

Message from Mrs Branton

What an enchanting assembly we were treated to this morning by Beech class. The children have clearly been working very hard on their 'Growing Magic' topic with all the very interesting lifecycle facts they were able to share with us during the assembly and how impressive was their little lesson for us in mini beast Makaton signing! The very jolly performance using the boom whackers to the accompanying sea shanty song was an absolute delight to watch, well done Beech class!



It is that time of year again that I have the task of organising the classes for the next academic year. As with every year, teachers move and develop their careers across the County and we are no different. It is always sad when teachers move on that have been with us for a many number of years, however, as a leader it is my responsibility to ensure that I am developing my staff in order for them to be able to take those next steps. The following teachers will sadly not be with us next year: Miss Cox (as previously communicated), Mrs Mertens, Mr Kemp and Mrs Akhtar. I am sure you will join me in wishing them the very best of luck as they venture into the next stage of their careers.

We are very excited to welcome some new staff to the Willowbrook Team and I am looking forward to working with them all and seeing their portraits on the wall, which will be created by our youngest pupils.

Please see below the information for next year's classes and teachers.

Year Group	Class	Teacher
Foundation	Elm	Mr Shrimplin
Year 1	Beech	Miss Cardwell
Year 2	Whitebeam	Mrs Gardner/Mrs Walby
Year 3	Chestnut	Miss Keaney
Year 4	Pine	Mrs Rautenbach
Year 5	Oak	Miss Albiston
Year 6	Cherry	Miss Allix

You may also have noticed that I haven't mentioned Mrs Cirdei or Mrs Youngblood. Mrs Cirdei has decided to become part-time and will be working with classes across the school. I would also like to congratulate Mrs Youngblood with her new role as Deputy Head Teacher. She will also continue her role as SENCO. The children have heard who their new class teachers are for September and were very excited. On Friday 14th July, all the children will spend the morning with their new class teacher for the upcoming academic year.

IMPORTANT – REGISTER TO VIEW SCHOOL PHOTOS Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our school on 21st of June 2023, to take the Class Group Photos. All parents are requested to pre-register before the photography date above to enable access to your child's photographs. Pre-registration is required for every photo shoot. Registration only takes a minute. Please visit www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk and enter the following code: **JR4V3Y4** You will then be asked to pre-register with your child's full school register name. Once registered, as soon as the photos are available you will receive an automatic email notification to inform you that your child's photos are now ready to be viewed and can be purchased. Don't miss out- pre-register today!

Don't forget- tomorrow is non-uniform wear something yellow for Cystic Fibrosis awareness day for the children. This can be something as simple as a pair of yellow socks or a hairband if you don't have an item of yellow clothing. If you are able to, please send your child in with £1 or a small donation to raise money to support this very worthwhile charity. We look forward to seeing you bright and early at the Father's Day breakfast tomorrow morning. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.



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Tuesday 18th July at 1:30pm

We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Afternoon on Tuesday 18th July at 1:30pm. You are invited to come along to see your child's work. For those families that are able to attend, the main playground gates will open at 1.25pm (the bottom gate will not be open). Please collect your child/children from their classroom door as if it was normal pick up time. Once you have collected your child/children, you will then go through the school hall to access their classrooms. The PTFA will be in the hall selling items, so please say hello. We also hope to have our uniform supplier Red Oak Roller present in the hall. Once you have finished looking at your child's work and have met new class teachers you will be able to take your child/children home. You will need to exit via the school office. If you are unable to attend the Open Afternoon, you can collect your child at their normal pick up time. If you want your child/children to go home with another family, please contact the school office to provide permission.



School Reports

School reports will be available for collection by parents at the open afternoon. If you are unable to attend the open afternoon, you can collect your child's report from class staff at the end of the school day. For anyone not able to collect their child's report on Tuesday 18th July, they can be collected from the school office on Wednesday 19th July. Due to the sensitive nature of the reports, they cannot be handed to the children. If you wish another adult to collect your report on your behalf, please contact the school office as written consent will be required.



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Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Reception

bean

Key Stage 1

tourist

Key Stage 2

slash



Willowbrook PTFA
Registered charity: 1046576

WE ARE OPEN FOR SUMMER FAYRE DONATIONS

Please bring all donations to the
school office marked for the
PTFA

We are looking for bottles of
wine for our 'Water or Wine'
stall
and
large bottles of soft drink
for 'bottle tombola'



We need soft toys for our
'Teddy Tombola'.
Please donate any in clean
good condition.



