



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th January 2025



Message from Mrs Branton

A Positive Reflection on Our Pupils' Behaviour and Engagement

Following a recent Governors' monitoring visit focused on pupils' perceptions and their views on behaviour, the governors and myself felt compelled to share just how impressed they were with the pupils yesterday. Walking through our school corridors was an absolute joy. The children were polite, well-presented and helpful and this was evident even from the youngest members of our school community.

It's important to highlight just how proud parents and guardians should be of their children as a collective. Their positive attitudes and respectful behaviour reflect the values we strive to instil in them every day.

During the visit, we also had the opportunity to engage with the children and the governors were truly impressed by their ability to articulate and justify their thoughts. They demonstrated remarkable critical thinking skills, clearly showing how well the curriculum's structure and themes are resonating with them. It was wonderful to see such a strong connection between the learning taking place in the classroom and the pupils' ability to express their understanding.

This experience reinforces just how fortunate we are to have such a vibrant and respectful group of pupils and we all look forward to seeing even more growth and success as the year continues.

Coffee Afternoon

Rather than standing on the cold playground, waiting for your children to come out at the end of the day, why not join us on **Wednesday 29th January** for our **Parent Coffee Afternoon!** The doors to the hall will be opened at **2:40pm**. Come along and have a free cup of tea/ coffee and a chat with other parents. There will be plenty of space if you have younger siblings with you. Mrs Gardner will drop-in to share with you how we teach handwriting and what our letter formation looks like. Pine class will also be dropping in to share a performance with you. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sports News

A fantastic afternoon at the Multi skills/ Move with us Festival. Some of our Year 3&4 children attended the event participating in many different activities such as volleyball, new age Kurling and even visited a fruit tasting station. The children had lots of fun.



We are sad to say that Mrs Jones will be leaving us to work with younger children in a nursery. We thank her for all her hard work and the positive impact she has had on our school. We wish her the best in her new role.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Branton

Science in the News

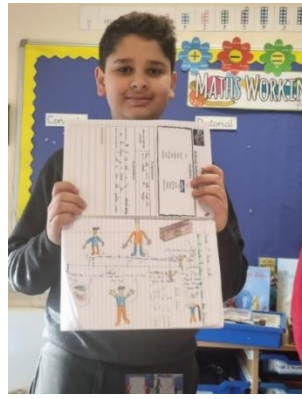
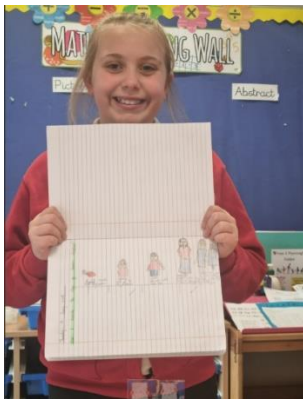
We are very happy to be back with pictures and news from our amazing Science lessons at Willowbrook Primary School. As before, every week, you will find here information about how we celebrate Science, what skills we learn to use when answering scientific enquiries and how we respond to our scientific challenges.

Find below what Elm and Pine have learnt this week. Well done, superstars!

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



This week, Elm class have been classifying common animals! The class were able to identify common features for animals in the same group and match the pictures to the type of animal.



Pine class have started a new Science topic - Animals including humans. The children talked about the human life cycle, matched names, ages and stages of human growth and created a development timeline for a better understand of all the phases. Well done!



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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:
Senna, Quinn, Anna, Olívia, Zoe, Oscar, Jai, Ava, Thea, Evelyn, Tommy Y*



