

Willowbank Weekly



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Don't forget to order school dinners by tomorrow!

Online safety session-Tomorrow, Thursday 4th, at 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.



Attendance

Well done to the many children who have 100% attendance, or nearly 100%! I would like to emphasise the importance of children attending school daily and arriving on time to school. Some children are missing more than a day a fortnight. Each day we teach something new or there is change to secure understanding. If a child arrives late they should be signed in by an adult. Please always phone into the office-we worry if we don't know why a child is not with us. If your child is absent without providing an explanation this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.



Foundation

The children have gone bug crazy this week following the exciting discovery of a slow worm at Forest school. We have been reading non-fiction books and researching on the internet to find out about mini-beasts. We have enjoyed going hunting for bugs, making butterfly wings and doing insect calculations.



Years 1 & 2

The children have had a great week this week learning about sheep. We made our own sheep using cotton wool and learnt all about sheep. Ask us what we use sheep for - did you know that sheep's milk is very different to cow's milk? In English, we have been reading Little Red Riding Hood and are building up to writing a Wanted poster for the wolf! In Maths, we have been adding on a number line and bridging through ten.



Years 3 & 4 WOW WEEK

This week, the team have been promoting their love of the foundation subjects. Year 3's have been enjoying science activities about light and sound, including writing and creating a shadow puppet show. Many of the year 4's have gone on an adventurous residential to Grenville with the added bonus of Mr Boatman joining them. While the remaining year 4's have enjoyed activities including team building games, playing musical instruments, geocaching, arts/crafts and cooking.



Years 5 & 6

The children have had a busy week! Congratulations to all the Year 5 children who took part in Bikeability - many achieved Level 1 and Level 2 awards. If any children in Year 5 or 6 have not achieved Level 2 Bikeability, please let Mrs Hulbert know and a place can be arranged for you after half term.

We have been investigating where chocolate comes from - we have investigated cocoa trees and begun to learn about the history of chocolate stemming back to the time of Ancient Maya. Did you know that chocolate used to be a highly traded item and was thought as valuable as gold?

Year 6 have SATS next week - we will be welcoming children from 8.15am and will be offering a choice of cooked breakfast. Please make sure that Mrs Hulbert has your orders by Thursday 4th May. We are extremely proud of all our children - please remember that SATs are just one measurement of your child. We know that your children have so many more talents than will be measured next week - we have superb artists, amazing athletes, fantastic musicians and wonderful, caring members of our school community. So, please relax and have a wonderful weekend enjoying the outside and spending time having fun!



Healthy snacks

Children are welcome to bring in break time snacks, such as, fruit or healthy snacks, please do not send in chocolate bars, biscuits or cakes.

We have a selection of snacks available to purchase from Mr Willow's market, including cheese, crackers, cereal bars, rice crackers etc.

Special Lunch

It is our school Census on Thursday 18th May and the amount of funding the school receives is dependent on the amount of children eating school dinners on this day therefore a dinner will be cooked for all children including FS, Y1, Y2, to ensure the school benefits from as much funding as possible we would like all children to sample a school dinner but if parents are concerned then they can also send their child in with a pack lunch.

Children in FS, Y1 and Y2 will not be charged for their dinner; however children in KS2 are still required to pay as usual. Look out for a menu coming soon.

Diary Dates

May		
Tuesday 2 nd -Friday 5 th		Years 4&5 Grenville
Thursday 4th	2.30pm	Online safety talk for Parents with PCSO Jonathan Sims
w/b Monday 8 th		Year 6 SATs week
Monday 8 th	2.00pm	Year 5 visit to CCC Library
Tuesday 9th	2.00pm	Year 5 Online safety talk with PCSO
Wednesday 10 th	3.30pm	Years 1 Parents Phonics screening workshop
w/b Monday 15 th		Year 2 SATs
w/b Monday 15th		Years 5&6 Science week
Thursday 18th		School Census
Friday 19 th	9.00am	Buzzard Class assembly
Monday 29th – Friday 2nd		Half Term
Monday 22 nd -Friday 26 th		Year 6 Heatree
June		
Saturday 10 th		Summer Fayre
Wednesday 14th	2.30pm-3.10pm	School open afternoon
Thursday 15th	TBC	School Disco
Friday 16th	All day	Outdoor classroom day
Wednesday 21st	9.30am	Class Photographs
Tuesday 27th	All day	Year 6 transition to CCC
Friday 30th	9.15am	Year 5 Pizza Co challenge at CCC
July		
Thursday 6 th		Sports Day
Friday 7th		Reserve Sports day
Monday 10th	6.00pm	Years 5 & 6 Production

Tuesday 11th	6.00pm	Years 5 & 56Production
Friday 14th	All day	Year 6 trip to Wildside
Friday 21st	9.00am	Year 6 Leavers assembly
Friday 21 st		Last day of Term