



Dear Parents and Carers

Already 1/6 of the year is down; it's amazing how quickly the school year moves forward. I would like to thank you for your patience with us and me in particular as we start afresh. Mrs Marlow has been at Willowbrook for a very long time and any change was always going to take time; the additional challenge of joining a Trust and all of the system changes only adds to that. I can understand from your point of view that the joining of the Trust has only led to problems. I do understand the frustrations over payments etc and hope that we will be operating more normally now. That said, in school, we are starting to see the benefits of being part of a bigger organisation. This half term alone we have had nearly 4 weeks of additional staff support from colleagues across the Trust in the areas of SEND and leadership, helping to strengthen our work. Staff are starting to lean on colleagues across the Trust, visiting other schools to share ideas. This is embryonic but for me, it's the exciting thing about being part of Ventrus – we get to work as part of a bigger team, share and support each other.

Have a lovely weekend and half term; we look forward to seeing you on Monday 4th November.

Top Readers

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

3F	Delilah B
3H	Ruby W
4E	Arjin S
4R	Arlo G
5T	Olivia R
5P	Flo L
6BR	Oscar B
6W	Damian S

Reminder: Message from the Friends of Willowbrook

We are excited to announce dates for our Discos, the date has changed from that advertised so please check carefully. This also has a knock-on effect for clubs this week – there will be no glow in the dark dodgeball, gymnastics or stop motion animation during the disco week.

Nursery and Reception - 12th Nov - 3.30-4.20

Year 1 and 2 - 14th Nov - 3.30 - 4.20

Year 3 and 4 - 12th Nov - 4.30 - 5.30

Year 5 and 6 - 14th Nov - 4.30 - 5.30

We are still having a Halloween/autumn theme, chance to get an extra use out of those costumes (fancy dress is optional) but please be mindful of other children with costume choices, nothing too scary please.

Tickets are available from our website www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofwillowbrook
They are £3 which include a glowstick and a snack, more glowsticks and a tuck shop will be available on the night and more info regarding prices will be released nearer the time.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

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Remembrance – Poppy sale

In the week after half term, our family captains will be selling poppies and poppy merchandise should children wish to buy these. We suggest a donation of £1 for the keyrings, wristbands etc and 50p for the paper poppies. We will observe a minute's silence on Monday 11th November and learn more about the importance of the day.

Exeter Primary Football League Report Monday 21st October

This was the first of our round robin tournaments in the Exeter Primary Football League and Willowbrook proved they were ready! We quickly went into the lead with well worked goals from Alfie Stirzaker and Logan Carrington – Lee. George Manvill and his strong defensive partnership of Ehren Connell and Denny Graham – Walsh, warded off some great counter attacks. An unstoppable goal on the final whistle meant a 2-2 draw for our initial game.

The second game showed some great teamwork with some lovely passing from Ted M and Reggie Graham – Walsh on the wings. Jimmy Rowe had a few shots on target, but they were saved by a great keeper. Another outstanding goal from Logan Carrington – Lee saw us win the game 1-0!

Willowbrook entered the final game with fire in their bellies and kept their heads held high even after going quickly 1-0 down. A strong defence kept St Leonards at bay from many attacks and the final score was 2-0 on the whistle, the team having worked exceptionally hard.

A big well done to our new team. You have put all our training on the three Ps: passing, positioning and possession into the games and the results are already showing. Your behaviour and teamwork were truly exemplary. You should all feel incredibly proud of yourselves. What a fantastic start to the season!

Our next tournament is scheduled for Monday December 2nd.

Dates for your calendar

Tuesday 5th November: Morning for perspective reception parents (i.e. 2025 entrants)

Wednesday 6th November: TTRS dress up day. We invite the children to dress up as a Rock star for the day, with donations being collected for Great Ormand Street children's hospital, as selected by the School council.

Tuesday 12th November: Disco for nursery, reception, years 3 and 4

Thursday 14th November: Disco for years 1, 2, 5 and 6

Friday 15th November: wear pyjamas to raise money for Children in Need (donations welcome)

w/b Monday 18th November: Year 3 Exmoor residential (Monday-Wednesday 3F, Wednesday-Friday 3H)

Tuesday 19th November: Years 3 and 4 football match

Friday 22nd November: Music assemblies for Years 2, 4 and 6

Friday 29th November: Music assemblies for Years 1, 3 and 5

Monday 2nd December: Years 5 and 6 football match

Tuesday 3rd December: Lower school Xmas lunch TBC

Thursday 5th December: Upper school Xmas lunch TBC

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