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Elm – discover

Beech - enormous

Key Stage 2

Whitebeam - thoroughly

Chestnut - outrage

Pine – voyage

Oak - guarantee

Core value pupil



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

Lunch Menu w/c 20.01.25

WK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 20 January 2025					
Main Meal RED	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza with Baked Wedges	Traditional Cottage Pie topped with Sweet Potato Mash	Slow Roast Beef & Root Vegetables with Gravy	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Fish Fingers with Chips & Ketchup
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Margaretta Pizza with Baked Wedges (V)	Vegan Aubergine & Courgette Tagine (Ve)	Vegan Country Vegetable & Bean Pie (Ve)	Vegan Tofu Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Vegan Mexican Roasted Vegetable & Bean Quesadilla (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Pasta with Tomato & Vegetable Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (V)	Pasta with Tomato & Vegetable Sauce (V)	Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayonnaise or Baked Beans	Whole-wheat Pasta with Tomato & Vegetable (V)
Accompaniments	Classic Coleslaw & Sweetcorn (Ve)	Broccoli & Cauliflower (Ve)	Roast Potatoes Seasonal Greens & Carrots (Ve)	Carrots & Sweetcorn (Ve)	Baked Beans & Peas (Ve)
Cold Option	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich
Dessert	Cinnamon Apple Crumble (Ve) with optional Custard (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Sultana & Oat Cookie (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Fruit Jelly (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Orange Drizzle Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate & Courgette Rice Krispie Cake Fresh Fruit (Ve)
(V) – Suitable for Vegetarians (Ve) – Suitable for Vegans & Vegetarians			Salad Bar available daily		

PTFA EVENTS

2024-2025



28/11/
2024

WINTER DISCO

**PARENT/CARER
QUIZ**

Evening - School Hall

19/03/
2025

19/06/
2025

SUMMER DISCO

SUMMER FAYRE

05/07/
2025

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OCTOBER 2024

Diary Dates

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

	SPRING TERM 2025
23 rd January 2025	Essex Fire and Rescue Year 3 Home Safety Workshop
29 th January 2025	Parent Coffee afternoon 2:40pm- Handwriting & Pine Class Performance
31 st January 2025	House Morning- Chinese New Year
31 st January 2025	Holly Fabulous Finish 2:00pm
3 rd -9 th February 2025	Children's mental health week
5 th February 2025	Work with Me- Maths 08:40-10am. More information to follow
7 th February 2025	Elm Fabulous Finish 2:00pm
10 th February 2025	Parents evening week- further information to follow
10 th February 2025	Book Fair to run alongside parents evening
11 th February 2025	UK Safer Internet Day
14 th February 2025	Chestnut Class Assembly 9:00am
17 th February 2025	Half-Term week
25 th February 2025	Holly One Plan meetings am
26 th February 2025	Elm One Plan meetings am
26 th February 2025	Drama 4 All – Splash Under the Sea themed workshops for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 EYFS/ KS1 dress-up under the sea theme
27 th February 2025	Whitebeam One Plan meetings am
28 th February 2025	Beech Fabulous Finish 2:00pm
28 th February 2025	Pine One Plan meetings am
5 th March 2025	Beech One Plan meetings am
6 th March 2025	World Book Day- dress up as a book character
7 th March 2025	Pine Class Assembly
11 th March 2025	Chestnut One Plan meetings pm
13 th March 2025	Beech One Plan meetings am
13 th March 2025	Young Carers Action Day
14 th March 2025	Oak Fabulous Finish 2:00pm
Week of 17 th March 2025	Science Week
18 th March 2025	Parent Coffee afternoon 2:40pm- Chestnut Class Performance & KS2 choir
18 th March 2025	Oak One Plan meetings pm
20 th March 2025	Science Day
21 st March 2025	Red Nose Day – further information to follow
21 st March 2025	Whitebeam visit to Hutton View
21 st March 2025	Whitebeam Fabulous Finish 2:00pm
25 th March 2025	Holly and Elm visit to St Peter's Church
27 th March 2025	Mothering Sunday afternoon tea and cakes for Whitebeam, Chestnut, Pine and Oak class- after school in the hall. More information to follow.
28 th March 2025	Mother's Day assembly for Holly, Elm and Beech Class parents at 09:15am in the hall
4 th April 2025	Easter hat and Easter egg assembly
4 th April 2025	Last Day of Term

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PRE-LOVED UNIFORM AVAILABLE

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.



REGISTERED
CHARITY:
1046576

Contact the school office or the PTFA directly

Whatsapp: 07928 121 250

email: pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk

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Does the business you work for support charities by perhaps matching donations or allowing you paid time off work to volunteer?

One of our Willowbrook parents recently volunteered at an event for a few hours and their company has just deposited **£500** into our Willowbrook PTFA account!

Sponsorship for items is also a valuable way businesses can contribute.



We are a registered charity
so do please check your
firm's policies.



Oct 2024

A Willowbrook winner every Saturday!

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Some of our Willowbrook supporters have won over 5 times!



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