

Message from Mrs Branton



It is with great sadness that we learn about the death of her majesty Queen Elizabeth II. During her seventy-year reign, she offered a consistency that is irreplaceable. An extraordinary life lived in dedication to the crown and country. Her presence will be deeply missed. The Queen's dedication was an inspiration to children and adults alike. Through her unswerving sense of duty, she set an extraordinary example to us all.

Staff have, where appropriate, spoken with the children this morning in class using an educational PowerPoint 'Picture News' in order to support addressing this sad news with the children and answering any questions that may be asked. Our thoughts and condolences are with the Royal Family at this time. May Her Majesty rest in peace.

As this is the first newsletter of this autumn term, I do hope you all had a wonderful summer and are now ready to settle back into the new academic year. The children have come back to school this week with a renewed energy and readiness for learning, and it has been so lovely to see them all again and to catch up with their summer news. We have also welcomed our new reception children and their families to Willowbrook this term. I know that you will find Willowbrook to be a very caring and friendly school. We are always available to support both yourselves and your children.

Please can I ask you to check your school money accounts and clear any arrears from the last academic year. Also, just a reminder that the cost of a daily school dinner has increased to £2.15. As Pine class are now in the juniors, your entitlement to universal infant free school meals has ended. If you think you qualify for free school meals, please apply online via <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

School Admissions

<u>Secondary school places for September 2023</u>	<u>Primary school places for September 2023</u>
From 12 September 2022 you can apply online for your child's secondary school (year 7) place.	From 7 November 2022 you can apply online for your child's primary (reception) school place.
Read about the secondary school (year 7) place application process.	Read about the primary (reception) school 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.	Applications received after the 15 January 2023 are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred school.

Harvest Festival Appeal – supporting the local food banks

Once again, we would like to be able to offer our support to the local food banks, with a Harvest Festival Appeal. Each year at this time, with your generosity, the food banks are able to replenish their greatly depleted stock; offering a great foundation for their work throughout the year. Requests for help are at unprecedented levels and showing no sign of easing any time soon. Please help us show our support by donating any of the following items over the next two weeks: -- tinned/canned food (vegetables, fruit, meat, fish) - spreads (jam, honey etc.) - long-life milk, juice and drinks - dried pasta – rice - cooking sauces – condiments - tea and coffee – cereal – toiletries, thank you for your support.

Nut Free School

Please can I remind you that we are a nut free school and our aim is to protect children who have severe allergies to nuts. We do not allow nuts or nut products in school lunch boxes. We would ask for your support by not sending any of the following items into school:

- Packs of nuts
- Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seed rolls (children allergic to nuts may also have a severe reaction to sesame)
- Cakes made with nuts
- Any home cooked meals for packed lunches that are made from nuts

The before/after school sports and activity clubs' letter will be sent out on Monday and the booking system will go live on Tuesday. The Autumn term knowledge planners will be with you by the early part of next week. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th September 2022



Children's lunch menu

WK 3	Monday	Tuesday Roald Dahl Day	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 12 th September 2022					
Main Meal RED	Cottage Pie topped with Sliced Sweet Potato	Spaghetti with Bolognese Sauce	Thyme Roast Chicken Breast with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Beef Burger in a Bun	Fish Fingers with Oven Baked Chips
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Macaroni & Cheese	Broccoli Alfresco Pasta	Roast Ratatouille with Crumble	Vegan Bolognese with Spaghetti	BBQ Vegetable Quesadilla
Alternative YELLOW	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Jacket Potato with Beans or Cheese	Wholegrain Pasta with Cheese Sauce	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Pasta with Tomato Sauce
Accompaniments	Peas & Carrots	Shredded Cucumber Salad & Carrot Batons	Seasonal Greens & Mashed Swede	Sweetcorn & Coleslaw	Baked Beans & Peas
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	Sticky Banana Bread Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Brownie & Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit	Mandarin Jelly Fresh Fruit	Jammy Bread & Butter Pudding with Custard Fresh Fruit	Chocolate Mousse 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 updates. Thank you.

AUTUMN TERM 2022	
13 th September	Swimming starts for years 3 and 5 for 11 weeks last lesson 29/11/2022
19 th September	Year 6 SATs information meeting via zoom
23 rd September	Pine Harvest Class Assembly 9:15am
28 th September	Individual and sibling photos
30 th September	Parent Macmillan Coffee morning
3 rd and 4 th October	Year 6 group 1 Bike ability
5 th October	Year 1 and 2 class trip to Mountfitchet Castle & Museum
5 th and 6 th October	Year 6 group 2 Bike ability
6 th October	Steve Clifford author for EYFS and Year 1 2 and 3
7 th October	Steve Clifford author for Years 4 5 6
14 th October	Hawthorn Class Assembly 9:15am
17 th to 21 st October	Parents evening will take place during this week – dates and times to be confirmed
17 th to 21 st October	Book Fair will run alongside parents' evenings – dates and times to be confirmed
21 st October	Chestnut Class Assembly 9:15am
21 st October	Halloween and Firework Safety assembly provided by Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
31 st October to 4 th November	Year 6 residential trip
4 th November	Whitebeam Class Assembly 9:15am
10 th and 11 th November	One Plan meetings
11 th November	Beech Class Assembly 9:15am
14 th 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 th November	Year 5 parent meeting via zoom- residential in year 6
16 th November	Year 5 Road safety Presentation and Road safety walk
17 th and 18 th November	One Plan meetings
18 th November	Oak Class assembly 9:15am
18 th November	Whole school flu immunisation
23 rd November	Parent Coffee Morning- Healthy Schools project 8:50am until 10am
24 th and 25 th November	One Plan meetings
25 th November	Cherry Class Assembly 9:15am
29 th November	Last Swimming lesson for years 3 and 5
1 st December	Christmas House Day
5 th December	Yr 5 & 6 KS2 Christmas show 2:15pm
6 th December	Yr 3 & 4 KS2 Christmas show 2:15pm
13 th December	KS1 Infant Nativity
14 th December	Whole school Panto Trip
16 th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
19 th December	Children's Christmas Fayre
19 th December	RockSteady Concert
20 th December	Last day of term

Our Core Values: **INDEPENDENCE** - HAPPINESS – **TEAM WORK** - CARING - **RESPECT** – HONESTY

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