

Message from Mrs Branton

It has been an incredibly busy spring term at Willowbrook with so much to be proud of and to celebrate. Today we celebrated all things Easter, with our Easter Egg Raffle, Easter Hat Parade and finally a visit from the Easter Bunny!

We had a wonderful turn out of Easter hats! The children have done a lot of creative hard work at home. Pipe cleaners, fluffy chicks, ornamental carrots, gallons of glue and oodles of imagination were used to create stunning hats for our annual Easter Hat Parade. All of the hats were amazing and completely unique. The children had lots of fun comparing their creations as they arrived at school and proudly paraded their hats in assembly. The staff have had a wonderful time looking at them all. Please see the school twitter feed for lots more photos.



Congratulations to our two cross country champions who took part in the Essex finals on Wednesday, with outstanding results for both girls. They competed against over 100 other pupils from across the county. What a fantastic achievement, well done girls we are all very proud of you!



Important information

From Monday 17th April there will be an increase to the cost of a school dinner to £2.25 per day for paying pupils.

The before/after school sports and activity clubs' letter for the summer term has been sent home with the children today and also emailed out to you. The booking system will go live on Tuesday 18th April, after the Easter break.

PE days for next term

class	Outdoor	Indoor
Beech	N/A	Monday and Wednesday
Whitebeam	Thursday	Swimming - Tuesday
Chestnut	Tuesday	Friday
Pine	Wednesday	Monday
Oak	Friday	Swimming - Tuesday
Cherry	Wednesday	Friday
Hawthorn	Friday	Wednesday

Have a lovely Easter break and I look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 17th April.

Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.



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Good Attendance Matters

Our school attendance target is 97%

Our current whole school attendance figure so far, this academic year is 96.01%

We aren't too far off of our target so let's make summer term attendance great.

You will find current whole class attendance figures below.

Class	Overall whole class attendance so far, this academic year
Beech	95.79%
Whitebeam	95.97%
Chestnut	96.15%
Pine	95.94%
Oak	95.28%
Cherry	96.77%
Hawthorn	95.84%

Unfortunately, none of our classes are at or exceeding the school attendance target at the moment, so let's make summer term attendance great and aim to reach this expectation.

The winning class for Spring term attendance is Cherry. The children will get to enjoy a special treat when we return to school after the Easter holidays. Well done Cherry class!



At Willowbrook, we aspire to fulfil the potential of all. Every day in school counts and it is vital that children attend every day that they can. This will enable them to benefit from all of the wonderful learning opportunities that their teachers have planned for them so that they do not miss out on vital learning and personal development opportunities. Absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil and their class. Children who do not attend regularly, do not achieve well in their classwork and assessments and find it difficult to maintain friendships. We monitor attendance on a regular basis and send letters to parents whose child's attendance is below 95%, their attendance is then monitored weekly for improvements.

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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

George, Harrison x 2, Richie, Charlotte, Noah, Quinn, Zoie, Ilie, Arthur, Archie, Betty, Leo, Olly, Melody x 2, Annabelle, Lizzie, Chester and James



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

deflate

Key Stage 2

etch



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Brave Easter Egg Hunt

We are holding a self-guided Easter Egg Hunt in Hutton as a fundraiser for Brave. This will run over the whole of the Easter holidays.

We would love for you to take part and help us raise lots of vital funds for Brave.

Each egg will be hidden around the local community with a clue next to it to find the next one. When signing up to take part, you will receive a 'Parent Pack' PDF via text with all clues, answers, a map and a printable sheet for child to take with them if they wish. Each child who completes the hunt will receive a small prize and certificate on their return back to school.

To take part, text Claire on 07590033503. A donation will need to be made to Brave (suggested is £2 a child) prior to the event.

Brave is a not for profit organisation who aim to support the mental health and well-being of parents who have children with complex medical needs.

To find out more about what we do see our website - www.braveparents.co.uk



The poster features the title 'Brave Easter Egg Hunt' in a teal cursive font, with 'Brave' having a heart over the 'v'. It is flanked by two clusters of colorful Easter eggs. The text is centered and reads: 'Are you looking for an activity in the local area over the Easter Holidays? Would you like to support a local cause whilst having fun? Why not take part in our self guided Easter Egg Hunt around Hutton. Each child who completes the hunt will receive a small prize and certificate'. At the bottom left, it says 'Please donate to Brave to take part Suggested donation £2 a child'. At the bottom center, it says 'hello EASTER' with a black bunny silhouette. At the bottom right, it says 'To take part text Claire on 07590033503'. The website 'www.braveparents.co.uk' is at the bottom center. The background is white with a basket of eggs and a bunny at the bottom.

