

Willowbank Weekly



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Don't forget to order school dinners by tomorrow!

Learner of the week

Well done to the following children for being presented with a Learner of the Week certificate.

Kayla- Robin
Darcey – Starling
Daisy – Linnet
William - Siskin
Lucas – Goldfinch
Bailey – Avocet
Zac – Kingfisher
Imogen – Buzzard
Alex – Kestrel
Emilia – Hawk

Meet the Teacher Afternoon

We will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon next Tuesday (4th July). This will be an opportunity for Parents and Carers to meet the teaching team that will be working with your child next year. A crèche will be open in the library for children.

Year 1 / 2: 3.30pm - 3.50pm

Year 3/ 4: 3.50pm - 4.10pm

Year 5/ 6: 4.10pm - 4.30pm

All teachers will be available on this day.

As well as meeting teachers this will be an opportunity to find out about key school routines for September and ask questions. We will aim to keep our initial information session to the first ten minutes, then giving you ten minutes to ask questions and speak to your individual teacher.

We will be sending transition packs home for SEN children by the middle of next week. If you have particular concerns about transition for your child, please ring the office to arrange an appointment with Miss Eustace and Mrs Jaworski (for SEN children) or with the class teacher.

There will be further opportunities to get to know your class teachers in the Autumn Term.

Classes for 2017/18

Foundation

Robin – Foundation Stage - Miss Broomfield (*joining us from another Devon school*)

Starling – Foundation Stage - Miss Hayman (*joining us from a large infant school in Bromley*)

Parents already know which class their child will be in.

Year 1 / 2 – Unit Lead Mrs Kyte

Linnet – Year 1 - Miss Mingo

Siskin – Year 1 – Mrs Kyte (*joining us from Willand Primary*)

We have known your children for a whole year now and have put the children from Foundation Stage into two balanced classes. We will be informing you of your child's class in a separate letter.

Dove – Year 2 – Miss Gibbs

Goldfinch – Year 2 – Miss Moore

Miss Gibbs will keep her current Year 1 children and move up with them to Year 2 – Dove.

Miss Moore will take the children from Linnet Class into Goldfinch Class.

Year 3 / 4 – Unit Lead Miss Burgin

Kingfisher – Year 3 / 4 Miss Isaac

Avocet – Year 3 / 4 Miss Burgin (*joining us from a Somerset school*)

Heron – Year 3 / 4 Mrs Sullivan and Mrs Bosley

We have thought carefully about the children who are currently in Year 2 and 3 they will move into 3 balanced classes. We will inform you of your child's class in a separate letter.

Year 5 / 6 – Mrs Hulbert - Deputy Head and Unit Lead 5/6

Buzzard – Year 5 Miss Powell (*joining us from a school in Cornwall*)

All of Year 4 will stay together to become Year 5.

Hawk – Year 6 Mrs Hulbert and Mr Durringer (*joining us from Sidmouth Primary working across the school and with a focus PE*)

All of Year 5 will stay together to become Year 6.

Miss Waite – will be working across the school to cover for teacher's PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment time).

Miss Jaworski will be the SENDCo on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Classroom location – We will have signs, but for those of you who know the school, Foundation Classes remain where they are.

Yr1 classrooms will be the classrooms right at the front of school (where Yr1/2 are currently)

Yr2 classrooms will be the classrooms in the middle of the school (where Yr2 have been this year – with some minimal alterations which will occur during the summer)

Yr3/4 classrooms – at the right of the school (where they are currently)

Yr5 classroom will be the large classroom in the current Yr5/6 Hub

Yr6 classroom will be the current Hawk Classroom with the additional use of the old Buzzard Classroom for group and independent learning.



Sports day

Sports day is fast approaching and so the children are busy practising, please ensure your child has their PE kit in school daily. More information about arrangements for Sports Day to follow.



British summer!

Hopefully the nice weather will return. Please ensure children have a sun hat, water bottle and sun cream on them before they come to school. We advise using one time application sun cream before school.

Sandals: - because our site has many steps, we expect all children to wear shoes which cover their toes and have straps. Some children have been wearing sandals over the last few days and we advise that they do not. If there is an exceptional reason for your child needing to wear sandals, please write a note to the class teacher explaining why. They should be neutral in colour and have straps which secure them to their feet, socks must be worn.

Sunglasses: - we advise that all children wear sunhats with a peak or rim. If your child needs to wear sunglasses due to hay fever, please make sure the teacher knows.



Lunches

Please remember that if you miss the deadline for ordering school dinners online, we will no longer be able to order your child a school dinner and they will need to be given a packed lunch instead.

