

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:

Ewan B- Starling
Noah M - Robin
Leo R – Siskin
William N – Linnet
Dylan P – Dove
Harry W – Goldfinch
Krystian P - Avocet
Zhara D - Heron
Tala S - Kingfisher
Mia C - Buzzard
Isabel W – Hawk

House Point Winners

Congratulations to Oak house for being awarded the most house points last half term. All children who are in Oak are welcome to wear a top of their choice to school **this Friday**, all other clothing must be usual school uniform.

TT Rockstars

TT Rockstars is now live - this is a great website that helps your child to practise their times tables in a fun way. The website is www.ttrockstars.com. Please speak to your class teacher if you do not already know your child's logon. It will really help your child if they practise at least three times a week - they can practise in school if you do not have computer access at home, or if they want to get some extra practice in!

This week's headline artists are:

1st - Harry F - Buzzard 2nd - Nathan - Buzzard 3rd - Elliot - Hawk

Well done - who will be champions next week?



School uniform

Unfortunately we have been informed by Tesco that they are no longer stocking the V neck sweatshirts or knitted cardigans, as both lines have been discontinued.

We are aware that many of you are in need of replacement sweatshirts for your children; we are therefore actively working to seek a new supplier as soon as we can. We will do our best to ensure the new supplier offers value for money and is of a similar or better quality.

Parents Evening

Booking has now closed. If you have not been able to book an appointment to see your child's class teacher please speak to the office. There may still be an opportunity to see the teacher on Thursday 22nd, if there are spaces left.

Gardening club

Please keep these dates handy, maybe on your fridge or notice board at home!

Group 1 - 19th February - 27th March

Group 2 – 17th April – 22nd May

Group 3 – 5th June – 24th July

Unfortunately we are now full and unable to accept any more children onto gardening club.

World Book Day-1st March

We would like everyone to dress up as book characters (not just film / Disney characters please) please make sure that the children have their reading book in school, as we will be stopping to read at times throughout the day. There will be lots of fun book-related activities throughout the day. All children will receive a token for a free book (limited titles available) or £1 off of a book of their choice.

Governing Body

Following the recent Parent Governor nominations, we are pleased to welcome Mark Harrison and Amanda Patterson to the governing body. We would like to say thank you to Jo Bailey (nee Keil) Gary Clarke and Carrie Tucker who stepped down at the end of December.

Fair trade Fortnight 26th February- 11th March

Primary school children are invited to an event at Tiverton Panier Market on Saturday 3rd March from 8.30am to 1.30pm, when they will have the opportunity to try fairly traded foods. There will also be games and activities to take part in, which will promote Fairtrade and highlight issues surrounding Fairtrade. A poster is displayed on the sheep noticeboard outside of school.

Brain training!

A Parent of a child in FS is offering a short course that is available for mums, providing them with a way to help improve their children's full potential in areas such as reading, writing, attention span etc. Please see the poster displayed on the school notice board for further details.



Foundation

We have enjoyed sharing our half term news and talking about the different things that we have been up to.

This week we have been talking about friendships in the class and how to be a good friend. We have enjoyed playing games and taking turns outside.

We have continued to look at ten numbers this week talking about 10s and ones to make up a ten number. We are looking forward to our author visit tomorrow.



Years 1 & 2

Years 1 and 2 are eagerly awaiting the visit on Thursday by the award winning author Simon James. We hope that the visit will encourage children's enjoyment in reading and their love for books. During their English sessions, Year 1 will be continuing to write information about a variety of interesting animals. They will join words and clauses using 'and' and 'because' to add information and to explain ideas. They will learn additional information about these animals which they will then use in their own writing. During Maths, Year 1 will continue to use the part-part-whole bar model to explore subtraction. They will write mathematical statements involving subtraction (-) and equals (=) signs and begin to understand that subtract is also known as 'the difference'. In Year 2 English lessons we have been continuing to read Jack and the Beanstalk in English. The children were shrunk by magical shrinking spray which enabled them to explore the outside classroom as Jack. The children explored the garden thinking about how Jack would have felt when he climbed the beanstalk and went to the Giants castle. We then wrote a recount in first person as Jack about his adventure up the beanstalk. In Maths, Year 2 have used their knowledge of subtraction to check calculations. They have solved addition problems and then used subtraction to check that the answer is correct: this is called using the inverse. The children have also challenged themselves to solve missing number problems.



Years 3 & 4

Welcome back - we look forward to another exciting term.

Our new English unit is focussed on persuasion- this is a skill many children are naturally good at! They will learn to structure their writing well and use a range of persuasive devices. They will also practise using a range of punctuation for different purposes. In maths, we are focussing on fractions. This week they are learning to find unit and non-unit fractions of objects and numbers.

'Our World' is the new theme. This was started off by an egg experiment where the children will observe how the shell changes over time depending on which liquid it is in. The shell of the egg represents the enamel of our teeth.

Congratulations to Avocet Class who are the first winners of the weekly 'Most Words Read' competition on accelerated reader.



Years 5 & 6

Welcome back! We have had an exciting week beginning our new units of learning. In English, we began by looking at Animalium - a book all about different animals. We have been learning how to write using the passive voice and thinking about the subject, verb and object within a sentence, and how they relate to each other.

In Maths, Year 5 has been refining their understanding of fractions, whilst Year 6 has been developing their understanding of percentages.

This week we have begun our new theme: Our World. We have been thinking about how to be healthy and designing healthy living leaflets.

Diary Dates

February		
Wednesday 21st	3.30-6.00pm	Parents evening
Thursday 22nd	3.30-6.00pm	Parents evening

March		
Thursday 1st	ALL DAY	World Book Day
Wednesday 21st	6.00pm	Drama club Production
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
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
Wednesday 25th	1.15pm	Year 6 leavers assembly
Wednesday 25th		LAST DAY OF TERM

KidZone Club will be returning on the **28th Feb.**

Open to all **year 1 - year 6 children.**

New time: 6:15pm - 7:30pm.

Join us for fun, friends, laughter, craft, songs, games and bible stories

Held in St Andrew's School Hall run by St Andrew's Church.

For more info: email Carrie@standrewscullompton.com