Egyptians and their rituals. Here is what they had to say about it.

- Asher – I liked talking but I was a bit nervous, i loved saying how they took out the body parts and wrapped them.
- Humaira – My favourite part was that I got to talk about Mumification.
- Amelia – I liked getting wrapped up like a mummy.

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.

Poppy Appeal 2025

As a school community, we are proud to support the Royal British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal. Poppies will be available in school in the first week back after half term for a small donation. There will also be other poppy merchandise (such as wrist bands) for a minimum donation of £1. Together, we can honour those who have served and continue to serve, while helping to support veterans and their families within our wider community. Thank you for showing your care and remembrance.

Children in need 2025:



Get started – Tennis

Tennis is a fantastic sport for kids – it's fun, active and it's a sport they can enjoy for life. It helps children develop a wide range of skills, whether it's running, throwing or catching, which they can use both on and off the court. Find out more about how to get your child started by following this link; <https://www.lta.org.uk/play/parents-area/kids-tennis-how-to-get-started/>

PE days

Monday – 6MT,6P,2SB,2F,1P and 1S

Tuesday – 3H,3B,5T and 5W

Wednesday – Reception, 1S,1P,5T,5W,4B and 4R

Thursday – 2F,2SB,6MT,6P,3H and 3B

Friday – 4R

Dates for your diary for the Autumn term:

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

Children in Need – Friday 14th November *see poster*

Year 4 Walkability – Tuesday 25th November

Rock steady concert – 26th November

Year 6 Walkability – Friday 28th November

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

Year3/4 Art and music workshop – Thursday 4th 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 December

Year 1 – 6 Carol concert – Thursday 18th December

Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 19th December

Christmas holiday start – Monday 22nd December – Monday 5th January

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 17t 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



If you have any enquiries, please contact the school office at willowbrook@thsp.org.uk. This will ensure your query is handled efficiently and directed to the appropriate member of staff.

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

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 Tom Y

3H Casper D

4B Delilah B

4R Erin H

5T Manu R

5W Sanah R

6MT Anna W

6P Flo L

Friday Flyer

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

Class	Name
1P	Ava S
1S	Amaia-Jade
2F	Lilly G
2SB	Rosie G
3H	Annya P
3B	Sofia S
4B	Ellie N
4R	Nathan W
5T	Adam M
5W	Ava M
6MT	Raheem H
6P	Flo L



Week commencing: 3rd November

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 and Apple Crumble and Custard	Blueberry Muffin	Iced Bun	Ice Cream Pot

NUTRITIOUS LUNCH INCLUDED!



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EXETER AND EXMOUTH

* **What is a HAF camp?** A funded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) holiday camp includes physical activity, sports, dance, arts and crafts, well-being activities, AND A NUTRITIOUS LUNCH for your child!

* **Where is it held?**
 ★ Pinhoe Primary School, Exeter, EX4 8PE*
 ★ St Thomas Primary School, Exeter, EX2 9BB*
 ★ Cranbrook Education Campus, Cranbrook, EX5 7EE*
 ★ Whipton Barton Federation, Exeter, EX1 3JP
 ★ Littleham Primary School, Exmouth, EX8 2QY

* **Running** 22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th December
 ★ 9am - 1pm
 *Option to extend to 9am - 3:30pm, £9.99
 (30% discount until Monday 10th November!)

* **Who can attend?** Children aged 4-11 who are in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals

* **How do I book?** Scan the QR code (above and below) and select your venue/dates

* **When can I book?** NOW! Please use the QR codes attached

* **Have questions or need help booking?** Contact us on dcrysell@premier-education.com or 01392 982809

PLEASE BRING
PLENTY OF WATER
SUITABLE CLOTHING
LOADS OF ENERGY!

Our Holiday Camps keep children entertained, safe & on the move during the school holidays.

A bucket load of fun activities, every school holiday. With great value sports, performing arts, and games to enjoy each half term, we have plenty for your children to get stuck into in the school break.

Book now for a school holiday full of fun!



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Want to make a difference in your community and to the education experience of local children?

WILLOWBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL - part of The Harbour Schools Partnership Multi Academy Trust - is looking to recruit a parent governor and a community governor.

You do not need to be an expert in education; we would be delighted to hear from anyone who:

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of schools.
- Can give a few hours of their time each month during term-time.
- Has an inquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school.
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgments.

A full induction and associated training will be provided. If you are interested, please get in touch for an informal chat by contacting the Headteacher: willowbrook@thsp.org.uk or telephone **01392 466208**

