



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th September 2024



Message from Mrs Branton

What a wonderful first full week we've had! The children have really enjoyed getting back into their routines, and it has been a joy to see them engaged and learning so well. Our youngest children have settled beautifully into school life and their enthusiasm has been heart-warming.

Knowledge Planners for the term have been sent out, so please do take a moment to look through them and see what your child will be learning in the weeks ahead. I hope you will find them a useful starting point for you to do some research, support homework or just have a conversation with your child about what they are doing at school.

Like all parents, you will want your child to do the best they can at school, and we are grateful for the crucial role you play in this, from supporting with homework to attending school on time each day. Evidence clearly shows that pupils with excellent attendance achieve better at school. If your child is unwell it can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep them off school. You will find lots of advice on the NHS website 'Is my child too ill for school?' <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

During assembly on Monday 23rd September, I will be talking to the children about how to keep themselves safe. I will help the children understand that it is their right to be happy and safe and to encourage the understanding that any problem or worry that they may have is legitimate, and to share their worries – big or small – with their trusted adult; at home, at school, or with ChildLine. The assembly will be led by myself and the content delivered in a sensitive and age appropriate way. Here are some useful links. [Video link, to NSPCC Pantosaurus campaign](#) [NSPCC, information for parents](#)

Willowbrook Run4Fun- Friday 27th September We are excited to announce the upcoming **Willowbrook Run4Fun**, This event will be held in collaboration with Warley Primary and Doddinghurst Infant Schools, with each school running the event on their own school grounds as part of our LMP partnership. As this is a **sponsored event**, we encourage your children to gather as many sponsors as possible from family and friends. All the funds raised will go directly towards helping the **Willowbrook PTFA** reach their next big fundraising goal, which will greatly benefit our school community. More detailed information, along with a sponsorship form, will be sent out to parents soon, so please keep an eye out for it.

Harvest Table Donations As part of our annual Harvest celebration, we are kindly asking for donations of non-perishable food items. These will be shared with local charities to support families in need. If you are able to contribute, please send your donations in with your child. Please help us show our support by donating any of the following items over the next few weeks: -- tinned/canned food (vegetables, fruit, meat, fish) - spreads (jam, honey etc.) - long-life milk, juice and drinks - dried pasta – rice - cooking sauces – condiments - tea and coffee – cereal – toiletries, thank you for your support.

Macmillan Coffee Morning– Cake Donations

On Friday 20th September from 08:40 am in the school hall, we are hosting our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Please come along and join us! Our infant classes will entertain you with some fantastic singing at 9:10am. To help us raise as much money as possible we are asking you, our wonderful parents and carers, for donations of cakes! Donations of sealed shop bought cakes including vegan/plant based/gluten free cakes can be dropped off from Monday 16th September onwards and for freshly baked cakes from the Thursday please.

Please note that we cannot accept any cakes containing nuts, and as a precautionary measure for allergen safety, we kindly request that anyone donating homemade cakes provide a list of the ingredients used in their baking.

School Development Plan Meeting Thank you to all the parents who attended our School Development Plan meeting. Your input was invaluable, and we appreciate your continued support in shaping the future of our school. For those parents who were unable to attend the PowerPoint and outcomes are on the [website](#).

Twitter All the classes across the school Tweet regularly to share the lovely activities taking place in school each week. If you would like to access the school twitter site, please send a follow request to @Willowbrk and then email the school office at admin@willowbrook.esex.sch.uk with your user name so that we can then identify you and approve your request as it is a protected site.

Just a reminder that the before and after school sports and activity clubs all begin next week for children in years 1 to 6. Wishing you all a lovely and restful weekend.
Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.

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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

Lincoln W-S



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Elm - tale

Beech - carefully

Key Stage 2

Whitebeam - travel

Chestnut - instruction

Pine - chronological

Oak - treason

Core value pupil

 Willowbrook Primary School
Each Working For All



Happiness
Independence
Respect
Teamwork
Caring
Honesty



Well done to the core value pupil from Elm class who received this week's award for happiness in the celebration assembly



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School Admissions

<u>Secondary school places for September 2025</u>	<u>Primary school places for September 2025</u>
From 12 th September 2024 you can apply online for your child's secondary school (year 7) place. Read about the secondary (year 7) school place application process. Applications received after the 31 October 2024 are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred schools	From 4 th November 2024 you can apply online for your child's primary (reception) school place. Read about the primary (Reception) school place application process. Applications received after the 15 th January 2025 are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred schools.

PE Kits

We will be continuing with the children coming into school wearing their PE kits on their allocated PE days. Your child's allocated PE days were emailed out earlier this week. Our new reception children who will start PE when they are in school full time from the 16th September.

Class	Outdoor	Indoor
Holly	N/A	Monday & Thursday
Elm	Monday	Wednesday
Beech	Monday	Wednesday
Whitebeam	Friday	Swimming-Tuesday
Chestnut	Friday	Swimming-Tuesday
Pine	Tuesday	Friday
Oak	Tuesday	Friday

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Childrens Lunch Menu

WK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 16 th September 2024					
Main Meal RED	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Penne	Fajita Spiced Turkey & Vegetables with Steamed Rice	Herby Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Steamed Rice	Breaded Fish Fingers with Chips & Ketchup
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Vegan Roasted Ratatouille with Penne (Ve)	Vegan Burrito (Ve)	3 Vegetable Mac n Cheese (V)	Vegan Chickpea & Spinach Korma with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Vegan Bubble & Squeak with Chips & Ketchup (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Pasta & Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Pasta & Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)
Accompaniments	Carrots & Broccoli (Ve)	Sweetcorn (Ve) & Coleslaw (V)	Seasonal Greens & Broccoli (Ve)	Cauliflower & Carrots (Ve)	Peas & Baked Beans (Ve)
Cold Option	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich or Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich or Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich or Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich or Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich or Tuna Sandwich
Dessert	Orange Shortbread Biscuit (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Carrot Cake (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Vanilla Ice Cream (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Apple & Parsnip Cake (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)

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Diary Dates

Please note dates and times are subject to change, please check the weekly newsletter and the website for updates. Thank you.

