



Dear Parents and Carers

With the half term break about to start, we share some free activities and days out that may be of use. We also have details of further World Book Day competitions, and a free app you can use to support children with anxiety.

Have a lovely week.

Half term free days out to consider...

At [RAMM](#) in Exeter see the exhibition 'I Cling to the Sky' where, until 23 March, you can explore the photographic works of local artist Netti Habel, capturing landscapes and the environment. Or why not join local artist Scotty Gillespie on 22 February? Unleash your imagination in an engaging free workshop for all ages as Scotty guides you to explore your inner warrior and delve into the world of fiction to craft your own personal shrine. 10.30-1.30pm. See website to book.

Can you find a squirrel's favourite food, the seed of the largest living thing on earth, a palm leaf from far off lands or the spikey armour of a tasty nut? Use your best detective skills to find these and other challenges in the Hidden Garden challenge at [Killerton, NT](#). The trail is approx. 1km on surfaced paths.

Welcome to the Big Sanctuary Search at [The Donkey Sanctuary](#), Sidmouth! Get ready for an exciting adventure as you explore the Sanctuary and take part in their newest fun-filled trail activity. Follow the clues and discover hidden surprises along the way. For just £5 per trail, challenge yourself, get active, and enjoy quality family time, complete the trail to claim your prize! Pick up your trail sheet from the Gift Shop, until 31 March.

At [Haldon Forest Park](#) see the stunning outdoor photographic exhibition 'Earth Photo' showcasing the beauty and diversity of our planet, until 19 March. Over half term can you help Stick Man find his way back to the family tree? This interactive family trail follows Stick Man on his journey as he tries to get back to the family tree. Enjoy the wonderful world of Stick Man as you complete lots of fun, stick-based activities, discover tree-mendous facts and learn about forest wildlife!

Discover a Year-Round Adventure at [House of Marbles](#). Explore their dynamic range of attractions and events, changing throughout the year. See hidden gems in their quirky museums, watch skilled artisans at work in the glassworks studio and enjoy browsing in their shop, there is always something new to discover. There is no admission charge and complimentary parking, so it is the perfect destination come rain or shine.

Friends of Willowbrook Reminder

Mother's Day - we are pleased we are able to host our mother's day cream tea again this year, this is a lovely opportunity for you to come and have cream tea in the hall with your children, tickets are £5 for adults, children are free and they will get cake, squash and other snacks, if your child would prefer a cream tea you can purchase them a child's ticket for £2.50. Tickets can be bought from our website www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofwillowbrook
The cut off the orders is the **19th March** to allow us enough time to make sure we have enough food for everyone.

Mother's Day gifts - after half term we will be sending home forms to order Mother's Day gifts, if you would like to order one, please fill out the form with your child's name and class and how many gifts they would like.

We are changing the way we do this, this year. You will still need to preorder your gifts, we will not be able to accept money on the day as we won't have enough gifts, but children will collect gifts after school, in a shopping room. This means siblings can come in together and we can make sure they don't pick the same gift, parents can wait outside the classroom while children come in. If your child is in after school club that day, we will make sure they get to come and pick a gift. We will send out more details about this after half term.

Dates for your calendar for this half term

We will provide details of key dates for the next half term in our first issue back.

Top Readers

Here are the top readers in each class for this week.

3F	Oliver D
3H	Erin H
4E	Filip S
4R	Aria H
5P	Florence L
5T	Awab I
6BGR	Imogen H
6W	Remus M

Lumi Nova App

Lumi Nova: Tales of Courage is a digital therapeutic app that helps with the symptoms of worries or anxiety for children aged 7-12 years, helping them learn skills to self-manage their worries/anxiety in an engaging intergalactic adventure game (app). You can find out more [here](#).

World Book Day Competition – Create a Story in a Jar

We are excited to announce a special competition as part of our celebrations for World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. This year, we invite children to create a story in a jar. You can choose a favourite book and represent it using drawings, models or creative items inside a jar. The jar can depict characters, scenes or themes from a book of their choice.

Please bring these jars into the school library any time before World Book Day on the 6th March. Our judging panel will select winners on the Friday and prizes will be awarded during Monday's assembly on the 10th March.



Extreme Reading Challenge for World Book Day

We are inviting children – and staff – to take photos of themselves reading in extreme (but safe!) places, whether it's up a tree, under a table or in an unexpected location. We're looking forward to seeing the imaginative and adventurous places your children choose to enjoy a good book.

These photos will create a vibrant display in our school library. Prizes will be awarded for the most exciting and inventive entries on **World Book Day, Thursday 6th March.**

You can either print the photos or email them to willowbrook@ventrus.org.uk.

Thank you for helping us make this a memorable and exciting celebration of reading. We can't wait to see your photos!

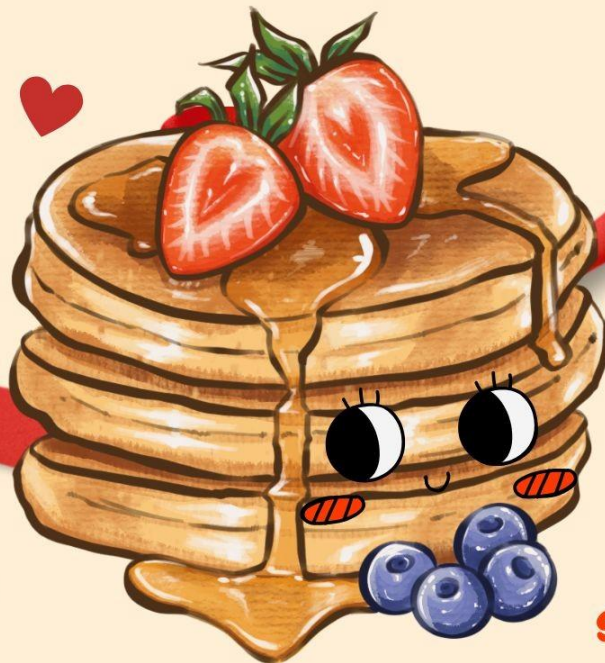




Educatering
The School Food Revolution

National Pancake Day

Tuesday 4th March



Gluten Free
Dairy Free
Available

Strawberries
Blueberries
Bananas
Toffee Sauce
Strawberry Sauce
Chocolate Sauce
Honey

Normal Menu

Pancake Station for Dessert

Weekly menu – Week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal
Thai Style Chicken Curry with Savoury Rice and Naan Bread	Brunch – Sausage, Bacon, Hash Brown and Baked Beans	Roast Shoulder of Pork with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Veg and Gravy	Beef Lasagne with Focaccia Bread and Peas	Breaded Fish or Salmon Fingers with Chips and Beans
Vegetarian Meal	Vegetarian Meal	Vegetarian Meal	Vegetarian Meal	Vegetarian Meal
Tomato and Basil Pasta Bake with Focaccia Bread and Salad Sticks	Mushroom Stroganoff with Steamed Rice and Naan Bread	Roasted Vegetable and Cheese Quiche with Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable and Five Bean Pie topped with Mashed Potato and Peas	Roasted Vegetable Fajita with Chips and Beans
Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo	Cheese, Beans or Tuna Mayo
Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert	Dessert
Raspberry Shortbread	Apple Flapjack	Chocolate Cake and Custard	Jelly with Fruit	Lemon Cookie