



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your patience this week and my apologies for the disruption caused. Although it was a bit of a surprise to have such weather at this time of the year, it was lovely to see how well the children played in the snow on the field today.

Top Readers

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

3F	Ellie N	5P	Helena J
3H	Ruby W	5T	Awab I
4E	Zachary W	6BR	Imogen H
4R	Manuel A	6W	Remus M

Christmas Lunches

An e-mail went out today with a link to order our Christmas lunches. These take place on Tuesday 3rd December for nursery, reception, years 1 & 2 and Thursday 5th December for Years 3 to 6.

Administrator role

We have recently advertised for an administrator to join our office team. If you think it could be of interest, please see the advert [here](#).

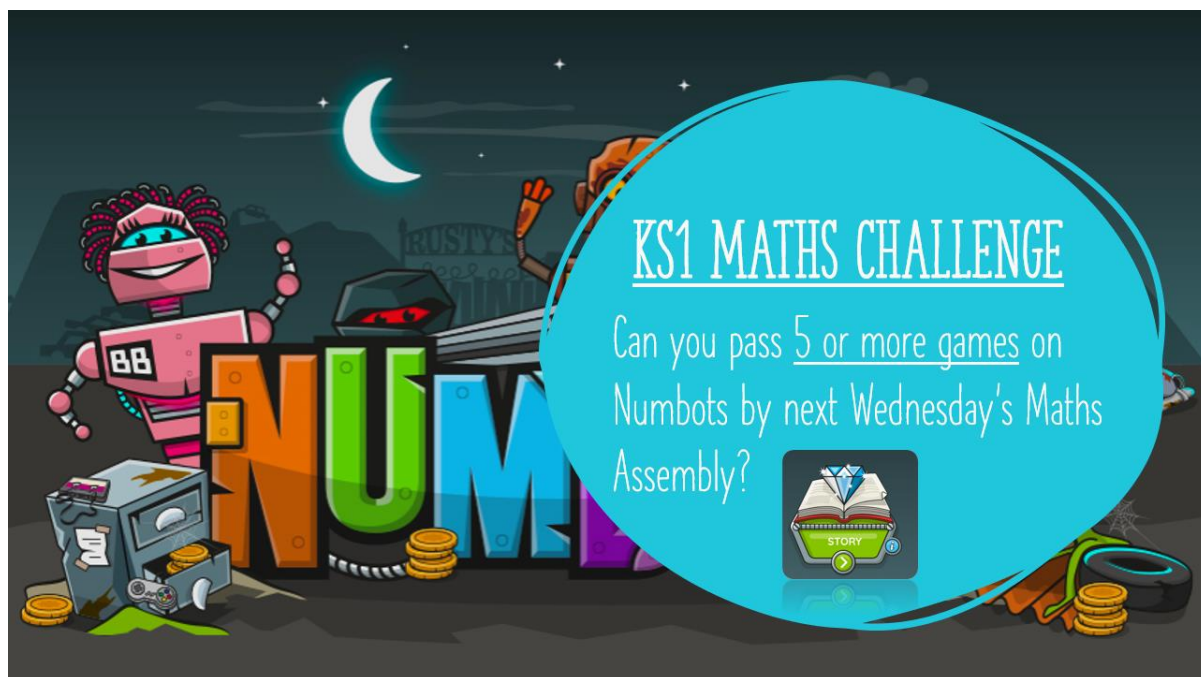
Exmoor Residential Year 3- report from Oliver of 3F

The first day we went on a walk and almost fell in a bog! Then we went in a 25 foot tunnel and the water was very deep. The second day somebody had to sit in a canoe and somebody had to pull the canoe up the hill. The second job was going to south to west then east to north (orienteering). The next one was an obstacle course, then it was lunch time. We went back out and made some little reed boats then we put some fishing nets in the water and tried to catch something. The third day we did grass sledging, then we tried to make a fire, then we got on the coach and went back to school. My favourite one was the grass sledging because you get to go very fast down the steep hill!

Key Stage 1 maths challenge

Last week's KS1 Maths Challenge was to earn 300 or more coins on Numbots. 29 children in Year 1 and 46 children in Year 2 completed this; we celebrated all of these children in our Maths Assembly this week! Thank you for your support with promoting maths at home.

Here is the KS1 Maths Challenge for this week:



Smoking and Vaping

Please refrain from smoking or vaping outside of the school gates.

Thank you

A big thank you to Torridge Trees for supplying our two Christmas trees this year. They will be decorated by the children next week!

Music assemblies

On Friday 29th November there will be Music assemblies for Years 1, 3 and 5 at 9am. We are looking for a date to rearrange today's postponed years 2,4 and 6 music assemblies and will let you know as soon as we can.

Revised Policies

We have recently updated our attendance policy in line with guidance from the DfE. We have also updated our behaviour policy to match the Trust's; the latter has not changed the approaches we take in school. You can find both [here](#).

