

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our final half term of the year has got off to a flying start! Our whole-school topic '*In the Hood*' has already introduced the children to new knowledge and experiences and is proving to be action packed!

The whole of key stage 1 went out on an adventure to Nottingham Castle on Wednesday. Eighty-five excited children and a wonderful group of parents and carers, enjoyed workshops, stories, history and a great playground, and the teachers and TA's thought it was just brilliant! Thank you so much if you gave up a day to come and lend a hand – I've heard nothing but praise for you and the children.



We set down the challenge to go and get a photo of your child with Agamemnon, the famous Left Lion. There's a few up on the display... keep them coming!



Years 5 and 6 children are off on their own adventure next week to Whitby. There's lots of sunshine in the forecast, which makes a beach and lots of fossil hunting sound very inviting.

Year 6 are busily working through their DAaRT (formerly DARE) programme at the moment. Their graduation is on **Friday July 11th at 9.30**. Parents, carers and grandparents are invited to come and share the morning with us. (The assembly usually lasts for approximately 45 minutes.)

As we approach the end of the school year, we would like to invite you to donate any items of school uniform that you no longer require so that it can go to a good home. We are particularly interested in any good quality sweatshirt/polo shirts with the Willow Brook logo on or any summer dresses. On Friday afternoons nearer the end of term, we will put any donated uniform out and hope that you will take what you need. It would also be good to receive any **autumn/winter coats** that are clean and in good condition. They can be expensive and often have lots of wear left in them when they have been outgrown. Please bring any donations to Mrs. Roper in the office.

As someone who never sits still for long, Mr. Clarke has continued to be very busy taking teams to tournaments and matches. Cricket has started to take the lead, and the Year 3s and 4s were proud to make their footballing debuts! Willow Brook will soon be defending their Rushcliffe cricket title... I've grown to like the big silver trophy we've held on to over the past two years... let's hope it stays put...



Many of the musicians in school will have received a letter this week from their teachers about participating in the Willow Brook Music Concert on July 3rd. This has historically been a cracking evening of performance, volume and joy! It is also a much-appreciated opportunity for our young people to take a confident step forwards and dare to perform in front of an audience. The choir might not be as polished as we were for Young Voices, but our enthusiasm is just as brilliant! I hope that if you have received an invite, you will encourage your budding musician to attend and take part.

Finally, it is with great pleasure that I can introduce a new addition to our staff team. Khaj Mistry will be joining us in September to teach our Year 2 class. She is an experienced teacher and is excited about her new venture!

In September Mrs. Humphrey will be returning to teach in Year 1. Her new job share partner, Miss Johnston, will then return at Christmas to share that role. Mrs Cotton, Mrs. Sampson, Miss Adams, Miss Watterson, Mr. Litchfield and Mr. deMalplaquet are all staying in their current positions. Children will get a chance to meet with them and experience life in their new rooms on a number of occasions over the next 5 weeks. All staff will be available for you to meet on our Open Day.



I will leave you with an updated list of dates in the school diary and lots of thanks for all that you do to support our work. The Willow Brook community really is a great place to work and play!

Date	Event	Details
18 th to 20 th June	Years 5 and 6 Residential to Whitby	
23 rd June	Wellbeing Week	
25 th and 26 th June	Intake days at South Wolds Academy	Year 6 attend SWA
25 th June	New children visit/Class swap day	
30 th June to 4 th July	Sports Week	Children will need an outdoor games kit every day
2 nd July	Sports Day	1.30 to 3.15pm
3 rd July	Music Concert	6.30pm
11 th July	Year 6 DAaRT Graduation	9.30am
11 th July	School Reports out	
11 th July	School Disco	Run by the Friends of Willow Brook
16 th July	Open Afternoon/Exhibition	2.15 to 4.30
25 th July	Seaside Fish and Chips	AN outdoor fish and chip lunch and lots of beach games on the field.
29 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	10am start
	Last day of term	School breaks up at 3.30pm