



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023



## Message from Mrs Branton

I hope you all enjoyed the bank holiday weekend and any celebrations you had or attended for the coronation of His Majesty the King. Some of you may have seen that Willowbrook was featured in this week's edition of the Brentwood Gazette, following our school coronation street party celebration attended by the Mayor of Brentwood.

Year 6 pupils across the country sat their statutory assessment tests this week. SATs are just one part of being a pupil at Willowbrook Primary school. SATs do not test inquisitiveness, thirst for knowledge, History, Geography, RE, Music, Art, Dance or Sport. SATs do not test friendship, resilience, manners, tolerance, taking part or trying new things. All of these aspects are important to us as at Willowbrook as well.

A big well done to Hawthorn class on reaching the end of Key Stage 2 SATs week. We have all been amazed by your good humour, high spirits and amazing work ethic, not just this week, but in the weeks and months leading to this point. The staff and I are so proud of all of you, you have tried your very hardest and put all of your energy into striving to do your best. No-one, anywhere, could have asked any more of you. In a few months, all memories from these SATs for you will have faded away. We hope that you continue to shine, and wish all of you, the very best for the future.

We now have our SATs writing and science assessments left to complete. Up until the end of June, the year 6 children will be producing extended writing on a weekly basis to create a bank of evidence for their writing SATs assessment. We also have lots of fun to look forward to as the end of the Summer term approaches, including sports day, the year 5 & 6 show and more.



At the end of key stage 1, your child's teacher will judge the standard that your child is working at in English, Maths and Science. To help the teacher make these judgements, your child will sit National Curriculum tests in Maths and English, known as standard attainment tests (SATs). These tests, along with your child's work throughout the year, help the teacher to assess your child's performance and as they move up to key stage 2, identify their needs. Unlike KS2 SATs, KS1 SATs don't have to be administered according to a nationally-set timetable in a specific week. Schools are free to manage the timetable and ours will take place next week for Chestnut class. The tests will be administered in the classroom in a low-stress, low-key way; some children won't even be aware they've taken them!

We are having a 3 for 2 Book Fair in school next week on Monday 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May and we'd love you to come and join us! The Book Fair will be held in the reception area of the school office from 3:15pm until 4:30pm. Coming to the Book Fair gives you the opportunity to check out books that you might not normally see. There will be lots of titles, with prices starting at just £2.99, so everyone will have a chance to pick out a great read. It's all for a great cause too. For every book purchased, our school earns up to 60% of the value back towards FREE books as a reward. We get to choose lots of fantastic new titles to stock the library shelves!



Reminder the year 3 class assembly will take place next week on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May. Please be seated in the school hall by 9am ready for the start.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.

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## Science in the News

Beech class children have been very busy this week. They have been learning about the different parts of a plant and thinking about how they grow and what they need. The children will build on this learning next week. Beech class have also made garden minibeast designs and focused on how minibeasts need to be protected. Look at all their creative work from this week. Well done, superstars!



Pine Class have investigated what plants need to grow. They have tested if plants can grow without leaves, without petals; or placed in dark or tight spaces. They have created an observation table and recorded their findings. Well done!



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## Science Club



In Science Club, the children made slime using PVA glue, eye drops and bicarbonate of soda. We talked about the properties of liquids and solids and observed what happens to each ingredient when mixed with a new one. Well done, Willowbrook chemists!

Don't forget to bring an empty bottle next week!

Mrs Cirdei

Science Co-ordinator



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## Our core value pupil

 <p>Willowbrook Primary School Each Working For All</p>  <p>Happiness Independence Respect Teamwork Caring Honesty</p> 		<p>Well done to the core value pupil from Whitebeam class who received this week's award for caring in the celebration assembly</p>
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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:*

*Aarav and Rosie*



*Well done*

## Word of the week

*'Wonderful words of the week'*

### Reception

Beech - stem

### Key Stage 1

Whitebeam – capacity  
Chestnut - imagination

### Key Stage 2

Pine - dispersal  
Oak - process  
Cherry – compassionate



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Following a report from a parent on what could have been a very nasty accident on Thursday morning 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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## Children's lunch menu