REMINDER: Atom Learning: Free KS2 learning and 11+ preparation support

We're pleased to let you know that Willowbrook School has partnered with [Atom Learning](#), the leading Key Stage 2 learning and 11+ preparation website, to provide free KS2 learning and 11+ support to primary school children who are eligible for Pupil Premium. **Eligible students will receive access to Atom Home for free (normally £575.90 a year).**

There is a 5-day free trial of Atom available for non-PP families. Atom Learning is a viable, more child-centric alternative to private tuition that we believe is a non-stressful and enjoyable way of making progress at KS2 and, when relevant, preparing for exams.



Free KS2 support and 11+ preparation

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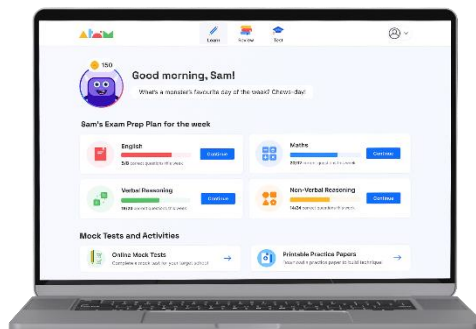
What is Atom Home?

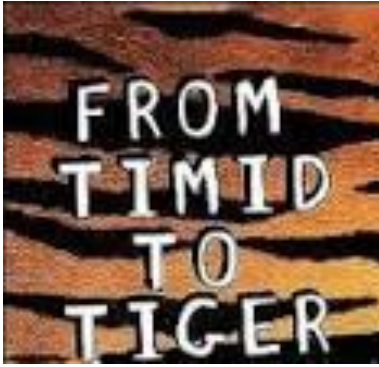
Atom Home is an online learning and exam preparation platform for ages 7-11. Covering English, maths, verbal reasoning and non-verbal reasoning, children can explore learning resources, mock tests, video tutorials, and exam preparation materials.

Do you know someone who is eligible?

If you know someone whose child is in need of extra Key Stage 2 learning support or is preparing for the 11+ (they do not need to be attending Willowbrook), please share this link with them: <https://atomlearning.com/pupil-premium/primary-schools>

After completing the form on this page, their primary school will receive a notification to verify their pupil premium eligibility. Once confirmed by their school, their Atom Home account will be created. If you would like to find out more, please email pupilpremium@atomlearning.com.





From Timid to Tiger

A 10-week course for parents and carers who would like to help their child overcome anxiety.

What is From Timid to Tiger?

From Timid to Tiger is a parenting-based approach to managing anxiety in primary school aged children. It uses the principles of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, and is based on the evidence that anxious children benefit from a calm, warm, clear consistent parenting style to help them overcome their fears and worries. Many children struggle to articulate what they are worried about. This can be frustrating and exhausting for parents and carers who are trying to support and manage their child's anxiety. Often this has an impact on both family life and life at school.

The Timid to Tiger Course aims to help you explore your child's anxiety, how it develops, and how you as a parent or carer are well placed to support your child to become braver, more confident and independent.

When is the course?

January 2025, small group sessions (2 hours per week, for 10 weeks)

Course facilitators:

Donna Habbishaw (Willowbrook School)
Ana Hambly (Mental Health Support Team)

The sessions offer you practical tips and advice to help your child to cope, and to overcome the challenges they face. You will learn new tools and techniques to support your child to change their anxious behaviour.

We ask all parents and carers who sign up to the course to ensure that they can attend all the sessions. Places are limited, so please register your interest as soon as possible.

If you are interested in learning more about this course, or feel this might be helpful to support your child, then ask in school or contact us willowbrook@ventrus.org.uk



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Dates for your calendar

Friday 29th November: Music assemblies for Years 1, 3 and 5 at 9am
 Monday 2nd December: Years 5 and 6 football match
 Tuesday 3rd December: Lower school Xmas lunch
 Thursday 5th December: Upper school Xmas lunch
 Monday 9th December: Choir singing at St James Park for KS2 choir (evening)
 Tuesday 10th December: Nursery carols PM
 Wednesday 11th December: Rock steady concert AM
 Friday 13th December: Santa run AM and Christmas fair 2pm
 Tuesday 17th December: reception nativity PM
 Wednesday 18th December: reception nativity PM
 Thursday 19th December: Carol concert after school
 Friday 20th December: Christmas jumper day
 Friday 20th December: Last day before the Christmas break.

Weekly menu – week 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal
Beef Bolognese with pasta, focaccia and sweetcorn	British brunch sausage, bacon, hash brown and beans	Roast gammon with roast potatoes, gravy, carrots and cabbage	Chicken katsu curry with naan bread, rice and sweetcorn	Breaded fish with chips and beans
Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option	Vegetarian Option
Broccoli and cauliflower cheese bake, focaccia bread and sweetcorn	Vegetarian brunch Quorn sausage, grilled tomato, hash brown and beans	Vegetable and lentil wellington with roast potatoes, vegetables and gravy	Margherita pizza with pommes noisettes and peas	Vegetable sausage roll 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
Vanilla muffin	Carrot and courgette chocolate brownie	Flapjack	Vegan jam sponge	Custard cookie