

Message from Mrs Branton

The tissues were at the ready this morning as we said goodbye to Hawthorn class at their leaver's assembly. It is with a very heavy heart that they will sadly leave Willowbrook today, to continue their education journey as they move onto their various secondary schools in September. As part of their leaver's assembly, the children's achievements were recognised with a series of special awards being presented.

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| English: Sienna | Maths: Liam |
| Science: Florence | Sports: Robyn |
| Computing: James | Willowbrook Award: Apollonia |
| Performing arts award: Elizabeth | Debbie Aylward (All-rounder): Isla and Ava |

With thanks to the PTFA, the children were also presented with their leaver hoodies. We are all very proud of Hawthorn class and they will be missed!



I would once again like to thank our school PTFA for all their hard work in organising the end of year infant and junior discos last Friday. It was a great opportunity for the children to get together as friends and have some fun. The PTFA ladies have worked tirelessly in thinking of ways to raise money for the school over the last year and their incredible fundraising efforts are very much appreciated by us all.



The KS1 and KS2 dance club put on a fantastic performance for both the school and parents to enjoy Tuesday morning. The show helps children to develop confidence and also give them a great sense of achievement.



It was lovely to be able to welcome so many of you into school on Tuesday for our open afternoon. It was a great way of celebrating the children's hard work as they love to share their learning with you. It also gave you the opportunity to meet informally with the class staff and collect school reports. I hope that you will find the children's school reports useful and informative as the teachers put an enormous amount of effort into writing them.

A wonderful end to a successful year all round at Willowbrook - thank you to all who have contributed and participated this year: staff, PTFA, parents, volunteers and most importantly our wonderful pupils!

All that's left to say is have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Wednesday 6th September. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.



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PE Kits

We will be continuing with the children coming into school wearing their PE kits on their allocated PE days when we return to school in September. Plenty of notice is being given to allow you to purchase a school tracksuit or suitable alternative. If you are unable to buy a school tracksuit, although this would be preferable, your child can wear plain black tracksuit bottoms with their school jumper/cardigan. No logos please and no sports skins to be worn. If the weather is warm when we return in September, children can still continue to wear their red PE shorts and white round neck logo t-shirts. Trainers should only be worn on PE days, these should be plain black or white, without any colour. School shoes need to be worn when uniform is being worn. If you are investing in footwear now, please purchase black school shoes. School tracksuits and white round neck logo t-shirts can be purchased at Red Oak Roller-our school uniform suppliers. Your child's allocated PE days for the new academic year will be emailed out to you before the children return to school on Wednesday 6th September.

Breakfast and After school club

There will be a slight increase to the Breakfast and Afterschool club charges when we return to school in September, please see information below.

New Prices from 1st September 2023

Breakfast & After School Club

Mobile Phone Number: tba



At Willowbrook we offer our own Breakfast and Afterschool Club. The club is non-profit making and therefore we try to keep the costs as low as possible.

The base will be in the Group Room, school hall and library. Different activities will be planned over the week, including using the IT equipment and sports facilities. In the morning, breakfast will be provided to children dropped off before 8.15am. Afterschool, a light tea will be provided, for example beans on toast. The times and costs are listed below (daily fees).

7.30am to 8.50am - £5.50 per child (breakfast included)
8.15am to 8.50am - £3.00 per child (no breakfast)

3.10pm to 4.15pm - £5.00 per child (includes drink & biscuit)
4.15pm - 5.30pm - £7.00 per child (drink & light tea supplied)
3.10pm to 5.30pm - £10.00 per child (drink & light tea supplied)

Attendance

In your child's school report, you will have their school attendance figure as at 7th July. Any children with attendance of 97% or above, which is our school target, at this date have today received an excellent or 100% attendance certificate along with a little treat. We want to see all your children in school as much as possible and I would like to thank all of you who are helping your children succeed by ensuring that they have good school attendance. I hope to be able to present a lot more excellent and 100% attendance certificates and treats at the end of the next academic year!

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This week's Headteacher superstar is:

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Well done

Childrens Lunch Menu

| WK 2 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Week commencing 4 th September 2023 | | | | | |
| Main Meal RED | | | Honey Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy | Chicken & Vegetable Chow Mein | Breaded Fish Fingers |
| Main Vegetarian GREEN | | | Ratatouille Pasta Bake (Ve) | Vegetable Pasanda with Rice | Spiced Squash & Spinach Samosa (Ve) |
| Alternative YELLOW | | | Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) | Pasta with Tomato & Vegetable Sauce (Ve) | Pasta with Cheese Sauce (V) |
| Accompaniments | | | Pan Fried Leeks (Ve) | Broccoli (Ve) | Chips & Baked Beans (Ve) |
| Cold Option | | | Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich | Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich | Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich |
| Dessert | | | Orange Shortbread Biscuit (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve) | Apple Crumble (Ve) with Custard (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve) | Apple & Parsnip Cake (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve) |
| (V) suitable for vegetarians (Ve) suitable for vegans & vegetarians Salad Bar available daily | | | | | |



