



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024



## **Message from Mrs Branton**

I hope you have all had a fantastic summer and are now ready to settle back into the new academic year. The start of a new school year is an exciting time. 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.

Your child's 'Autumn Term Class Knowledge Planner' will be with you early next week, they will be shared with you via email. The knowledge planners are a great way for us to pass on what the children will be learning about, 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.

## **Cake donations for our MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September**

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September we are hosting our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Our infant classes will entertain you with some fantastic singing. To help us raise as much money as possible we are asking you, our wonderful parents and carers, for donations of cakes! Donations of sealed shop bought cakes including vegan/plant based/gluten free cakes can be dropped off from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September onwards and for freshly baked cakes from the Thursday please. Please note that we cannot accept any cakes containing nuts, and as a precautionary measure for allergen safety, we kindly request that anyone donating homemade cakes provide a list of the ingredients used in their baking.

## **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 few 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 or 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

All the classes across the school Tweet regularly to share the lovely activities taking place in school each week. If you would like to access the school twitter site, please send a follow request to @Willowbrk and then email the school office at [admin@willowbrook.esex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@willowbrook.esex.sch.uk) with your user name so that we can then identify you and approve your request as it is a protected site.

Please can I ask you to check your school money accounts and clear any arrears from the last academic year. As Whitebeam 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> and notify the office that you have done so.

The before/after school sports and activity clubs' letter has been sent today and the booking system will go live on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Before and after school sports/activity clubs for our new reception class children will start in the Spring term. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher

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## School Admissions

<u>Secondary school places for September 2025</u>	<u>Primary school places for September 2025</u>
<p>From 12<sup>th</sup> September 2024 you can apply online for your child's secondary school (year 7) place.</p> <p>Read about the <a href="#">secondary (year 7)</a> school place application process.</p> <p>Applications received after the 31 October 2024 are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred schools</p>	<p>From 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 you can apply online for your child's primary (reception) school place.</p> <p>Read about the <a href="#">primary (Reception)</a> school place application process.</p> <p>Applications received after the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred schools.</p>

## PE Kits

We will be continuing with the children coming into school wearing their PE kits on their allocated PE days. Your child's allocated PE days were emailed out earlier this week. Our new reception children who will start PE when they are in school full time from the 16<sup>th</sup> September.

Class	Outdoor	Indoor
Holly	N/A	Monday & Thursday
Elm	Monday	Wednesday
Beech	Monday	Wednesday
Whitebeam	Friday	Swimming-Tuesday
Chestnut	Friday	Swimming-Tuesday
Pine	Tuesday	Friday
Oak	Tuesday	Friday



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## Childrens Lunch Menu

WK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 9 <sup>th</sup> September 2024					
Main Meal RED	Pork Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta	Honey Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Macaroni & Cheese Bolognese Bake	Breaded Fish Fingers with Chips & Ketchup
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Vegan Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy (Ve)	Vegan Tomato & Mixed Bean Sauce with Fusilli (Ve)	Sweet Chilli Stir Fry Mushroom & Vegetable Noodles	Vegan Layered Vegetable & Sweet Potato Bake (Ve)	Vegan Fajita Wrap with Chips & Ketchup (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Pasta & Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Whole wheat Pasta & Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve) or Salmon Mayonnaise	Pasta with Tomato Sauce (Ve)
Accompaniments	Sweetcorn & Baked Beans (Ve)	Carrots & Broccoli (Ve)	Seasonal Greens & Peas (Ve)	Carrots & Sweetcorn (Ve)	Peas & Baked Beans (Ve)
Cold Option	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich or Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich or Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich or Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich or Tuna Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich or Tuna Sandwich
Dessert	Chocolate Rice Krispie Cake (Ve)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Mandarin Jelly (Ve)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Vanilla Ice Cream (V)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Apple & Carrot Flapjack (Ve)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Lemon Drizzle Sponge (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.

	AUTUMN TERM 2024
10 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Swimming starts for Whitebeam and Chestnut (11 weeks)
10 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Whole school parent meeting- School Development Plan 6-7pm
17 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Lessons begin for those children that have signed up to Essex Music Services for Piano and Recorder lessons (10 lessons)
20 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Parent Macmillan Coffee morning- Holly, Elm & Beech to perform
24 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Year 6 SATs information meeting via TEAMS 4:45pm
25 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Individual and sibling photos
27 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Sponsored Run- More information to follow
1st October to 31st October 2024	Black History Month
3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024	Prospective Parent Tour 6 till 7pm
4 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Whitebeam Harvest Class Assembly at 09:05am
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Year 6 Bikeability course Group 1
7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Year 6 Bikeability course Group 2
7 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Holly Class phonics and reading workshop at 09:00am
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	World Inclusion Day - It is a day dedicated to ensuring that individuals of various abilities, backgrounds, ages, races, religions, genders, and other characteristics are accepted, welcomed, and treated fairly. Wear non-uniform and we will have collection buckets at the main playground gates for anyone wanting to make a voluntary donation for the charity SNAP
15 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Year 6 Cyber Safety Assembly provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
15 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Rotation of class visits to St Peter's Church- Core Value Day: Happiness
17 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Prospective Parent Tour 10am till 11am
21 <sup>st</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Parents evening will take place during this week – dates and times to follow
21 <sup>st</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Book Fair will run alongside parents' evenings – dates and times to be follow
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024	Whole School Firework and Halloween Safety assembly provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
4 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 residential trip
7 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm
8 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Elm Class Assembly 09:05am
8 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Author Visit for EYFS & KS1
12 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Year 6 Respect Assembly provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
12 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	One Plan meetings Elm & Oak
11 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Anti-Bullying Week
13 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	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!