WK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday Favourites Day	Friday
Week commencing 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2023					
Main Meal RED	Ham & Pineapple Pizza with Baked Jacket Wedges	Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun	Breaded Fish Fingers
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Margherita Pizza with Baked Jacket Wedges (V)	Vegan Bolognese with Spaghetti (Ve)	Macaroni & Cheese (V)	Margherita Pizza (V)	Vegetable & Bean Chimichangas (V)
Alternative YELLOW	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) or Salmon Mayonnaise	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) or Cheese (V)	Pasta with Cheese Sauce (V)
Accompaniments	Sweetcorn (Ve)	Peas (Ve)	Seasonal Greens (Ve)	Potato Wedges (Ve) & Baked Beans (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	Chocolate Rice Krispie Cake (V)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Carrot Cake (V)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Vanilla Ice Cream (V)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate Ice Cream (V)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate & Courgette Sponge  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.

	SUMMER TERM 2023
13 <sup>th</sup> May	CANCELLED - PTFA Saturday morning table top sale – further information to follow
15 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> May	3 for 2 book fair
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 class assembly 9:15am
Date change due to class assembly-TBC	Parent Coffee Morning – Trauma Perceptive Practice
26 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 class assembly 9:15am
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 class assembly 9:15am
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 to St Martins to see Disney's Beauty and the Beast school production
15 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS class assembly 9:15am
15 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> June	One Plan meetings
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day Breakfast 8am – further information to follow
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Wear something yellow for Cystic Fibrosis awareness day
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Whole Class photos
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Year 6 Its Your Move
22 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	One Plan meetings
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 1 class assembly
23 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Coffee Morning 08:50am – Summer holidays & Brain drain
29 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> June	One Plan meetings
1 <sup>st</sup> July	PTA Summer Fayre
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Summer Safety Assembly provided by Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Last swimming lesson for years 1 and 4
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 and 6 show – further information to follow
14 <sup>th</sup> July	MAD Education – Military Action Day for Hawthorn Class
18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Afternoon
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Leavers assembly 9:15am
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of the school year

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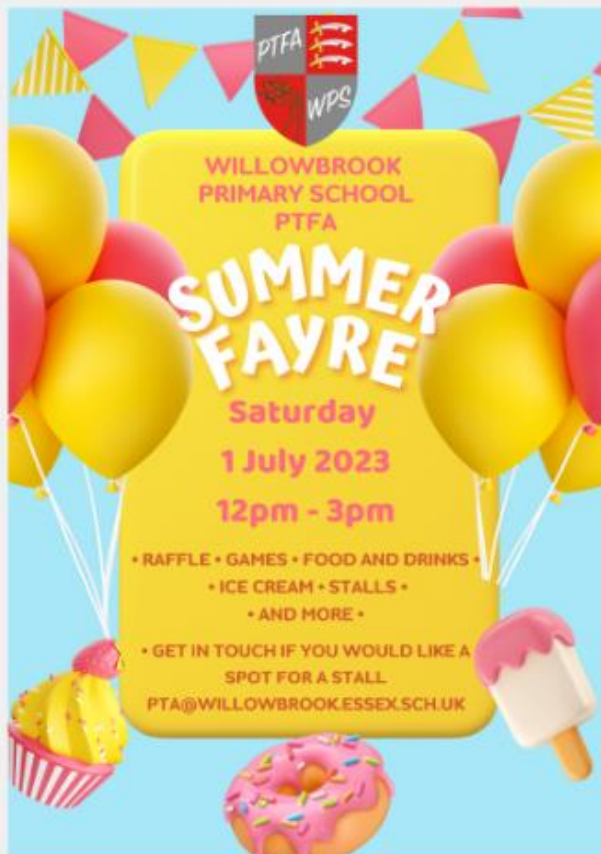
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1 July 2023  
12pm - 3pm

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- ICE CREAM • STALLS •
- AND MORE •

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