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PTFA Summer Fayre

The Summer Fayre is a really important fundraising event for the school we are really hopeful that all the parents, children & staff will support the Fayre and raise lots of money for the school!

We can't put on these amazing events without you 😊

We still need volunteers to help out at the Fayre and donations of items as per image above.

Please email the PTFA at pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk or contact the school office if you can offer any help at all, letters have also been sent home today with a tear off slip to be returned to school for those that can help, any amount of time you can spare would be greatly appreciated.



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Parent Coffee Morning!



Wednesday 28th June 08:50-10:00am
To be held in the school hall

You are warmly invited to join us in the hall from 08:50 onwards for free tea/ coffee and biscuits.

It is a chance to have a catch-up with fellow parents from across the school. There will be a play area for your younger children whilst you have a cup of tea and a chat!

Want to know what activities are on offer in our community over the summer holidays? Do you have anywhere you would recommend to other parents? Mrs Youngblood will be there to share some ideas.

Feel free to join us and leave at any time between 08:50 and 10am.

The PTFA will have Southend Adventure Island tickets and second-hand school uniform on sale.

Every adult who joins us will enter a raffle to win a prize!



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Childrens Lunch Menu

WK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 19 th June 2023					
Main Meal RED	Cumberland Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Sticky Glazed Chicken	Creamy Pesto Chicken with Fusilli Pasta	Breaded Fish Fingers
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Vegan Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy (Ve)	Vegetable Chilli with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Margherita Pizza (V)	Vegetable Pasta Bake (V)	Vegetable & Bean Stuffed Pitta Pocket (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Pasta with Cheese Sauce (V)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Pasta with Tomato & Lentil Sauce (Ve)
Accompaniments	Peas (Ve)	Steamed Carrots (Ve)	Spicy Potato Wedges (Ve) & Coleslaw (V)	Pan Fried Leeks (Ve)	Chips & Baked Beans (Ve)
Cold Option	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich
Dessert	Apple & Carrot Flapjack (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Cherry Cornflake Cake (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Vanilla Ice Cream (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate Shortbread Biscuit (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)
(V) suitable for vegetarians (Ve) suitable for vegans & vegetarians Salad Bar available daily					



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Following a report from a parent on what could have been a very nasty accident on in Rosen Crescent, I would like to again appeal for volunteers so that we can get the '3PR Parking Scheme' back up and running. Please see the important information below on how the scheme works and contact Trudi in the school office if you are able to help. The safety of your children at drop off and pick up times is paramount but we can't run the scheme without your support!

WE STILL NEED LOTS MORE VOLUNTEERS TO GET 3PR BACK UP AND RUNNING



Dear Parents and Carers,

Pre Covid, with the help of our regular parent and child volunteers we were able to run a '3PR Parking Scheme'. Some of you may have seen the large green 3PR alien mascot that sits in the school office.

By following the 3PR 3 parking rules we are able to create a 3PR Zone in Rosen Crescent, which in turn reduces the traffic and congestion, which unfortunately builds up at drop off and pick up times.

We encourage the children to enter the 3PR zone by foot and in doing so they are rewarded with a token that they collect from a bucket each morning. The token is then taken to their class and put in a collection box. Each half term we have a count up of the tokens to see which class is our 3PR winners. They will be presented with the 3PR cup by the Alien himself in assembly.

How do we create the 3PR Zone?

This is where our regular team of parent/carer 3PR volunteers come in.

There are several ways in which we can achieve this: -

- Asking our families to walk, cycle or scoot to school.
- Our volunteers will be visible in their high viz tabard and present at the start and end of the school day to encourage anyone parking in the zone to move on and find a parking spot away from the zone.
- Then finally, we would like to be able to go back to offering a drop off point. The drop off point would be available each morning from 8.35am. Parents can drive to the allocated point in Rosen crescent, where one of our volunteers will help your child/children out of the car, leaving you free to drive off and not have to worry about finding a parking spot. Your child/children would then be walked safely down to their classrooms with one of the volunteers.