	AUTUMN TERM 2024
17 th September 2024	Lessons begin for those children that have signed up to Essex Music Services for Piano and Recorder lessons (10 lessons)
20 th September 2024	Parent Macmillan Coffee morning- Holly, Elm & Beech to perform
24 th September 2024	Year 6 SATs information meeting via TEAMS 4:45pm
25 th September 2024	Individual and sibling photos
27 th September 2024	Sponsored Run- More information to follow
1st October to 31st October 2024	Black History Month
3 rd October 2024	Prospective Parent Tour 6 till 7pm
4 th October 2024	Whitebeam Harvest Class Assembly at 09:05am
3 rd and 4 th October 2024	Year 6 Bikeability course Group 1
7 th and 8 th October 2024	Year 6 Bikeability course Group 2
7 th October 2024	Holly Class phonics and reading workshop at 09:00am
10 th October 2024	World Inclusion Day - It is a day dedicated to ensuring that individuals of various abilities, backgrounds, ages, races, religions, genders, and other characteristics are accepted, welcomed, and treated fairly. Wear non-uniform and we will have collection buckets at the main playground gates for anyone wanting to make a voluntary donation for the charity SNAP
15 th October 2024	Year 6 Cyber Safety Assembly provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
15 th October 2024	Rotation of class visits to St Peter's Church- Core Value Day: Happiness
17 th October 2024	Prospective Parent Tour 10am till 11am
21 st to 25 th October 2024	Parents evening will take place during this week – dates and times to follow
21 st to 25 th October 2024	Book Fair will run alongside parents' evenings – dates and times to be follow
23 rd October 2024	Whole School Firework and Halloween Safety assembly provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
4 th to 8 th November	Year 6 residential trip
7 th November 2024	Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm
8 th November 2024	Elm Class Assembly 09:05am
8 th November 2024	Author Visit for EYFS & KS1
12 th November 2024	Year 6 Respect Assembly provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
12 th November 2024	One Plan meetings Elm & Oak
11 th November 2024	Anti-Bullying Week
13 th November 2024	Odd Socks Day - All you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week!
13 th November 2024	One Plan meetings Chestnut

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13 th November 2024	Pine Class year 6 residential parent meeting via TEAMS 4:45pm
14 th November 2024	One Plan meetings Holly & Whitebeam
15 th November 2024	BBC Children in need day – wear non-uniform with a Pudsey twist (ie spotty socks/hairband) collection buckets will be at the school gates for anyone wanting to make a voluntary donation
15 th November 2024	Holly Class Assembly 09:05am
18 th to 22 nd November 2024	National Road Safety week
19 th November 2024	One Plan meetings Pine & Oak
20 th November 2024	Whole school flu immunisation
20 th & 21 st November 2024	One Plan meetings Beech
21 st November 2024	Prospective Parent Tour 10am till 11am
22 nd November 2024	Chestnut Fabulous Finish
26 th November 2024	Last swimming lesson for Whitebeam and Chestnut
28 th November 2024	Parent Coffee Morning- Meet the PTFA and Governors. Performances from the school choir and Oak Class
28 th November 2024	Pine Fabulous Finish 2-3pm
29 th November 2024	Christmas House Morning
3 rd December 2024	Whole school Panto Trip
4 th December 2024	Year 5 & 6 Show at 2:15pm
6 th December 2024	Year 3 & 4 Show at 2:15 pm
13 th December 2024	EYFS & KS1 Nativity at 9:20am and 2pm
13 th December 2024	Whitebeam class visiting Hutton View 1:30pm
16 th December 2024	RockSteady Concert at 2:20pm
19 th December 2024	Children's Christmas Bazaar
20 th December 2024	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day Last day of term



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We are so pleased to see everyone back at school and a big welcome to the new families that have joined this week.

As a parent/carer you are automatically a valued part of the school's PTFA; and as a PTFA we welcome support from outside your immediate family too! It takes a village right?

We are a committee of 6 and are all trustees but we still rely on volunteers to help with fundraising and coming up with ideas. Volunteering comes in many forms, the bits that happen in person but also in the form of support from your workplaces and networks. Sponsorship for items or even match funding is greatly appreciated. It all helps to keep us funding the school with resources, trips and general fun educational stuff!

If you are even a little bit curious about what we do and how you can help, drop us a message on whatsapp on 07928 121 350 or by email.



WILLOWBROOK PTFA

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE

		
KIM GRIFFIN CHAIR PARENT IN CHESTNUT AND BEECH	JO BROWN CO-CHAIR PARENT IN CHESTNUT AND BEECH	KIT CHENG-UNG SECRETARY PARENT IN PINE
		
EMMA BRADLEY TREASURER PARENT IN PINE AND CHERRY	JENNY COX CO-TREASURER PARENT IN BEECH	LISA FINNIE CO-TREASURER PARENT IN BEECH

pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk

 WILLLOWBROOKEPTA

MARCH 2024



Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our PTA. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

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PTFA

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**PRE-LOVED UNIFORM AVAILABLE
FROM THE PTFA AND SCHOOL OFFICE**

All items donated to the PTFA are thoroughly checked and washed.
We don't have prices for any items, we are happy to provide uniform to save families money and reduce clothing waste.
If you do however wish to make a cash donation to our PTFA charity, it is always appreciated.



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