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Chicken and Frog Bookshop

The Chicken and Frog Bookshop have two competitions running from now until the end of the Easter break. Both are free and are fun things for children to do, either independently, or with a parent.



Chicken and Frog Bookshop

30 Crown Street

Brentwood

Essex CM144BA

www.chickenandfrog.co.uk

01277 230068

Instagram: @thechickenandfrog

Twitter: @chickenandfrog

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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

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Parent Coffee Morning!



Friday 19th May 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!

Are you interested to learn how trauma can impact children? Would you like to know what we do to understand and support behaviour in school? Mrs Gardner will be dropping in to talk about Trauma Perceptive Practice- The Essex Approach

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. There will also be a chocolate tombola stall.

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





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Children's lunch menu


WK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday Earth Day	Friday
Week commencing 17 th April 2023					
Main Meal RED	Cumberland Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Beef Lasagne	Sticky Glazed Chicken	Tuscan Inspired Chicken & Bean Ragu with Pesto Spaghetti	Breaded Fish Fingers
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Vegan Sausages with Mashed Potato & Gravy (Ve)	Vegetable Chilli with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Margherita Pizza (V)	Sweet Potato & Lentil Samosa with Turmeric Spiced Rice (Ve)	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) or Cheese (V)	Pasta with Tomato & Lentil Sauce (Ve)
Accompaniments	Peas (Ve)	Steamed Carrots (Ve)	Spicy Potato Wedges (Ve) & Coleslaw (V)	Roasted Broccoli Florets (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)	Carrot & Sultana Cookie (Ve) 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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 Essex County Council
Special Educational Needs
and Disabilities (SEND)

SEND Roadshow

Are you the 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 through Health, Education and Social Care? Would you like to link up with other parents in your area?

If you do, please come along and see us at the Roadshow. There will be representatives from Essex Family Forum, SENDIASS, health, social care as well as representatives from the education teams, SEND Navigation Leads and local support groups. The roadshow is a drop-in event with no need to book.

In South it will be taking place on:

Wednesday 26th April from 9.30am to 3pm

Address: The Holiday Inn, Festival Leisure Park, Waterfront Walk, Basildon, SS14 3DG
Free parking all day

Throughout the day there will also be FREE parent/carer workshops. The workshops running are:

- Behaviour and communication in children with SEND with Tasha from Dream Box Education
- ADHD and coexisting conditions with Steve Challen from ADHD plus
- Planning for educational transitions with Hannah Knight from Essex SEND IASS
- Mindfulness with Relax Kids

Please go to the Essex Local Offer to find out more and book your place (link below).
Booking opens on February 20th.
Places are limited so please sign up



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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.

SPRING TERM 2023	
1 st April to 16 th April	Easter Holidays
17 th April	Back to school
SUMMER TERM 2023	
18 th April	Swimming starts for years 1 and 4 - 11 weeks last lesson 4/7/2023
5 th 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 – further information to follow
8 th May	Additional bank holiday
9 th , 10 th , 11 th and 12 th May	KS2 SATS Week
13 th May	PTFA Saturday morning table top sale – further information to follow
15 th 16 th 17 th May	3 for 2 book fair
19 th May	Parent Coffee Morning – Trauma Perceptive Practice
15 th and 16 th June	One Plan meetings
16 th June	Father's Day Breakfast 8am – further information to follow
16 th June	Wear something yellow for Cystic Fibrosis awareness day
21 st June	Whole Class photos
22 nd June	Year 6 Its Your Move
22 nd and 23 rd June	One Plan meetings
28 th June	Parent Coffee Morning – 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
13 th July	Year 5 and 6 show – further information to follow
14 th July	MAD Education – Military Action Day for Hawthorn Class
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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WILLOWBROOK
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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
SPOT FOR A STALL
PTA@WILLOWBROOK.ESSEX.SCH.UK

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