



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023



## Message from Mrs Branton

There was a fantastic atmosphere at the London Mini Marathon on Saturday and it was wonderful to be able to go along to watch and support the children. Getting to run on part of the iconic London Marathon route, crossing the world-famous finish line at the end of their one-mile event, with one child coming first and others achieving a place in top ten and also raising an amazing £500 for the school was all very exciting and a great time was had by all.

Two of our infant children, that were unable to take part in the London Mini Marathon with Mr Kemp showed great initiative in organising their own little mini marathon on Saturday, even down to providing refreshments to the class friends and siblings that joined them. Their pre-mini marathon training had put them in good stead for the one-mile run. Well-done to Lois and Richie for creating your own very successful event and raising an incredible £500 that you have very kindly donated to Willowbrook. A huge thank you for everyone's efforts in raising money for the school. We will keep you updated on how this money is spent.



A busy week of sport, with some of our year 1 boys and year 2 girls attending the Shenfield sports partnership football tournament on Monday. The children grew in confidence with each match played and put in a great performance, with one of the year 1 boys teams earning 3rd place overall. A group of children from year 5 attended a basketball tournament on Wednesday, displaying great skills and team work. Well done children we are super proud of you all!



Some of you may be aware that Benjamin recently held a Pokémon swap/sell stall. In doing this, Benjamin managed to raise £34.36 for school, a really great achievement, well done Benjamin. The PTA have ordered some new books from the funds that were raised.



Councillor McKinlay joined us in school on Wednesday to see how the funding for the development of the outdoor learning area provided by ECC Locality Fund Team had been spent. I'm sure you will agree from the pictures below it has been put to great use!



Have a lovely bank holiday weekend and I will see you all back in school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.  
Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.

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## Science in the News

Welcome to Summer Term! Watch this space because we will continue to share our fantastic Science work.

Find below what Whitebeam have learnt this week. Fantastic work, children! Well done!

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



Whitebeam class have dived straight into their new science topic 'Plants' with enthusiasm. They have looked at wild and garden plants and have become plant detectives, going on a plant hunt in our fantastic nature area. We also designed our own dream gardens, thinking about all the plants and features we would love to have.

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**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** Lunchtime street party for the children to celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III – dressing up day Kings, Queens, Princesses and Princes or children can wear the colours of the Union Jack flag – red, white and blue.

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May** Year 5 class assembly 9:15am

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## Our core value pupil

		<p>Well done to the core value pupil from Chestnut class who received this week's award for caring in the celebration assembly</p>
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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:*

*Arthur, Aden, Abdullah, Sidney, Harrison, Olly, Melody, Tommy, Freddie and May*



*Well done*

## Word of the week

*'Wonderful words of the week'*

### Key Stage 1

Beech - incubate  
Whitebeam - wild  
Chestnut - mass

### Key Stage 2

Pine - stem  
Oak – mummy  
Cherry - adhesive  
Hawthorn - polygon



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## 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 2	Monday BANK HOLIDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday CORONATION PARTY
Week commencing 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023					
Main Meal RED		BBQ Pulled Pork with a Wrap	Honey Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken & Vegetable Chow Mein	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich Sausage Roll & Crudities Sponge Cake
Main Vegetarian GREEN		Vegetable Fajita Wrap (Ve)	Ratatouille Pasta Bake (Ve)	Vegetable Pasanda with Rice	
Alternative YELLOW		Pasta with Tomato & Vegetable Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	
Accompaniments		Sweetcorn (Ve)	Pan Fried Leeks (Ve)	Broccoli (Ve)	
Cold Option		Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	Cheese, Tuna or Ham Sandwich	
Dessert		Flapjack (Ve)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Orange Shortbread Biscuit (Ve)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Apple Crumble (Ve) with Custard (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.

	SUMMER TERM 2023
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Lunchtime street party for the children to celebrate the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III – dressing up day Kings, Queens, Princesses and Princes or children can wear the colours of the Union Jack flag – red, white and blue. Further information to follow
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 class assembly 9:15am
8 <sup>th</sup> May	Additional bank holiday
9 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS Week
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
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
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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## Easy ways to support us



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Donate here:

[bit.ly/3LF8quY](https://bit.ly/3LF8quY)



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

Just £1 a week

WIN up to £25k

Please support our lottery

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

Supporters must be 18 years of age or older



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

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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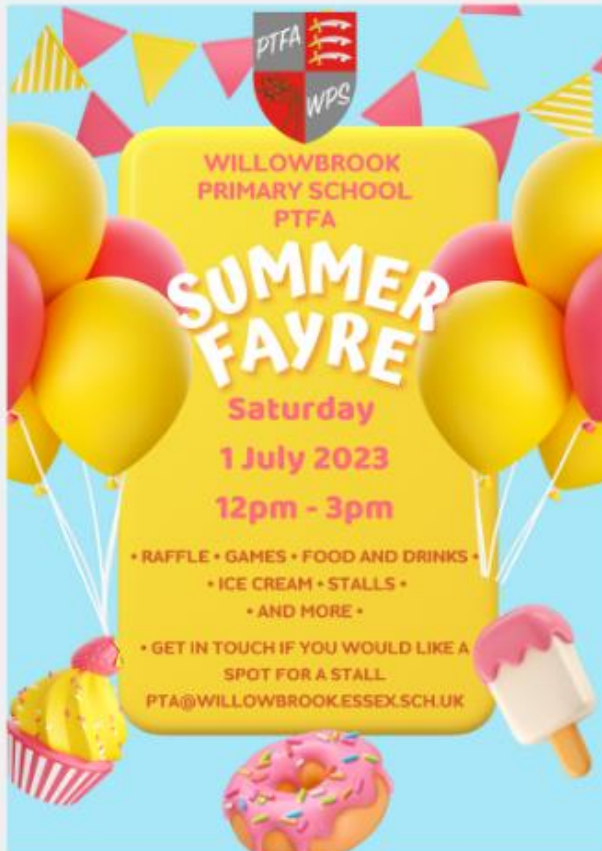
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Saturday  
1 July 2023  
12pm - 3pm

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

• GET IN TOUCH IF YOU WOULD LIKE A SPOT FOR A STALL  
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18 JULY 2023



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