

## Message from Mrs Branton

I hope you all had a good half term and a restful break. Our school council and year 4 library assistants have been busy over the last few weeks designing a new reading area in the playground, so watch this space! On Wednesday, children that are part of local Rainbow, Brownie and Guide groups came into school wearing their uniform to support World Thinking Day.



Today, our KS2 children got to enjoy an assembly and exciting writing class workshops with Natasha from the Chicken and Frog bookshop, the workshops were all based around the story of Macbeth.



## Sporting news

We are very proud of the girls who played fantastic football in the quarter finals of the Whiskered Cup on Tuesday, it was a very close match narrowly losing 2-1 to Ingrave. Super team spirit and a never-ending determination was shown by all the girls, well done!



A group of children went along to a Tag Rugby event, organised by the Shenfield Sports Partnership. Many of the children had never experienced playing tag rugby before, they all did very well and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to one of our LSAs; Mrs Brown will be leaving us for pastures new. Please join me in thanking her for all of her support over the years and wish her every happiness and success in her new admin role within a local Secondary School.

Today marks one year since Russia's invasion of Ukraine began. As a school, we took a minute's silence to reflect on this during our collective thought in assembly. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those whose lives have been impacted by this conflict.

## Reminders

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, our infant children will get to enjoy a variety of 'Bedtime story activities'. Beech and Whitebeam class children are to come into school wearing pyjamas, as Chestnut class are swimming that morning, they will need to bring their pyjamas to change into.

We will be celebrating world book day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, children can come to school dressed as any book character of their choice. If you would like some simple ideas, please follow the links below:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>

<https://www.penguin.co.uk/puffin/world-book-day.html>

The PTA have a few items that maybe suitable for world book day costumes, they will leave a rail in the office next week if anyone wants to come and have a look.

Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.

## Science in the News

At Willowbrook Primary, we value pupils' voices and we think it is crucial to listen to their views, wishes and opinions. Therefore, I have created a team of scientists who represent their classes and will ensure that their peers' Science suggestions and recommendation are considered. Watch this space for future information.



"I want to be part of the team to make Science better."

(Harrison)

"I love experiments!" (Jacob)

## The Willowbrook Scientists

Here is what Cherry class found out this week in Science. Well done, children!



Cherry Class have been learning about the Moon and its different phases.

We discussed why the moon looks different at different times of the month, due to its orbit of Earth. We now know that the moon does not give off its own light and what we see is the sunlight reflected off of the surface of the moon.

We made models using the Sun, Moon, Earth and split pins to recreate the orbit of the Moon.

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



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**IMPORTANT  
REMINDER**

There is a free 2-session workshop running for key stage 2 parents starting next week, 'Understanding Anxiety' which will be in the school hall on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March. There are a few places still available on a first-come first-served basis. Please e-mail to book your place: [gillian.brotherwood@essex.gov.uk](mailto:gillian.brotherwood@essex.gov.uk) or use the link [ACL Essex FFL4A42Y22](https://www.acl.org.uk/essex/fll4a42y22)  
[Understanding Anxiety 4 Parents Willowbrook School B'wood](https://www.acl.org.uk/essex/fll4a42y22)

Workshop for KS2 parents  
To book please on the Understanding Anxiety course please email [gillian.brotherwood@essex.gov.uk](mailto:gillian.brotherwood@essex.gov.uk). There are a few places still available.

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## Understanding Anxiety

Thursday  
9th and 16th March 2023  
9:00-10:30am

Looking at the effects that anxiety has on children and exploring strategies to help us as parents/carers manage and support an anxious child.

FREE Sessions

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**Thank you so much for all the Easter Eggs that have been handed in so far, we would still like lots more if you are able to donate one!**



**Raffle tickets are now on sale**

**All monies raised from raffle ticket sales will go towards a whole school event**



Please donate an Easter egg or Easter chocolate for our Easter assembly from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January.

Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. They will be taken around to class for the children to purchase during the school day.

20p a ticket or £1 for a strip of 5 tickets, please send money in a named envelope.

All chocolate donations to be in by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Last date to purchase raffle tickets will also be Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you for your generosity and support.



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## Our core value pupil

 		<p>Well done to the core value pupil from Beech class who received this week's award for team work in the celebration assembly</p>
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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:  
Yvie, Zak, Chester and Chloe*



*Well done*


## Word of the week

<i>Wonderful words of the week'</i>	
<p><b><u>Key Stage 1</u></b> Whitebeam – habitat Chestnut - adventure</p>	
<p><b><u>Key Stage 2</u></b> Pine – summon Oak – fraction Cherry – intriguing Hawthorn - selection</p>	



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registered charity:  
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## WILLOWBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA


### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021/2022

Friday 3 March 2023  
10am - 12pm

Venue: St Peter's Church, Claughton Way, Hutton, CM13 1JS

Everyone is welcome to attend our  
AGM meeting.

Come along and find out what we have  
done in the past year and vote in your  
Committee members.



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

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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

## Children's lunch menu

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WK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday World Book Day	Friday
Week commencing 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2023					
Main Meal RED	Beef Burger in a Bun	BBQ Pulled Pork with a Wrap	Honey Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Macaroni & Cheese Bolognese Bake	Breaded Fish Fingers
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Vegetable Burger in a Bun (Ve)	Vegetable Fajita Wrap (Ve)	Ratatouille Pasta Bake (Ve)	Broccoli & Cheese Macaroni Bake (V)	Spiced Squash & Spinach Samosa (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Wholewheat Pasta with Arrabiatta Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) or Cheese (V)	Pasta with Cheese Sauce (V)
Accompaniments	Carrot Sticks (Ve)	Sweetcorn (Ve)	Pan Fried Leeks (Ve)	Sweetcorn (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	Lemon Drizzle Sponge (V)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Flapjack (Ve)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Orange Shortbread Biscuit (Ve)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate Brownie (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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# Parent Coffee Morning!



