

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:

Florence R - Starling

Sebastian T - Robin

Molly S – Siskin

Heidi T – Linnet

Kallum B – Dove

Anya L – Goldfinch

Reggie P - Avocet

Faith U - Heron

Lewis S - Kingfisher

Kiya G - Buzzard

Millie P – Hawk

Parents Evening bookings

Parents' evenings are taking place on Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd February. Booking will be via e-schools and via the e-school app-this is a new feature. Please follow these steps:-

Go to the school website, click on the login tab in the top right hand corner, and enter your username (this is your first name. and then your surname) and your password, then click on parents evening along the top menu bar. Booking will open on Thursday 8th February at 7.30pm and will close on Sunday 18th February at 10.00pm.

Hand washing

With so many bugs and bacteria around at this time of year, it is important that children (and adults) practise good hand hygiene. Please click on the link for helpful hints and tips on good hand washing. <http://www.carex.co.uk/kids-zone> and remind children of the need to wash their hands often, but particularly after visiting the toilet and before eating.



Head lice

When head lice are detected in school, we send a note home with your child. It is really important that when this happens you check your child's hair as well as all other members of the household and treat if necessary. Here is some NHS guidance:

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. You should check everyone in the house and treat them on the same day if they have head lice.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Use lotion or spray to treat head lice

You can use medicated lotions and sprays that kill head lice in all types of hair. You can buy these from pharmacies, supermarkets or online.

Head lice should die within a day. Lotions and sprays come with a comb to remove dead lice and eggs.

Some treatments need to be repeated after a week to kill any newly hatched lice. Check the pack to see whether they're OK for you or your child to use and how long they should be left in the hair.

If lotions or sprays don't work, speak to your pharmacist about other treatments.

Some treatments aren't recommended because they're unlikely to work:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric combs for head lice
- tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil and lavender oil herbal remedies

If you don't want to use chemicals

You can buy a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There will be instructions on the pack to follow, but typically you:

- use the comb on wet or dry hair – although it usually works best on wet hair with conditioner
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends
- repeat every few days for 2 weeks

You can't prevent head lice

There's nothing you can do to prevent head lice. You can reduce the risk of lice spreading by avoiding head-to-head contact.

Don't use medicated lotions and sprays to prevent head lice. This can irritate the scalp.

There's no need for children to stay off school, or to wash laundry on a hot wash.



Mr Willows Market

Mr Willows Market is our snack shop; it is located in the dining hall and offers a variety of healthy snack options at break time. If your child wants to visit Mr Willows market then please can you send their money in a named purse or money envelope so we know who it belongs to. You can put it in their book bag so it can be kept safe as they walk in.

20p-40p gives them plenty of money to buy something. A popular choice is cheese and crackers which cost 15p



Family Support Advisor

Mrs Haddican is our Family Support Advisor; she is in school on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday to provide support to children and families. If you would like to speak with her, she can be found on the white gates most mornings, alternately please speak to the office.

Who is who?

Many children in the school will already know Mr Boatman from when he was a teacher at Willowbank, Mr Boatman now provides supply to Foundation on a Tuesday.

School Nurse

We have a school nurse available for any concerns you may have about your child such as problems with sleeping or eating etc. If you would like to get in touch with the school nurse, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Haddican who will complete a referral form.

Academy Update

Stakeholder consultation closed on 8th January. The full Governing body have considered the findings and agree that it remains in the schools best interest to convert to an Academy and join First Federation. The application will continue to be progressed and is currently with the South West Regional School Commissioner. We will update you as soon as we have any more information.

World Book Day-1st March

Children are invited to dress up as a character from their favourite book; all children will receive a token for a free book (limited titles available) or £1 off of a book of their choice.



Valentine Disco-Tonight

Foundation, Years 1 and 2: 6-7pm

Years 3, 4, 5, 6: 7.15pm-8.15pm

Cost £1.50



Foundation

Thank you to everyone that came to open afternoon on Monday. It was so nice to see lots of people coming to share in their child's learning.

