



Dear Parents/Carers,

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: Better Sleep for growing minds

Better *Sleep* for Growing Minds

Helping your child build healthy sleep habits that support learning, wellbeing and emotional health. Small, consistent changes at bedtime can make a big difference to the whole day.

Read the full guide: [Let's Talk About... Better Sleep for Growing Minds - A Guide for Parents & Carers](#)

Is your child interested in learning a musical instrument?

Learning a musical instrument is fun, builds confidence and can open the door to a lifelong passion for music. At Willowbrook School, we are proud to welcome visiting music teachers who provide a wide range of instrumental lessons.

We work with Music Devon - a co-operative team of inspiring music teachers in the Devon area.

Our teachers offer a range of instrumental lessons, including guitar, piano and drums just to name a few! The cost of these lessons is between **£9 - £12 per lesson** (dependent on the specific peripatetic music teacher) and would be charged termly or half-termly.

If you want to sign up to lessons, please complete the below form:

[Instrumental tuition - 2025/26 – Fill in form](#)

We hold biannual music assemblies in school for children who are learning an instrument to showcase their talents to the rest of the school and parents. Dates for these are put in the weekly newsletter.

Last week, Year 4 were able to launch their History topic of life in Ancient Egypt by visiting the RAMM in Exeter. The children were able to see and hold real artefacts from the Egyptian era as well as find out more about daily life including mummification!

Selin - "I really enjoyed finding out about mummification. We were able to wrap up a pretend body and take out its organs!"

Casper - "I enjoyed finding out about Sep En Mut which is the Mummy inside the museum."

Ellie V - "I liked seeing the old ancient pottery from Ancient Egypt."

Lucas - "I found out that hieroglyphics have over 7,000 images for letters!"

Indie - "On our trip, we learnt that when Egyptian people died, they cut the dead body open and put their organs in canopic jars."

Reuben - "I learnt that the people who mummified dead people also had to take out the liver, stomach and so much more."



Year 5 Greek Workshop

Year 5 had an exciting and immersive Greek Workshop, stepping back in time to experience life as Ancient Greeks. The children had the opportunity to try on authentic-style Greek helmets and shields, bringing history to life as they learned about the equipment used by Greek soldiers. They enthusiastically re-enacted famous Greek battles, working together in formations and discovering the strategies used by ancient warriors. It was a fantastic hands-on experience that helped deepen their understanding of Ancient Greece.

Asher: The battle with the pretend swords and shields was my favourite. We got to do a play of an Ancient Greek Myth. I love acting. We also rode a boat and did lots of activities in the morning.



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
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

Atom Access for Pupil Premium Families

We are pleased to share information about **Atom Access**, a free online learning platform available to all pupils eligible for **Pupil Premium**. Through Atom Access, children can benefit from personalised Key Stage 2 learning, Year 6 SATs support, and 11+ preparation at no cost to families. This year, Atom has introduced a new and improved dashboard, making it even easier for schools to verify applications, monitor pupil engagement and progress, and invite eligible KS2 families to access the platform. We would encourage all eligible families to take advantage of this fantastic resource to support learning both at school and at home. For more information, please contact the school office.

[set up your free account,](#)

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



This week we were lucky enough to have a visit from Mark who works at the Foodbank. He explained to the children why we have a Foodbank and how important donations are. This coming week, we will be celebrating harvest in school. If you are able to donate towards the foodbank, please send your donation in with your child before Thursday 15th November, when this will be collected. Some suggested items are listed below. Thank you in advance for your support.



School Attendance

Small steps make a big difference!

Good attendance helps your child feel happier, builds confidence and gives them the best chance to learn and achieve.

Every day counts!

100%	= 0 missed days	⇒ Perfect! ⇒
98%	= 4 missed days	⇒ Impressive! ⇒
96%	= 8 missed days	⇒ Good! ⇒
95%	= 9 missed days	⇒ Keep it up! ⇒
94%	= 11 missed days	⇒ Needs attention ⇒
90%	= 19 missed days	⇒ At risk ⇒
85%	= 29 missed days	⇒ Significant impact ⇒

There are
190
days in a school year.



Why coming to school matters

School isn't just about lessons — it's about your child's future. Regular attendance helps them:



Learn new things and make progress



Build confidence and self-belief



Make friends and feel connected



Develop important skills for the future



Achieve their goals and reach their potential



Good attendance today...
brighter opportunities tomorrow!



Lunch Menu Week Beginning 12/10/26

On the last day of term Thursday 22nd October there will be a change in menu.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL
Cheese Pizza	Beef Lasagne and Garlic bread	Chicken and Stuffing	Jumbo Breaded fish Finger	Butchers Burger and Cheese in a Bun
VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL
Veggie Sausage	Curried Noodles with Quorn Pieces	Cauliflower Bites	Feta and Potato Puff Tart	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	Cheese and Tomato Sandwich	Tuna Mayo and Cucumber Wrap	Sausage Roll	Ham Sandwich
SIDES	SIDES	SIDES	SIDES	SIDES
Diced Potato, Corn on the Cob or Carrot sticks	Peas or Cucumber Sticks	Roast or Mash Potato, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Potato Wedges, Baked Beans or Peas	Chips or Past, Sweetcorn, Salad and Tomato Ketchup
DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT
Waffles with Summer Berries and Syrup	Pip Organic Lolly	Ice cream Pots	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fruity Shortbread

Lunch Menu Week Beginning 19/10/26

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL	MAIN MEAL
Tomato and Cheese Pasta Bake	Chicken & Ham Tagliatelle & Garlic Bread	Toad in the Hole	Sausage and chips
VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL	VEGETARIAN MEAL
Quorn Bolognaise	Cheese Pizza Baguette & Potato Wedges	Veggie Toad in the Hole	Veggie Sausage and chips
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	N/A
OTHER	OTHER	OTHER	OTHER
Egg Mayo Sandwich	Ham Sandwich	Tuna Mayo Bap	N/A
SIDES	SIDES	SIDES	SIDES
Crusty Bread, Diced Carrots or Salad	Corn on the Cob or Salad	Roast or Mash Potato, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Chips & Cucumber and carrot stick
DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT	DESSERT
Fruit Iced Smoothie	Fresh Fruit Platter	Pineapple Cake	Ice cream

IF YOUR CHILD IS FEELING UNDER THE WEATHER,

IT CAN BE HARD TO KNOW IF YOU SHOULD SEND THEM TO SCHOOL OR NOT.

UNLESS THEY HAVE A TEMPERATURE OF 38 DEGREES OR ABOVE, THEY'RE USUALLY GOOD TO GO.

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

SEARCH NHS SCHOOL ILLNESS GUIDANCE.

HM Government **NHS**

Devon Country Classroom
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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.

Led by qualified teacher, Katie Grist and supported by Level 3 Early Years Practitioner, Christine Grist.

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