Medicine in school

All medicine must be prescribed, even antihistamine: we want your child to take part and enjoy sports on the field, so please have this prescribed or come into school to administer, alternatively herbal remedies can be kept in school. Please ensure these are named and are handed into the school office.



Lost property

There are a number of items that have been handed into the office in the past week or so. If you think any of the following belong to you, please collect it from the school office. A black dinosaur watch, a pony and heart keyring and a green and white gingham hair tie. Courtney in Year 6 is missing an Easi-Yo pot, which is circular in shape and has a red lid; please can you check if your child may have accidentally brought this home.



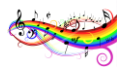
Go-Active

There are still spaces available on the Go-Active after school clubs, please collect a letter from the office if you wish for your child to attend. Also please look out for information about summer holiday clubs coming soon.



Bicycles

It's lovely to see so many children cycling to school, please ensure bikes are parked safely and not behind the fence as this can make access to the bins difficult.



Music

Caroline Clapp can offer piano lessons to children at Willowbank, please telephone Caroline on 07411243058 for more details.



Foundation

Following our visit from the police on Friday we have written a fabulous recount of all we saw and did. Everyone enjoyed trying on the police uniforms, covering their ears when the siren sounded and were quite fascinated by the handcuffs and the stinger. We have also enjoyed reading the story of 'Sports Day' by Nick Butterworth and have been practising our races ready for the big event.



Years 1 & 2

This week Year 1 and 2 have been excited to compose a shared write, which will support them in their own writing later this week. Together we came up with either a toy or monster for which we then created an owners guide. This tells you how to build and use it. We have also been getting ready for sports day - we have some great runners and good team players. We are looking forward to sports day next week! Let's hope the sun is shining. :) Any Plymouth Aquarium letters should be handed in by Friday of this week please- Parent helpers will be confirmed later this week.



Years 3 & 4

We have been busy practising multiplication and division this week by using efficient methods to calculate. In English, we have been apostrophe detectives and learning how and why we use them.

We have been practising our athletic skills in the lead up to Sports Day next week and have been enjoying being able to use the school field. Andy, who taught the children cricket, gave T-Shirts to pupils who showed the most enthusiasm, sportsmanship and ability during his coaching. Well done to Lewis Short (Heron Class) and Joseph Sherman (Kingfisher Class)



Years 5 & 6

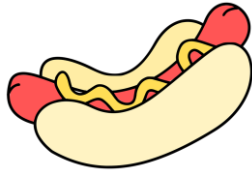
Year 5 and 6 have been preparing for Sports Day this week, thinking about developing their racing starts and the differences between sprinting and long distance running. We have also been developing our different throwing techniques and egg and spoon skills! In English, Year 5 have been getting ready for their hot write recounts at the end of this week and Year 6 have begun to read 'There's a boy in the girl's bathroom'; and have completed diary writing based on this.

Year 6 have enjoyed their transition day to CCC this week. Children who will be transferring to Uffculme enjoyed creating projects on light and researching Thomas Edison.

Year 5 are looking forward to their trip to CCC on Friday to take part in the Challenge day, which will allow them to work in groups with other Year 5 children to create a project together.

Year 6 leaver's lunch

On Thursday 20th July we will be holding a special leavers lunch, this will result in a change to the advertised menu. The special menu is available to all children, not just those in Year 6. The menu is:



Various pizza muffins
 Pasta and curly fries
 Or
 Hot dogs with baked beans
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 Ice cream sundaes



Diary Dates

June		
Thursday 29 th	9.00am	Avocet Class Assembly
Friday 30 th	9.15am	Year 5 Pizza Co challenge at CCC
July		
Tuesday 4 th		CCC Year 6 transition day
		Moving up into new classes day
	Please see above	Meet the teacher afternoon
Thursday 6 th		Sports Day
Friday 7 th		Reserve Sports day
Monday 10 th	6.00pm	Years 5 & 6 Production
Tuesday 11 th	6.00pm	Years 5 & 6 Production
Friday 14 th	All day	Years 1 & 2 trip to Plymouth Aquarium
Friday 14 th	All day	Year 6 trip to Wildside
W/B Monday 17 th		All classes move up to September classes
Monday 17 th	6.00pm-6.30pm	Drama club performance
Thursday 20 th	12.15pm-1.15pm	Leavers lunch
Friday 21 st	1.15pm	Year 6 Leavers assembly
Friday 21st		Last day of Term
September		
Monday 4 th	All day	Non Pupil day
Tuesday 5 th		Back to school