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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 2023 |
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| 12 th September 2023 | Swimming starts for years 3 and 4 for 11 weeks last lesson 28/11/2023 |
| 20 th September 2023 | Charlotte Hossack from Dogs Trust coming into school to deliver whole school assembly and workshops |
| 25 th September 2023 | Year 6 SATs information meeting via TEAMS 4pm |
| 27 th September 2023 | Individual and sibling photos |
| 29 th September 2023 | Parent Macmillan Coffee morning |
| 1 st October to 31 st October 2023 | Black History Month |
| 3 rd October 2023 | Prospective Parent Tour 6 till 7pm |
| 5 th and 6 th October 2023 | Year 6 Bike ability level 1 and 2 – 2-day course |
| 6 th October 2023 | Chestnut Harvest Class Assembly 9:15am |
| 10 th October 2023 | 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 bring in £1 for SNAP charity |
| 13 th October 2023 | Cherry Class Assembly 9:15am |
| 16 th October 2023 | Prospective Parent Tour 10am till 11am |
| 16 th to 20 th October 2023 | Parents evening will take place during this week – dates and times to be confirmed |
| 16 th to 20 th October 2023 | Book Fair will run alongside parents' evenings – dates and times to be confirmed |
| 19 th October 2023 | Whole School Firework and Halloween Safety assembly provided by Essex Fire and Rescue |
| 20 th October 2023 | Whole school flu immunisation |
| 30 th October to 3 rd November 2023 | Year 6 residential trip |
| 3 rd November 2023 | Whitebeam Class Assembly 9:15am |
| 6 th November 2023 | Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm |
| 7 th November 2023 | One Plan meetings- Beech Class |
| 8 th November 2023 | One Plan meetings- Beech, Pine & Elm Class |
| 10 th November 2023 | One Plan meetings- Whitebeam Class |
| 10 th November 2023 | Beech Class Assembly 9:15am |
| 13 th November 2023 | 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 2023 | Year 6 Respect Assembly provided by Essex Fire and Rescue |
| 13 th November 2023 | Oak Class year 6 residential parent meeting via TEAMS 4pm |
| 15 th November 2023 | One Plan meetings- Oak & Chestnut Class |

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| 17th November 2023 | BBC Children in need day – wear non-uniform with a Pudsey twist (ie spotty socks/hairband) for £1/donation – further information to follow |
| 17 th November 202 | One Plan meetings- Cherry Class |
| 17 th November 2023 | Pine Class Fabulous Finish 2-3pm |
| 19 th to 25 th November 2023 | National road safety week |
| 20 th November 2023 | Year 3 Home Safety Workshop provided by Essex Fire and Rescue |
| 22 nd November 2023 | Parent Coffee morning including a performance from Year 5 |
| 23 rd November 2023 | EYFS Road safety Presentation |
| 23 rd November 2023 | Year 5 Road safety Presentation and Road safety walk |
| 24 th November 2023 | EYFS Class Assembly 9:15am |
| 24 th November 2023 | Prospective Parent Tour 10am till 11am |
| 28 th November 2023 | Last Swimming lesson for years 3 and 4 |
| 29 th November 2023 | Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm |
| 30 th November 2023 | Year 5 Fabulous Finish 2-3pm |
| 1st December 2023 | Christmas House Day |
| 5 th December 2023 | Whole school Panto Trip |
| 6 th December 2023 | Yr 5 & 6 KS2 Christmas show 2:15pm |
| 7 th December 2023 | Year 6 Cyber Safety Workshop provided by Essex Fire and Rescue |
| 8 th December 2023 | Yr 3 & 4 KS2 Christmas show 2:15pm |
| 15 th December 2023 | KS1 Nativity to parents |
| 18 th December 2023 | Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day |
| 18 th December 2023 | Rock Steady Concert |
| 19 th December 2023 | Children's Christmas Bizarre |
| 20 th December 2023 | Last day of term |

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BRENTWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Summer 2023 Family Fun Days

sunshine local Brentwood
ice cream face painting
fun fair rides sports parks playtime arts community
activities Punch and Judy games

Friday 4 August, 10.30am-3.30pm
Warley Playing Fields, CM13 3AZ

Friday 11 August, 10.30am-3.30pm
Kelvedon Hatch Village Hall, CM15 0DL

Friday 18 August, 10.30am-3.30pm
The Brentwood Centre, CM15 9NN

Friday 25 August, 10.30am-3.30pm
Hutton Recreation Grounds, CM13 1PJ

Please note that activities vary weekly. Many activities are free, but this year there will be a £5 wristband charge, per child, for rides at each event.
Face painting, animal handling and refreshments will be charged for separately.
Parking is strictly limited at all events. Please walk or use public transport where possible.

    

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