The 3PR team of volunteers seems to have worked best when we were able to have lots of volunteers covering one morning or afternoon session each. During the morning session your own child/children will be able to be part of the team by holding the buckets from which the children collect their tokens.

Morning volunteers will be required from 8.40am until 9am and afternoon volunteers from 3pm to 3.15pm.

Please contact the school office if you are able to volunteer and together let's work on making a safer environment with less traffic and congestion for the children.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Branton



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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.

	SUMMER TERM 2023
19 th June	Hawthorn class parents zoom meeting at 4pm to preview the Busy Bodies Adolescent Development Video
21 st June	Whole Class photos
22 nd June	Year 6 Its Your Move
22 nd and 23 rd June	One Plan meetings
23 rd June	Year 1 class assembly
23 rd June	Charlotte Hossack the Education and Community Officer for Essex from The Dogs Trust will be coming into provide work shops for year groups 3, 4 and 5 and an assembly for EYFS year 1 and 2
28 th June	Parent Coffee Morning 08:50am – Summer holidays & Brain drain
29 th and 30 th June	One Plan meetings
1 st July	PTA Summer Fayre
3 rd July	Summer Safety Assembly provided by Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
4 th July	Last swimming lesson for years 1 and 4
7 th July	Sports Day - parents will be able to come along and watch, the main gates will open at 11:50am ready for lunch on the field at 12pm, races will commence at 1:30pm
13 th July	Year 5 and 6 show – further information to follow
14 th July	MAD Education – Military Action Day for Hawthorn Class
14 th July	End of year disco infants
14 th July	End of year/leavers disco juniors
18 th July	Joint KS1 and KS2 Dance Club show for parents 9:15am to 10:15am Parent mail will come out nearer the time re clothing
18 th July	Open Afternoon
21 st July	Leavers assembly 9:15am
21 st July	Last day of the school year

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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

We understand that times are tough, so we're extremely grateful for your support

YOUR SUPPORT COUNTS

We're facing financial challenges too
If you can, please help our fundraising

Please support our lottery

Just £1 a week

WIN up to £25k

To support your school, go to:
yourschoollottery.co.uk/play
and search for: **Willowbrook Primary**

Supporters must be 18 years of age or older

The Your School Lottery has been set up specifically to raise money and make a difference for our children!

There is a Willowbrook Supporter winner every week!

All you need to do is register and set up a direct debit for your weekly ticket and a chance to win.

Your support is greatly appreciated and we wish you good luck!

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SUMMER FAYRE

SATURDAY 1ST JULY 2023
12pm - 3pm

RAFFLE
FOOD & DRINK
GAMES
INFLATABLES
STALLS

ROSEN CRESCENT CM13 2TU

PLEASE SEE OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES FOR MORE DETAILS

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Online payments and pick up at school or locally

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SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday
1 July 2023
12pm - 3pm

- RAFFLE • GAMES • FOOD AND DRINKS •
- ICE CREAM • STALLS •
- AND MORE •

• GET IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE A
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SEND Local Offer Roadshows

Are you a parent/carer or family member of a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?

Do you have questions about accessing support in your area or questions about SEND support available in Essex?

Would you like to link up with other parents in your area?

If you do, please come along and see us at the Roadshow. You can meet groups and services such as:

- Essex Family Forum
- SENDIASS
- Representatives from the Education Teams
- SEND Navigation Leads
- Local Support Groups

The roadshow is a drop-in event with no need to book. There are four locations to choose from across Essex:

- Tuesday 4 July, 9am to 12.30pm – **West Essex** - Saffron Walden Town Hall
- Thursday 6 July, 9am to 12.30pm – **Mid Essex** - Maldon Town Hall
- Tuesday 11 July, 9am to 12.30pm – **South Essex** - Nevendon Centre, Wickford
- Tuesday 18 July, 9am to 12.30pm – **North East Essex** - The Princes Theatre, Clacton

For more information on who will be there please follow the link.

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/send-local-offer-roadshows>

At each roadshow there will be a session with a Peer Educator (parent/carer with lived experience of Autism) from 10-11 titled 'An Introduction to Autism'. If you would be interested in attending one of these sessions please email peersupporthub@essex.gov.uk.

We also hope to have Peer Educators available at the roadshows to answer questions and share experiences and signpost to resources.

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