



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022



## Message from Mrs Branton

We've got a really exciting term of learning ahead and it's great to be able to start planning class trips again bringing the children's topics to life. You should have all received the autumn term knowledge planners this week, I hope you will find them a useful starting point for you to do some research, support homework or just have a conversation with your child about what they are doing at school.

## School Admissions

### Secondary school places for September 2023

From 12 September 2022 you can apply online for your child's secondary school (year 7) place.

Read about the [secondary school \(year 7\)](#) place application process.

Applications received after the 31 October 2022 will be considered late and you may reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred school.

### Primary school places for September 2023

From 7 November 2022 you can apply online for your child's primary (reception) school place.

Read about the [primary \(reception\)](#) school place application process.

Applications received after the 15 January 2023 are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred school.

## Archery



On Wednesday, two teams of children from year 4 and 5 went along to represent Willowbrook at an Archery competition run by the Shenfield Sporting Partnership. The children all thoroughly enjoyed the event and showed great focus. Well done to all the children that took part. I'm very pleased to share the team from Year 4 were gold medal winners!



## Clubs

The before and after school sports and activity club booking went live on Tuesday. I hope you were able to book your child onto a club of their choice. From the parent feedback we have received, the on-line booking system seemed to go well and releasing the clubs in 10-minute slots eased the initial rush for everyone trying to access the system at once. There are still a few places left on some of the clubs if you would like to make any further bookings.

## Harvest Appeal

Thank you for all your very kind donations. We have had a fantastic response to our Harvest Appeal so far and have a great display going on in the school office. We will be collecting items up until the Pine class Harvest assembly on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, after which time your donations will be passed onto the local food banks. Thank you for your continued support.

## Requests for Leave of absence from school during term time

Please may I take this opportunity to remind you that the current law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child out of school during term time. The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 prohibits Head Teachers granting leave of absence to a pupil except where an application has been made in advance and the Head Teacher considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application. If you do take your child out of school and the absence has not been authorised, the Local Authority may issue a penalty notice to each parent of £60 for each child to be paid within 21 days. If the penalty is not paid within the time scale, the penalty will increase to £120. If the higher penalty is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority will then institute legal proceedings against you in the magistrate's court under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996 for failing to ensure your child attends school regularly. Your children all have amazing futures ahead of them, they just need to be in school!

Just a reminder that Schools across the country will shut on Monday, September 19 for the funeral of the Queen. If you feel you need any support on talking to your child about the death of the Queen and her funeral, you may find the following website links useful <https://www.winstonswish.org/talk-to-children-about-death-of-queen/> <https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/blogs/2022/talking-to-kids-about-the-queens-death> and of course we are also always available if you feel your child needs any extra support or reassurance, at what could be an unsettling and confusing time for them.

I look forward to seeing you all in school on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.



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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:*

*Coral and Elizabeth*



*Well done*

## Word of the week

*'Wonderful words of the week'*

### Key Stage 1

Whitebeam - material

Chestnut - hygiene

### Key Stage 2

Pine - source

Oak – raid

Cherry – venomous

Hawthorn – reform



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## Children's lunch menu

WK 1	Monday BANK HOLIDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2022					
Main Meal RED		Mild Chicken & Vegetable Curry with Steamed Rice	Honey Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Bolognese with Spaghetti	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips
Main Vegetarian GREEN		Thai Vegetable Green Curry with Steamed Rice	BBQ Roast Sweet Potato & Bean Loaf with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Homemade Vegan Burger in a Bun	Vegetable Burrito Wrap
Alternative YELLOW		Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Wholegrain Pasta with Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Pasta with Tomato Sauce
Accompaniments		Cauliflower & Green Beans	Seasonal Greens & Carrots	Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Peas & Baked Beans
Cold Option		Cheese or Ham Sandwich	Cheese or Ham Sandwich	Cheese or Ham Sandwich	Cheese or Ham Sandwich
Dessert		Ice Cream  Fresh Fruit	Apple & Oaty Topped Crumble with Custard  Fresh Fruit	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie  Fresh Fruit	Maryland Cookie  Fresh Fruit
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.

	AUTUMN TERM 2022
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 SATs information meeting via zoom
23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Pine Harvest Class Assembly 9:15am
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual and sibling photos
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Parent Macmillan Coffee morning
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 group 1 Bike ability
5 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 and 2 class trip to Mountfitchet Castle & Museum – children to arrive at school at 8:20am
5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 group 2 Bike ability
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Steve Clifford author for EYFS and Year 1 2 and 3
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Steve Clifford author for Years 4 5 6
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Prospective Parent Tour 6pm till 7pm
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Hawthorn Class Assembly 9:15am
17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parents evening will take place during this week – dates and times to be confirmed
17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Book Fair will run alongside parents' evenings – dates and times to be confirmed
20 <sup>th</sup> October	Pine class trip to London – children to arrive at school at 7:45am
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Chestnut Class Assembly 9:15am
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Halloween and Firework Safety assembly provided by Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
31 <sup>st</sup> October to 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 residential trip
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Whitebeam Class Assembly 9:15am
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Prospective Parent Tour 10am till 11am Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm
10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> November	One Plan meetings
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Beech Class Assembly 9:15am
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day - All you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week!
14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 parent meeting via zoom- residential in year 6
16 <sup>th</sup> November	EYFS Road safety Presentation
16 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Road safety Presentation and Road safety walk
17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> November	One Plan meetings
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Oak Class assembly 9:15am
18 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole school flu immunisation
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parent Coffee Morning- Healthy Schools project 8:50am until 10am
24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> November	One Plan meetings
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Cherry Class Assembly 9:15am
29 <sup>th</sup> November	Last Swimming lesson for years 3 and 5

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1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas House Day
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Prospective Parent Tour 9:30am till 10:30am Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 5 & 6 KS2 Christmas show 2:15pm
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr 3 & 4 KS2 Christmas show 2:15pm
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Prospective Parent Tour 9.30am till 10:30am Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Infant Nativity
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school Panto Trip
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Children's Christmas Fayre
19 <sup>th</sup> December	RockSteady Concert
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term

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## Guitar Recital by Tom Hodgkinson, Essex Young Musician of the Year, 2022

**Saturday 1st October 2022**

**5.30-6.30pm**

**Shenfield Library (Temporary Site)**

**Behind Bishop's Hill Adult Learning Centre, Poplar Drive, Hutton, CM13 1BD**

We are delighted to invite you to our inaugural event, a classical guitar recital by Tom Hodgkinson, the Essex Young Musician Of The Year 2022.

Tom will play a selection of classical guitar music including Bach, Ravel, Debussy, Poulenc and others. This recital is in aid of the Friends of Shenfield Library. We are an independent community group which offers practical support to Shenfield Library by promoting the Library Service in Shenfield and Hutton and the use of the library as a community hub.

**Admission is free**, but a voluntary (cash) donation of £5.00 per ticket is welcomed to support our work in promoting the valuable services that Shenfield Library offers the local community. Please click on this link to register your interest:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/guitar-recital-at-shenfield-library-tickets-410733584207?aff=eand>

Hope to see you on 1st October

Friends of Shenfield Library