This week we have been learning about Chinese New Year and making comparisons between how it is similar and different from our own culture. We have spoken about the story and how each year is named after an animal. We have also watched a dragon dance and are going to have a go at making up a dance in small groups. We have spoken about the language and how symbols are used rather than letters.

In number this week we are learning about teen numbers and the importance of the ten in number eleven, for example. The sentence we have been sharing is "eleven is one ten and one, this makes eleven". This will support individuals understanding of the number system.

In Forest school, children have been looking at birds and have made bird feeders this week with Miss Mogford.

On Tuesday we also spoke about internet safety and how to keep safe when using a tablet or device that connects to the internet. Ask your children what they remember.

It has been a busy week so far....

This week your children will be bringing a book home to read. They will have already read it once in school but will be practicing reading the words and developing their understanding about what they have read.

Library books- Please can ALL library books be returned on Friday in book bags- there are a few that we are missing.

Have a wonderful half term.



Years 1 & 2

This week in Maths, Year 1 has been practising representing number bonds within 20. They have been encouraged to share objects between 2 and to think about adding in any order. Our use of the word 'equal' has also helped us to formulate sentences such as $10=6+4$ as well as $6+4=10$. Year 2 have been continuing to add using a number line by rounding up and down. For example to add 36 to a number, the children have been taught to add 40 and then take away 4. In English Year 2 have been thinking carefully about vocabulary choices and the impact that the words they choose have on the reader. Year 1 has been extending their knowledge and use of questions by using questioning words and question marks when writing.



Years 3 & 4

The children are continuing to enjoy learning their times tables on TT Rockstars. Please remember to just use your own login details though!

Reading is really valuable and so we want to encourage the children to read for pleasure as well as to support their writing- which will enable them to use words/phrases they have read. There will be a new competition starting after the holiday. Each week we will see which class within Year 3/4 can read the most words. There will be a weekly prize!

The children have worked hard to improve their presentation, and I am delighted to inform you that some children within Year 3/4 now get to write with a pen. These children are very proud. The children who have not yet reached this standard yet, are now inspired to try extra hard- well done.

After half term, we will be practising for the Years 3 & 4 play at the end of the term. This week, they will bring home songs to practise. If they wish to audition for a speaking part, they will also bring home a small part they can practice ready for the auditions the first week back.

Have a great half term holiday.



Years 5 & 6

Year 5 and 6 have enjoyed their Ancient Greek day this week; many thanks to all the parents who came to help and support us with this. The costumes were fantastic! This has been the stimulus for our writing this week – we are creating recounts of the day. We have also been painting our Greek pottery.

TT Rock stars is working really well. We have discussed with the children the importance of keeping passwords safe and secure, and hope that any initial problems have now been rectified.

Have a wonderful half term!

Diary Dates

February		
Wednesday 7th	See above	Valentines disco
W/B 12th		HALF TERM
Wednesday 21st	3.30-6.00pm	Parents evening
Thursday 22nd	3.30-6.00pm	Parents evening
March		
World Book Day	ALL DAY	
Monday 26th	2.00pm	Year 3 & 4 performance dress rehearsal
Tuesday 27th	6.00pm	Year 3 & 4 performance
Wednesday 28th	6.00pm	Year 3 & 4 performance
Thursday 29th		Last day of term
April		
Monday 16th	ALL DAY	NON PUPIL DAY
Tuesday 17th		First day of Summer term
Monday 23rd-Wednesday 25th		Year 4 residential to Wildside
May		
W/B 7th		KS1 SATs start
W/B 14th		KS2 SATs
W/B 28th		HALF TERM
June		
W/B 11th		Year 1 Phonics screening
July		
Monday 2nd (Friday 6th reserve day)	All day	Sports day
Monday 9th-Wednesday		Year 6 residential to Heatree

11th		
Wednesday 25th		LAST DAY OF TERM