

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.

Lilly-Jay H - Robin
Charlie M - Starling
Harrison-Lee H – Linnet
William P – Siskin
Lucia S – Goldfinch
Isla T – Heron
Elliot B – Avocet
Harry L – Kingfisher
Chloe C – Buzzard
Joshy T – Kestrel
Taylor R – Hawk



DISCO Tomorrow, Thursday 15th June

The last disco of the year is tomorrow. Times are as follows:

Foundation, Year 1 and 2: 5:45pm – 6:45pm

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6: 7.00pm-8.00pm

Both cost £1.50

Please sign your children in at the main entrance and collect from the hall door, again ensuring that you have verbally signed your child out with the class teacher or adult with them.

If you can help at either disco please let the office know or contact us via Facebook. It helps to know in advance who can help.

Meet and Greet teachers

Tuesday 4th July will be the day when children first visit their new classes. We will have most new staff in on that day so have arranged a meet the teacher session, where we will discuss year group routines and answer frequently asked questions. Please come with your or without your children to your child's new classroom after school. **Years 1 & 2, -3.30pm-3.50pm, Years 3 & 4, -3.50pm-4.10pm and Years 5 & 6 -4.10pm-4.30pm.** We have arranged alternative times to enable Parents with children in different years to meet all teachers. If you are unable to make this and would like to speak to a teacher before September please contact the office.



British summer!

Finally, summer has arrived! Please ensure children have a sun hat, water bottle and sun cream on them before they come to school.



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.



Swimming refunds

Refunds have now been given to Linnet class, Goldfinch class, Hawk class and Kestrel class for cancelled swimming sessions. Please note: refunds will only be given if the session is missed due to teacher absence or other reasons beyond our control-refunds will not be given if your child is absent from school on the day.



Childcare Vouchers

We are pleased to inform you that we can now accept childcare vouchers to be used to pay for breakfast club. If you wish to pay with electronic Childcare Vouchers, please request a transfer from your Childcare Voucher Account and enter the school's Carer Account Number, **P21126804**. Payments will then be made automatically from your Childcare voucher account.

If you wish to pay with paper Childcare Vouchers, then please hand these into Mrs Thomas in the school office.



PTFA

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who came to the summer fayre and helped to make it such a success. We raised over £1000, which will be put to good use around the school. We have had many positive and complimentary comments on how friendly and welcoming the school is, so we would like to say a big thank you to the children and their families who helped to make the day special.

We have so many THANK YOUs to say that we cannot possibly put them all on this newsletter but we must say thank you to the staff and children who gave up their time to run stalls. Miss Mogford would like to say a special thank you to all the PTFA members: Shelley, Steve, Becky, Rachel, Deborah, Anna, Heather and Kelly.

The Southern Troopers were a great success and hope to return to another event in the future. The PTFA are pleased to say that we will be supporting their fundraising by sending them a cheque for Children's Hospice Southwest, a worthy charity we hope you will agree.

If you would like to know more about the PTFA, please get in touch, or come along to our Annual General Meeting which will be held in the school library on the 25th September at 7pm. There will be cake!

Football tournament

Our after school club football team took part in a football tournament last week at CCC, and won! A huge well done to all who took part and thank you also, to our Parent volunteers for helping.



Foundation

TOP SECRET-We can't say what we've been learning about this week, but if our Daddies would like to look in our book bags on Sunday morning then all will be made clear!



Years 1 & 2

This week we have been reading our new book 'Monsters: A user Guide'. We have been thinking about our own monster and the instructions we would give it, to help us at home and school. The children have been engaged and have linked their learning to their own experiences, especially Monster Inc.! Goldfinch went on a school trip to Tesco's; we learnt a lot about different foods and where they come

from. Linnet and Siskin will be going next Monday; a letter about this has been sent out today.

Year 1 / 2 would like to invite parents to volunteer to listen to children read. This can be regularly or just a one off. We want to continue to engage the children in reading and share their enthusiasm for new stories and texts. If you can help, please inform your child's class teacher and they can arrange a time that works best for you.



Years 3 & 4

This half term, our theme is 'Railways to Waterways'. So far we have learnt about canals and how they were used to transport goods such as coal and textiles. We played a game online in which we designed our own canal journey and scene. We learnt how navvies made the canals and how animals were used in the process to

flatten the canal bed before filling it with water. We looked at the history of the Grand Western Canal in Tiverton – perhaps you could make the most of this lovely weather and visit this wonderful place.

Miss Isaac would like to thank all the children who were brave and stood on the stage to sing and entertain the Fayre goers on Saturday – Well done! 😊

Please note that Avocet Class Assembly has been rescheduled to Thursday 29th June at 9:00am.



Years 5 & 6

Years 5 and 6 have been enjoying rehearsing for the production- we are now practising without scripts, so it would be great if you can help your child to learn their lines at home. We have been continuing to investigate electricity, thinking about circuits and electrical symbols. On Tuesday we enjoyed cricket with Chance

to Shine, this was the last session for Year 5 and the first for Year 6. PE kits need to be in school all week as we are trying to take advantage of the beautiful weather.

Diary Dates

June		
Thursday 15 th	See above	School Disco
Tuesday 27 th	9.15am-3.00pm	Year 6 transition to CCC (Enterprise day)
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
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	Year 6 trip to Wildside
W/B Monday 14 th		All classes move up to September classes
Friday 21 st	1.15pm	Year 6 Leavers assembly
Friday 21 st		Last day of Term