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13 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	One Plan meetings Chestnut
13 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Pine Class year 6 residential parent meeting via TEAMS 4:45pm
14 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	One Plan meetings Holly & Whitebeam
15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	BBC Children in need day – wear non-uniform with a Pudsey twist (ie spotty socks/hairband) collection buckets will be at the school gates for anyone wanting to make a voluntary donation
15 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Holly Class Assembly 09:05am
18 <sup>th</sup> to 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2024	National Road Safety week
19 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	One Plan meetings Pine & Oak
20 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Whole school flu immunisation
20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	One Plan meetings Beech
21 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	Prospective Parent Tour 10am till 11am
22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2024	Chestnut Fabulous Finish
26 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Last swimming lesson for Whitebeam and Chestnut
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Parent Coffee Morning- Meet the PTFA and Governors. Performances from the school choir and Oak Class
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Pine Fabulous Finish 2-3pm
29 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Christmas House Morning
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024	Whole school Panto Trip
4 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Year 5 & 6 Show at 2:15pm
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Year 3 & 4 Show at 2:15 pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	EYFS & KS1 Nativity at 9:20am and 2pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Whitebeam class visiting Hutton View 1:30pm
16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	RockSteady Concert at 2:20pm
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Children’s Christmas Bazaar
20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day Last day of term

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## Multiply Maths

for parents of children 0 to 5 years

**Want to support your child with their maths schoolwork and increase your confidence in maths?**

Join us for lots of tips, activity ideas and demonstrations in a fun and informal environment. Takeaway pack includes playdough, paint and a maths book.



**Claim a £10 celebration voucher on completion of the course!**

**Willowbrook Primary School,  
Rosen Crescent, Hutton, CM13 2TU**

The course consists of two face-to-face sessions:  
12th September - 9.45am to 11.45am  
19th September - 8.45am to 10.45am



**Book your FREE place today! [Click here](#) to book online**  
Contact the school office or email: [info@tiegr.org](mailto:info@tiegr.org)

 Essex County Council  **MULTIPLY**



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# hello

We are so pleased to see everyone back at school and a big welcome to the new families that have joined this week.

As a parent/carer you are automatically a valued part of the school's PTFA; and as a PTFA we welcome support from outside your immediate family too! It takes a village right?

We are a committee of 6 and are all trustees but we still rely on volunteers to help with fundraising and coming up with ideas. Volunteering comes in many forms, the bits that happen in person but also in the form of support from your workplaces and networks. Sponsorship for items or even match funding is greatly appreciated. It all helps to keep us funding the school with resources, trips and general fun educational stuff!

If you are even a little bit curious about what we do and how you can help, drop us a message on whatsapp on 07928 121 350 or by email.



## WILLOWBROOK PTFA

### MEET YOUR COMMITTEE



**KIM GRIFFIN**  
CHAIR  
PARENT IN  
CHESTNUT AND BEECH



**JO BROWN**  
CO-CHAIR  
PARENT IN  
CHESTNUT AND BEECH



**KIT CHENG-UNG**  
SECRETARY  
PARENT IN PINE



**EMMA BRADLEY**  
TREASURER  
PARENT IN  
PINE AND CHERRY

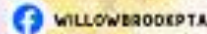


**JENNY COX**  
CO-TREASURER  
PARENT IN BEECH



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Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their ‘Cashpot for Schools’ initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our PTA. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

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## Willowbrook Primary School



### PTFA

Registered Charity: 1046576



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## Easy ways to support us



We are registered with Give a Little to accept online donations direct to our charity account.

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



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Raise **FREE** donations for Willowbrook Primary School PTA when you shop 6,000+ stores online using Give as you Live Online!  
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**A Willowbrook winner every Saturday!**  
Sign up and set up a direct debit for our weekly lottery and you will be in with the chance to win some cash!  
Some of our Willowbrook supporters have won over 5 times!



- 1 JOIN OUR LOTTERY** 
- 2 BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS** 
- 3 WIN CASH PRIZES** 

**It's As Easy As** 

- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Willowbrook School supporter cash prize every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot



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[yourschoollottery.co.uk](https://yourschoollottery.co.uk)  
and search for: Willowbrook Primary

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older



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## WILLOWBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

### PRE-LOVED UNIFORM AVAILABLE FROM THE PTFA AND SCHOOL OFFICE

All items donated to the PTFA are thoroughly checked and washed.

We don't have prices for any items, we are happy to provide uniform to save families money and reduce clothing waste.

If you do however wish to make a cash donation to our PTFA charity, it is always appreciated.



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