

# 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.

Poppy T-Robin  
Jack T-Starling  
Tristan C – Siskin  
Kacie P – Linnet  
William P – Dove  
Henry S – Goldfinch  
Sofia C- Heron  
Mason B – Avocet  
Jack H – Kingfisher  
Zachary S – Buzzard  
Alice I - Hawk



## Parents evenings

We apologise for the issues so many of you have experienced with accessing the online booking system. We hope we have now resolved the problems. If you have had any of your login details reset, we ask that you keep these in a safe place as you will need these again next time.

Parents evenings are taking place on Tuesday 3rd October and Thursday 5th October for all year groups across the school. Booking closes on 26th September.

## School lunches

Thank you to all those Parents/Carers booking school dinners, the system is working well. A note to those Parents who use the paper copy of the menu: Please note that the week following October half term the menu will be starting with week 3 (Moroccan Chicken).

## Years 2 & 6 Information about expectations

There will be two separate meetings on Thursday 19th October at approximately 3.30pm; this will be a chance to talk about expectations in Years 2 & 6.

## Annual information gathering

Thank you to those Parents/Carers who have returned their child's/children's forms. If you still have any at home please ensure they are returned to the office as soon as possible. Mrs Ingram will be sending out forms again to those we are missing in due course.



## Lost property

A black Nintendo DS was found in the school reception area last Monday afternoon; it is yet to be claimed. Please call at the office if it belongs to you. Keira T in Year 4 is looking for her two water bottles with the following description: tall pink bottle - the

lid is unscrewable and a little bottle that is see-through and it is like a rectangle sideways. Please, if you see them or know of their whereabouts, could you return them to Keira or her teacher (Miss K Isaac). Many thanks for your help (in advance).



### **Go-Active Afterschool clubs**

There are still some places left on both the Multi Skills club and the Street Surfing club: this is a new and exciting sport that combines surfing, skateboarding and snowboarding. If your child is interested in taking part in any of these fun activities, then please return the form along with payment to the school office. Spare letters can be obtained from the office if needed.

### **Go-Active Holiday Club**

There will not be a Go-Active holiday club running in October half term due to essential electrical work taking place in school.



### **Secondary School Applications - Reminder for Year 6 Parents**

The application window for Year 7 secondary school admission in 2018 is now open. It is important that all Year 6 parents make their applications either on-line or send a paper copy to the Admissions Team at Devon County Council by **31st October 2017**. It is important that the application is made on time so that parents can secure a place for their child at the secondary school of their choice.

All the information you need, including a Step by Step guide is available on Devon's secondary school admission website via this link: <https://new.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place>



### **Willow Starz**

Do you love music? Do you enjoy singing? Are you keen to learn and perform as part of a vocal harmony group?

If you can answer YES to any of these questions and would love to be part of the Willow Starz, keep reading...

*Being part of a vocal harmony group makes you feel good. You get a chance to sing different kinds of music, and be around others who share your interest in singing.*

If you are enthusiastic and prepared to commit to this opportunity, please join Miss Isaac in the school hall on Tuesday lunchtimes at 12:45pm-1:10pm.

Things to look forward to at Singstarz this term:

Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term: Teacher's Rock Choir repertoire and assembly performance.

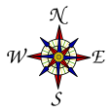
Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term: Festive songs and Cullompton community gigs.



### Foundation Stage

This week in Foundation we have been talking about our families and sharing photos of the special people in our lives. We have read the book *My Mum* by Anthony Browne and then used oil pastels to create pictures of our mums.

Children have enjoyed using their imagination with the crates outside, making fire engines, space rockets and cars.



### Years 1 and 2

During our first few weeks back, Years 1 and 2 have been exploring some elements of their Geography learning within P.E. We used simple compass directions (North, South, East and West) and locational and directional language to 'swim to the North', 'fire canons to the East', 'run to the West', or 'sail to the South' which was great fun. Year 1 had a brilliant time last Thursday during their Forest School session. As the children in Year 1 have Forest School and P.E every other Wednesday (their next session is 27<sup>th</sup> September) we are suggesting that they come to school in their Forest School clothes so that they only need to change once (into their P.E clothes). Year 2 are enjoying their French sessions every other week; so far they have practiced counting and we are sure they will be keen to practise their knowledge.



### Years 3 & 4

In English, we have continued to work with the story Leon, who visited The Place Between. We have been focusing on adverbial phrases, adjectives and conjunctions. We are now starting to write our own stories. In maths, we continue to work on place value to improve our understanding of number. We have used inequality signs to compare numbers and have been learning about multiples. The children listened intently when Jo Keil came to answer their questions about Christianity. The children had planned some impressive questions and they thought really carefully about what they wanted to find out.

### Reading records

Just a reminder regarding reading expectations. The children need to write comments about the books they are reading at least three times a week please. Please can they bring in their reading records every day.

Many thanks for your continued support.



### Years 5 and 6

In English, we have been investigating how to develop our sentences using a full range of punctuation and using relative clauses, expanded noun phrases and the power of three. We are immersing ourselves in *Beowulf* to help us develop descriptive language. In Maths we have deepened our understanding of place value- particularly focusing on multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. In Theme we investigated the key question: What is the world like? We found out about compass points, counties, human and physical features, Europe and the counties of England. Children are then choosing how to present this learning in their books; we were delighted with the effort and quality of presentation.

Our Year 6 leadership roles were applied for in letters of application. We were delighted to award these in assembly and look forward to a highly successful year!

If your child finds any home learning tricky, please encourage them to bring it in the next day and speak to their teacher, (who will be happy to go through it again).

### Diary Dates

October		
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>		Parent evenings
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm-3.10pm	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Expectations meeting Years 2& 6
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	Harvest Festival St Andrews Church
W/B 20 <sup>th</sup>	All day	Road safety week
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>NON PUPIL DAY</b>
November		
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> -Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	All day	Life Education Bus- All years
W/B 13 <sup>th</sup>		Anti-Bullying week
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	TBC	Christmas lights switch on
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	2.45pm-3.10pm	Open afternoon