



NEWSLETTER

September 23rd 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing you this Friday for our MacMillan Coffee Morning. A reminder that our doors are open between 8am and 9.15am (children will go to class for registration at 8.50am). Please make a cake for the Bake Off, make a donation and enjoy a coffee and cake to start your day. If you wish to bring cake donations on Thursday evening, we will do our best to put them in a safe place for you!



Team Challenge Potted Sports

Last Wednesday we had a great time together for our Potted Sports afternoon. Sixteen mixed teams worked together and made the most of the sunshine and the activities on offer. Click on the website QR code below to see more photos of a super afternoon.



Willow Brook Football

Mr. Clarke and Mr. Boyd have been full of praise for their new football squads! The year always starts with the Saturday morning Rushcliffe Tournaments and I am extremely grateful that staff and parents are happy to get up early so that Willow Brook can take part. Mr. Clarke was proud of the spirit and determination of both teams – I think the season looks very promising...



Friends of Willow Brook

Just a reminder that the Friends of Willow Brook are keen to speak to any new parents/carers who would be interested in joining their team. Their AGM is being held on Tuesday October 1st at The Windmill pub. Please come along if you can. The Friends have also signed up to Asda's Rewards for Primary Schools initiative. If you shop at the store, as soon as our sign up is complete, you'll be able to nominate Willow Brook to receive a small percentage of your spend. Details of the scheme can be found at: <https://www.parentkind.org.uk/cashpot-for-schools>



A reminder that Willow Brook will be celebrating Harvest on October 4th. It's a great opportunity to be grateful for all that we have and to give just a little back to our local community. Your small donation of fresh produce or store cupboard items brought into school on Friday 4th will be so gratefully received. The Friary Centre in West Bridgford will pick up our donations at 11am on the Friday morning.

After the weekend's rain, I just wanted to apologise for the disruption caused to the EYFS class today. I am always reluctant to close the school (and have done so only once in an extreme weather), but the Reception classroom certainly took the brunt of Sunday night's rain. We came into school over the weekend to check the rooms and all was well. The Sunday night downpour clearly changed everything.

I also wanted to update you on the flooding on the footpath into school. We have been battling for over two years to try and rid us of the puddles and disruption at the entrance to the playground. After several repairs, the pipe that takes water away from the playground to the brook is now beyond repair. The County Council have been reluctant to help so we found contractors and agreed to pay for the works ourselves. In June we were told we needed Landlord's Consent to proceed. We still wait... Having spent many mornings chiselling ice off the playground last winter and being determined not to do the same this year, I assure you that we are doing our best. Whilst our beautiful rural setting has its highs, heavy rain can certainly bring us lows. Your patience and endurance has been appreciated.

I look forward to welcoming our Reception children back tomorrow.... It has been strangely quiet without them!

Mrs. Ballard