



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024



## Message from Mrs Branton

What a fantastic turnout for our Macmillan Coffee Morning! We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to the amazing PTFA ladies and dedicated parent volunteers for their invaluable help this morning. A huge thank you also goes out to everyone who contributed such delicious cake donations! We were truly fortunate to enjoy our coffee and cake while being treated to some wonderful singing from the children in Holly, Elm, and Beech classes. Once all the donations have been counted, I'll update you on the total amount raised for this worthy cause. Thanks again for your incredible support!

This week, we were delighted to welcome Holly class children to school full-time. They had a productive week as they came together as a class and enjoyed their P.E lesson, where they engaged in a range of activities.

Tuesday was the start of the football competitions. Our year 5 boys attended a tournament run by Shenfield Sports Partnership. The boys demonstrated great teamwork and resilience- well done! They played exceptionally well as a team and we're all incredibly proud of their performance!



On Wednesday, Year 3, 4 and 6 pupils enjoyed an exciting archery activity. In the morning, the Year 3&4 team placed 3rd, with one girl earning an individual 3rd place. In the afternoon, the Year 6 competition was very close, the team secured silver, with two girls winning gold and silver individually. It was a fantastic day of fun, learning and teamwork. We're very proud of all the children!



This week, Whitebeam Class had a special visitor, Reverend Lisa, to speak to the children about the Harvest Festival. They learned about the Daily Bread Cafe and how Christians pray for food. Reverend Lisa also explained how the church works with Fareshare UK to collect food that is not sold in supermarkets to give out to people for free. Then the food that is not taken is then given to Hopefield animal sanctuary. During our afternoon with Reverend Lisa, the children also tasted a range of fruit and vegetables such as celery, peppers and apples.



I'd like to remind everyone that the school photographers, Carmel Jane, will be visiting next Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, during school hours to capture individual school photos of the children. They will also be taking sibling photos for those children who have brothers and sisters in school. All children must come into school wearing full school uniform. If your child's class has PE on Wednesday, please send their PE kit in with them, in a bag. For those children attending the Wednesday morning athletics club, please ensure your child brings full school uniform in with them to change into. **For any of you that have pre-school children that would like a sibling photograph, the photographers will be available on this day from 8am until 8:40am in the school hall.**

All Parents are requested to pre-register to enable access to your child's photographs. Pre-registration is required for every photo shoot. Registration only takes a minute. Please visit [www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk](http://www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk) and enter the following code: **JR226J6**. You will then be asked to pre-register with your child's full school register name. Once registered, as soon as the photos are available you will receive an automatic email notification to inform you that your child's photos are now ready to be viewed and can be purchased. Don't miss out pre-register today!

Homework on db primary will be starting next week Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September and new TTRS logins will be issued to any Key Stage 2 children who have mislaid them.

**Don't forget to try and get as many sponsors for the Willowbrook Run4Fun event next Friday.**

Have a wonderful weekend. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.

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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:*

*EYFS & KS1 for their performance at the Macmillan Coffee Morning*



*Well done*

## Word of the week

*'Wonderful words of the week'*

### Key Stage 1

Elm – Chronological

Beech - gently

### Key Stage 2

Whitebeam - opulent

Chestnut - meaningful

Pine - research

Oak - torrent

## Core value pupil

		<p>Well done to the core value pupil from Pine class who received this week's award for happiness in the celebration assembly</p>
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We deeply appreciate the donations received thus far for our Harvest Festival Appeal. Your generosity will make a significant difference to our local food banks by replenishing their critically low supplies. Thank you very much.



**We are still collecting donations up until the 'Whitebeam Class Harvest Assembly' on the 4<sup>th</sup> October.** Please help us by donating any of the following items: - 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.

**Brentwood foodbank**  
 Brentwood Foodbank  
 Doddinghurst Road Community Church  
[www.brentwood.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.brentwood.foodbank.org.uk)

**HARVEST APPEAL**

**HELP LOCAL PEOPLE FACING HARDSHIP**

<b>Tinned Veg &amp; Potatoes</b>	<b>Tinned Fish</b>
<b>Tinned Meat</b>	<b>Tinned Fruit</b>
<b>Jam / Marmalade</b>	<b>Biscuits</b>
<b>Tinned Spaghetti</b>	<b>Bags of Rice</b>
<b>Jars of Pasta Sauce</b>	<b>Savoury Rice</b>
<b>Tinned Tomatoes</b>	<b>Tinned Soup</b>
<b>Tinned Rice Pudding</b>	<b>Tinned Custard</b>

**Tea Bags / Jars of Coffee / Sugar**  
**Longlife Milk / Squash**

**Donations of any of these items would be greatly appreciated**

**We also welcome donations of cleaning products and toiletries**

Brentwood Foodbank facilitated by Doddinghurst Road Community Church  
 Registered Charity Number 1171227

the trussell trust

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**Twitter** 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.

## School Admissions

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

## 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 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024					
Main Meal RED	Beef Bolognaise with Spaghetti	Ham & Cheese Pizza with Baked Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Creamy Chicken & Vegetable Pesto Pasta Bake	Breaded Fish Fingers with Chips & Ketchup
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Vegan Bolognaise with Spaghetti (Ve)	Margherita Pizza with Baked Wedges (V)	Squash & Lentil Lasagne (V)	Vegan Bean Chilli with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Vegan Goujons with Chips & Ketchup (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Pasta & Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Pasta with Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)
Accompaniments	Peas & Broccoli (Ve)	Carrots & Sweetcorn (Ve)	Seasonal Greens & Cauliflower (Ve)	Broccoli & Carrots (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	Maryland Cookie (Ve)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Apple Crumble (Ve) with Custard (V)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Cherry Cornflake Cake (Ve)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate & Pear Sponge (V)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Banana Flapjack (Ve)  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
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!
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

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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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Registered charity  
1046576

# 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

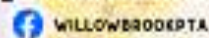


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Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through 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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### PTFA

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@willowbrookpta

## 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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## Give as you Live Online

Raise **FREE** donations for Willowbrook Primary School PTA when you shop 6,000+ stores online using Give as you Live Online!  
<https://bit.ly/3PS4IEy>



Generate **FREE** donations for us when you shop your favourite retailers 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



scan me!

To start supporting, visit:  
[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.

 Whatsapp: 07928 121 250  
email: [pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk)

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