



# Willow Brook Term Dates

## July 6th 2022



As we head far too quickly towards the end of the school year, there is a great deal in the diary. Events are already listed in the calendar section of the school website but, for clarity and for your information, key dates and times are detailed below.

Next week is Sport Week at Willow Brook. PE kits are a must! There's lots planned for different year groups, from balance bikes, Drumba, tennis, rugby, football and rounders. Our key stage 1 children have already got ahead and had a great experience on balance bikes this week. They were very excited and enjoyed every minute!

I am very proud to announce that, after submitting a bid to the Schools' Games Council, Willow Brook have been awarded the Gold Sports Mark! Miss Johnston and Mr. Clarke put a great deal of extra time and effort into making sport and wellbeing a highlight at Willow Brook, and they are rightfully proud of the logo that will now appear at the top of our correspondence!

What's happening	When	Who is invited	Time
Sports Day	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	A whole school family event	Gates open at 1.30pm to 3.15pm
A traditional sports afternoon with races and a gentle competitive spirit. Come and cheer and support the children.			
Open Afternoon	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	All parents and carers	2pm to 4pm
You are invited to come into school to discuss any concerns (positives also welcome!) with your child's teacher. You will also get a chance to meet your child's September teacher and see their new classroom. No appointments are necessary.			
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 parents and carers	10am
The hall is a full one, but Year 6 parents and carers are invited to share their child's final primary school assembly.			
End of term	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> July		3.30pm!
As I reported at the beginning of the year, schools have been granted an additional day's holiday in place of the Bank Holiday given to all for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As this fell in the half term break, this was added to the end of term.			
Start of the autumn term	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 8.50am		
Children will return to school on Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September for the start of the new academic year.			
INSET days for the 2022/2023 academic year		INSET days were approved by the Full Governing Board in May: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 31<sup>st</sup> August (School Administration Day)</li><li>• 1<sup>st</sup> September</li><li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> September</li><li>• Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February</li><li>• Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June (to align with South Wolds)</li></ul>	

On the back of this letter is the calendar for 2022/2023. I hope that it will enable you to plan ahead when it comes to booking holidays. You will appreciate that attendance is key to a child's success and as a parent or carer you are responsible by law for ensuring that they are here. A recent Education Bill has highlighted strategies to ensure absence and term time holidays are kept to truly exceptional circumstances. In the near future, the County Council will issue automatic fines where registers show that unauthorised absences exceed three days within a six-week period. It will no longer be at my discretion. Similarly, persistent lateness will be challenged. We will do our best to support you, but request that you do your utmost to ensure that holidays are booked within the 13 weeks that schools are closed. The school's Attendance Policy details 'exceptional circumstances' and explains this more fully. You can find the policy on our website by following this link <https://willowbrook.notts.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Attendance-Policy-2022.pdf>

With my regards,

Louise Ballard