

Willowbank Weekly



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Online Safety

If you would like information on keeping your child safe online, please refer to the following web sites:-

- www.parentzone.org.uk - a not for profit organisation, offers Parents information to help understand the digital world and raise resilient children.
- www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-and-resources/parents-and-carers Parent and Carer support from the UK Safer Internet Centre.
- Child net provides information and advice for parents and carers, including a printable sheet available in 12 languages. www.childnet.com/resources/supporting-young-people-online
- Netware by NSPCC and O2 offers a guide to social networks for parents www.net-aware.org.uk
- Share aware by NSPCC www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware
- CEOP www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/
- Willowbank School will also be hosting an online safety workshop at 2.30pm on Friday 25th May, with the NSPCC. More details will follow shortly.

School census lunch

It is our school Census on Thursday 17th May, 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, and 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. The menu is available on ParentPay.

Bikeability- Year 6

We are pleased to be offering Year 6 another opportunity to take part in Bikeability; places are limited and will be given on a first come first come first served basis. Letters have been sent home already, the deadline for applications is 18th May.

Talent show tickets

Tickets will be on sale from Monday, please enquire at the school office.

Can you help to temporarily rehome a reindeer?

We are looking for a dry space to store our large reindeer prop until he is once again needed! Please speak to Mrs Ingram in the school office if you can help. Thank you

Donations

Mrs Hayston would be very grateful of any coloured wool donations, if you have any home that you no longer require please drop into the office.

Years 3 & 4 would like cardboard boxes please, any size! Thank you



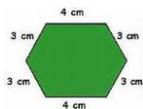
Foundation

This week we have continued to look at space. Children have been asking questions about what they would like to find out, we then used Non-fiction books and the class computer to find out. Children have mentioned aliens, so this week we are reading the story 'Aliens Love Underpants'. We have been talking about describing an alien and how what it likes and doesn't like. This week we will continue to look at doubling and start to move into halving. This could be learning that continues at home, talking about sharing out biscuits or other items within your family.



Years 1 & 2

This week during their Theme sessions, Year 1 have been learning about the different types of food that animals eat. They learnt the words: omnivore, carnivore and herbivore and enjoyed sorting animals into these groups. Year 2 have designed and made clay animals and continue to look after their butterflies. Year 2 have also been learning the rules of Rounders and the enjoyment of team games. During English, Year 1 have been sharing ideas in preparation of writing their shared story and Year 2 have been writing character descriptions linked to the story 'Scarecrow's Wedding'. During Mathematics all children have been using and applying the skills they have learnt to solve problems.



Years 3 & 4

Year 3/4 are enjoying their Theme and have been looking at different architects. They are still receiving blogs, from the alien, with questions about materials and buildings. Children can blog from home with information they have found out. Please use this link. <https://aliensatwillowbank.edublogs.org/> when they write, can they just put their first name and not their surname?

The children really know how to build suspense within stories and this week they are using what they have learnt in their adapted version of Cambury Park.

Perimeter is the next unit within Maths. The children have already practised measuring carefully, and now they have learnt how to calculate the perimeter of shapes, they can confidently design their own fairgrounds later this week.



Years 5 & 6

All the children have enjoyed learning and writing texts about the Mercy ship. It has really fired up our imaginations and our understanding of how life in other places can be very different from our own experiences - we certainly all have a renewed appreciation for the NHS.

Year 5 have been busy creating projects about different countries as part of our Theme work on 'Life as we know it'. They have produced some fantastic non-chronological reports, using note-taking and research skills and sub-titles and pictures to organise information.

Year 6 have begun their revision for SATs. Next week, we will be meeting for breakfast each day (Monday - Thursday) at 8am. Cooked breakfast and games await!

We are incredibly proud of all the hard work that the children have put into their learning this year. Every child has made excellent progress and has tried their best. SATs only measure a snapshot of this. We know that we have amazing swimmers, footballers, cricketers and athletes, artists and musicians, actors and actresses. But above all, we have 34 kind Year 6 members, who work well together as a team and support each other. These are skills that will mean the most in the wider world. Good luck next week - but remember, the skills you have developed all year are the ones that truly matter.

Year 6 dates for your diary

Taster day at CCC 3rd July 8.35am-3.00pm - children to make their own way to CCC on this day.

Parents evening at CCC 3rd July 5.30pm-6.30pm

Transition day 13th July 9.15am-3.30pm

Diary Dates

May		
W/B 7th	No set days	KS1 SATs start
W/B 14th	Monday-Thursday	KS2 SATs
Thursday 17th		Summer Extravaganza lunch
23		Disco
Friday 25th	ALL DAY	NSPCC Non uniform day
W/B 28th		HALF TERM
June		
W/B 11th		Year 1 Phonics screening
Friday 15th	3.30pm	Summer Fayre
Thursday 26th		Summer Extravaganza lunch
July		
Monday 2nd (Friday 6th reserve day)	All day	Sports day
Wednesday 4th	6.00pm	Years 5&6 Production
Thursday 5th	6.00pm	Years 5&6 Production
Monday 9th-Wednesday 11th		Year 6 residential to Heatree
Friday 26th		Year 6 Leavers Lunch
Wednesday 25th	1.15pm	Year 6 leavers assembly
Wednesday 25th		LAST DAY OF TERM