

MacMillan Coffee and Cake Breakfast

You are all invited next Friday morning to our annual MacMillan breakfast. As is tradition, we are challenging the children to beat the staff in our Bake Off competition. There will be medals and merits for the winners to accompany the pride of winning! Your contributions – whether you have had the time to get into the kitchen to craft your showstopper or whether you have donated a box of your shop bought favourites – will be gratefully received (and happily eaten!). Our doors open at 8am. Please come, make a donation and enjoy a coffee and cake to start your day. If you would like to help serve, please get in touch with the Friends of Willow Brook team or let Mrs. Roper know.



The Willow Brook Kitchen

After more than a year of the County Council delivering dinners to the school, I am delighted to say that the Willow Brook kitchen is once again open for business. School dinners have transformed thanks to the talents and experience of the new team and I can highly recommend the meals that are being served. Yesterday the children were treated to a superb roast dinner and the cornflake tart and custard was perfection! We recognise that dinner numbers have fallen over the past year and that prices are set to rise slightly, but I can now happily say that it's superb value. Menus are available on the website <https://willowbrook.notts.sch.uk/dinner-menu/> and children are welcome to choose on a daily basis. If we make good use of the service, our chefs, Wendy, Chantel, Anna and Vicky will be here to stay.

Harry Potted Sports

After last week's downpour, the Tri-Wizard Games tournament has been re-scheduled for what we hope to be a brighter day on Tuesday. This week Miss Johnston and the Sorting Hat made sure that every team knew whether they represented Hufflepuff, Slytherin, Gryffindor or Ravenclaw. Mr. Clarke has a list of willing family volunteers who can help us lead the games. If you signed up to help last week and haven't been in touch, please send a message by owl post to let us know if you can come.



Harvest Festival

Another mention for our Harvest Celebration on October 6th. We have been in touch with the Friary Centre and they will be collecting our donations at 11am on that day. Occasionally families bring contributions later in the day and it may not be possible to pass these on.



Trips and Visitors

You'll see from the calendar below that teachers work to add exciting learning experiences to their autumn term curriculum. We think this is memorable and valuable. With ever rising costs around transport (over £1,000 for a coach to Derbyshire, for example), we try to engage specialists and visitors to come into school, which halves the cost. Over the next few weeks we will be welcoming Ancient Egyptians, Arctic explorers and Roman Gladiators as well as getting children out to Lincoln Cathedral and the Framework Museum in Ruddington – all of which bring history to life. The website will be full of photos to show you what the children have been up to.

Whatever your weekend brings, I hope it is a very happy one.

Mrs. Ballard

Date	Event	Details
September 26th	Harry Potter Potted Sports Event	The houses of Hogwarts compete in an afternoon of sport and fun.
September 26 th	Year 6 trip to the Safety zone	
September 28 th	Year 4 Roman Experience	
September 29 th	MacMillan Coffee Breakfast	Enter our annual 'beat the teacher' cake competition to add to our coffee and cake breakfast between 8 and 9.30am.
October 3 rd	Year 6 trip to Framework Knitters Museum	
October 5 th	Year 2 Virtual Museum morning	
October 6 th	Harvest Festival	Parents and carers of our new children in EYFS are welcome to join us at 10am for our Harvest celebration assembly.
October 12 th	Year 1 trip to the library	
October 17 th and 18 th	Parents Evenings	Appointment letters will be sent nearer the time so that you can arrange to meet your child's teacher.
October 20 th	Half term begins	
November 17 th	Children in Need fundraising day	A fun-filled charity day where we will be dressing up and raising money.
December 2 nd (Saturday)	The Junior Choir will be joining the Village Day Christmas celebrations	
December 12 th 13 th 14 th	Junior Production (still under wraps...)	Years 2 to 6 perform on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.
December 20th	Nativity Day	EYFS and Year 1 perform their nativity at 2pm and 6.30pm
December 22 nd	End of the autumn term	Children return to school on Monday 8 th January