**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 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!

Does your child find it difficult to manage their emotions? Are they able to verbalise how they feel? Would you like to know what we do in school to support emotional wellbeing? Miss Cox will be dropping in to talk about our, 'Zones of Regulation.'

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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 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Places are limited so please sign up



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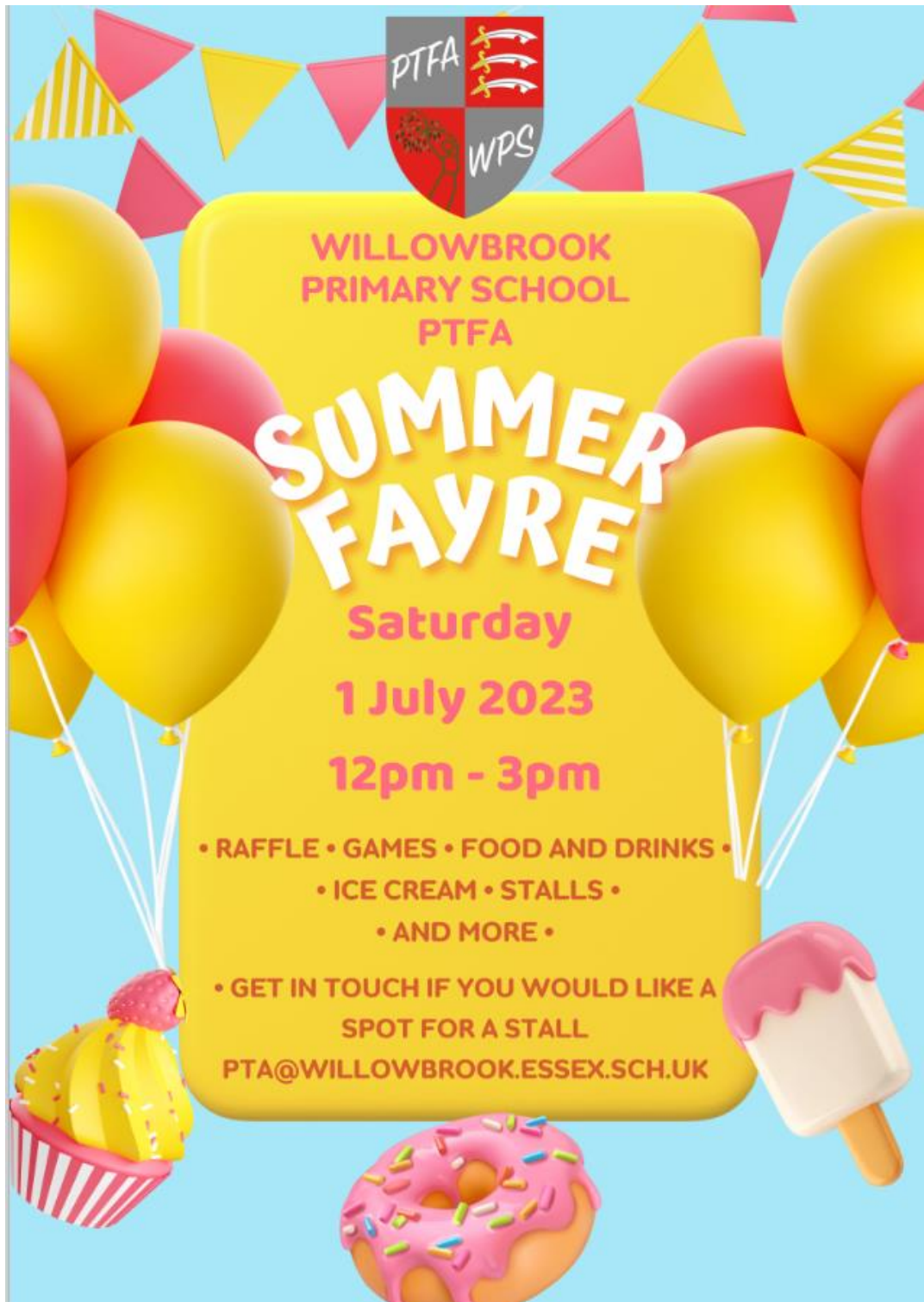
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Please note dates and times are subject to change, please check the weekly newsletter and the website for updates. Thank you.

SPRING TERM 2023	
28th February	Bedtime story activities EYFS and Whitebeam class children are to come into school wearing pyjamas – as Chestnut class are swimming they will need to bring their pyjamas to change into – a reminder will be sent nearer the time
2nd March	World book day – dress up as your favourite book character
2nd and 3rd March	One Plan Meetings
9 <sup>th</sup> March	9-10:30am Understanding Anxiety (KS2 parents) ACL course
9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> March	One Plan Meetings
10 <sup>th</sup> to 19 <sup>th</sup> March	British science week
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Young Carers Action Day – Theme for 2023 is Make Time for Young Carers
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Coffee Morning drop-in 08:50-10:00. Supporting children’s emotions.
16 <sup>th</sup> March	9-10:30am Understanding Anxiety (KS2 parents) ACL course
16 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 mums (Pine, Oak, Cherry and Hawthorn)– Mother’s Day tea and cake after school in the hall Further information to follow
16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> March	One Plan Meetings
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Mother’s Day assembly for Beech, Whitebeam and Chestnut class parents at 9:15am in the school hall
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 to St peters Church for the Love Easter lesson
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	EYFS class trip to Marsh Farm
27th March	The RockSteady concert at 2:15pm
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter hat and Easter egg assembly
1 <sup>st</sup> April to 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to school

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# SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday  
1 July 2023  
12pm - 3pm

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

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