



Dear Parents and Carers

Over the past few weeks, year 4 children have been working with '[Code to the Future](#)' as part of an ongoing partnership a number of Ventrus schools have been trialling. I was involved in my previous school and am delighted we can bring it to Willowbrook. Code to the Future support schools in the US to deliver computing skills in an innovative way. Our Year 4 children are being taught coding by specialists from California via a weekly Teams session and they will learn to build games in scratch, developing their coding skills in an engaging and interesting way. Although very early in the project, the children have been really receptive and have enjoyed their cross-Atlantic learning! You can see some of their thoughts below.

"We get to go on computers where a professional coding teacher from America teaches us coding on Scratch and how to make our own game."

"It's amazing because it teaches us how to work on computers and code."

"I think using Scratch is really fun and I have been coding on Scratch at home too!"

"I think it's crazy that we are being taught by someone in America!"

"I think it is really fun and the day we have computing I tell my parents; I'm already looking forward to next week."

"We are learning coding skills to make our own game, we get to code the backgrounds, characters and movements."

School Values

Thank you to those of you who have completed the form feeding back regarding the proposed changes to our Willowbrook school values. If you haven't yet done so, please follow [this link](#). Please take some time to consider these proposed values and consider whether they feel like the right fit for Willowbrook School. This is our school community, and these core values need to represent us all. I look forward to hearing your thoughts. We will take this feedback on board and then come back to you with our next steps.

Word Millionaires Trip

On Friday 17 January we took those children who had read over one million words (assessed by quizzes children take on books they have read, which register the number of words in the books of each quiz passed) on a reward trip to Waterstones to choose a book, sponsored by

Willowbrook PTA. Already, there were eleven children who had reached this amazing total: Anya M and Manuel A from Year 4; Elijah A, Harriet B, Olivia B, Elijah H and Awab I from Year 5; and Imogen H, Andrea J, Milo S and Luke W from Year 6. Let Milo, a veteran word millionaire, tell you about the trip.

At 8.50am we got to school and walked down to the library. When we arrived at the train station we were perfectly on time and the train just arrived. At Exeter Central we walked out, along the street and up through Northernhay Gardens. After arriving at Waterstones we were shown up into their sorting room where they put every book on trolleys and wheel them down to different floors using the lift.

After we had picked a book, which was very hard, and scanned it out we went back to Northernhay Gardens to have cake. (I had a brownie with Smarties and a lemon cake!) When we had all stuffed ourselves with cake, we walked down to the Museum and had a look around the exhibits. At 12.00pm we went back to the station and came home for lunch. We really enjoy doing this trip each year and we all had a great time!

Our next trip is scheduled for 2nd May so if you would like to join us - keep reading!

Dates for your calendar for this half term

Friday 14th February: Intra school competition

w/b Monday 17th February: Half term

Exter City FC Trip

What we did at St James' Park was we got to sit on the bench where the substitutes sit. We also went in the changing room. We even got to be on TV and met Grecian the mascot. For the TV we had to chant COME ON CITY! It was the best day ever!

By Ava 4E

We did this trip in the build up to their game against Nottingham Forest FC. We got to sit where the substitutes sit and we even got to be on TV! (5th February BBC Breakfast) We met mascots and chanted COME ON CITY and we got a stadium tour. It was the best day ever!

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Top Readers

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

3F Elliot W
3H Ruby W
4E Anya M
4R Manuel A

5P Erica G
5T Harriet B
6BGR Imogen H
6W Elias C

A Reminder: World Book Day Competition!

The first of our World Book Day competitions has arrived! If your child would like to enter, please return designs by 10th February. World Book Day is on 6th March, and we will be doing our annual dress up day.

'Design a Mug!' competition for World Book Day, 6 March 2025

Run the competition in your school and then email us the template of your winning entry for each category.
Open to all schools (subscribing or non-subscribing)

The Brief:

- Use the template found on our website to design your mug depicting your favourite book or character from a book.

The Prize:

- The winners of the competition will receive their design printed onto a mug, a book token, and free books for their school.

4 Categories

EYFS, Year 1/2
Year 3/4
Year 5/6
KS3



The deadline for entries is 5pm on 10 February 2025

Email your winning entries to schoollibraryservice@devon.gov.uk
Please make sure the name, school and key stage of the student is included

Judging will take place during half term with the winning schools notified on
24 February 2025

Weekly menu – Week 2

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal	Main Meal
Chicken Fajita Wrap with Steamed Rice and Sweetcorn	Beef and Sweet Potato Sloppy Joe with Root Slaw	Roast with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Dartmoor Sausage Pasta Bake with Garlic Focaccia Bread and Salad Sticks	Chicken Chunks with Chips and Peas
Vegetarian Meal	Vegetarian Meal	Vegetarian Meal	Vegetarian Meal	Vegetarian Meal
Stir Fried Vegetable Noodles with Naan Bread and Sweetcorn	Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges and Salad Sticks	Cheddar Cheese and Potato Pie with Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Focaccia Bread and Salad	Vegetable Sausage Roll with Chips and Peas
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
Chocolate Shortbread	Ice Cream	Carrot Cake	Jelly with Fruit	Lemon Drizzle Muffin