



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 27th September 2024



Message from Mrs Branton

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you again to the PTFA for their support in helping us raise money for this wonderful cause. As a school we raised an amazing £352.40! We look forward to seeing you all at our next coffee morning on Thursday 28th November where you will have a chance to meet the PTFA and governors as well as listen to our choir sing and watch a performance from Oak Class.

School Census Day

School Census Day is on Thursday 3rd October and our catering company Pabulum will be offering a special 'Favourites Day' menu for the children. This a great opportunity for your child to try a school dinner. Don't forget that all children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 are eligible for Universal Infant Free School Meals. Why not take advantage of this opportunity and enjoy a complimentary meal on Thursday, October 3rd!

It's been a busy week of sports events:

Panathlon Swim Event

Some of our Ks2 children attended a Panathlon swim event. The children had a fantastic time competing in races and challenges in the water. They loved the experience and our team came away with the bronze medal 🏆



Football tournaments

Tuesday was all about football! Two year 3 teams played in the morning. They showed great skills; improved with each match played; and most importantly had fun.

In the afternoon, our year 5&6 team played in their first tournament together. They grew in confidence and showed great resilience throughout the competition. Well done boys!

On Wednesday, some of our year 1 children experienced their first sporting event. It was a great morning of football which developed the children's skills and confidence with lots of smiles.

On Thursday, our girls played their first football match. The team played well and battled against a strong St Mary's side. Lots of goals but unfortunately ending in a narrow loss 5-3. Well done girls, a great 1st performance. Also, a huge thankyou to Starling Bank for our new kit.



Enjoy the weekend. Mrs C Branton

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Science in the News

We are very happy to be back with pictures and news from our amazing Science lessons at Willowbrook Primary School. As before, every week, you will find here information about how we celebrate Science; what skills we learn to use when answering scientific enquiries; and how we respond to our scientific challenges.

Find below what Beech and Chestnut class learnt in Science this week. Well done, everyone!

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



Chestnut have started to learn about States of matter. Over the past two weeks, they have observed that materials change state in various situations and conducted fair tests to find out more about the melting and freezing process. The children recorded the results in tables, interpreted them and talked about what they would change next time. Well done!



Beech class have been creating investigations to find out which materials are the best at mopping up water.

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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:
Ruby-Winter & Chloë*



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Elm – adjective

Beech - firmly

Key Stage 2

Whitebeam - metropolis

Chestnut - Palaeolithic

Pine - biodiversity

Oak - characteristic

Core value pupil

 <p>Willowbrook Primary School Each Working For All</p> <p>Happiness Independence Respect Teamwork Caring Honesty</p>		<p>Well done to the core value pupil from Chestnut class who received this week's award for happiness in the celebration assembly</p>
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Supporting girls football



We're excited to announce that we're now a Kick On team – thanks to @StarlingBank!

The PTFA were successful in a Starling Bank ballot and received all the goodies below for our girls football training:

- 14 sets of football shirts and shorts
- Goalie outfit
- Adult coach top and trousers
- Training footballs
- 1x match football
- football socks
- Kit bag
- Training marker cones
- Training bibs
- Storage bag



We'd like to send a special thanks to our fellow parent and famed Summer Fayre DJ **Chris** and his company Zest Product Solutions for sponsoring the school logo printing on the Starling kit.

Zest produce some amazing branded items which you may even have seen in the shops!

If you need any bespoke branding done for your business, do check them out here: www.z-ps.com



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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 4th 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**
Doddinghurst Road Community Church
www.brentwood.foodbank.org.uk

HARVEST APPEAL

HELP LOCAL PEOPLE FACING HARDSHIP

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

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





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School Admissions

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

Although we have only just welcomed our youngest children to our school, our plans are already in place for those who are due to start school in September 2024. We have scheduled school tours for the following dates:

- Tuesday 3rd October 6 till 7pm
- Monday 16th October 10am till 11am - tour full
- Monday 6th November 1:30pm till 2:30pm
- Friday 24th November 10am till 11am
- Wednesday 29th November 1:30pm till 2:30pm

Please share this information with any friends that you know who have children due to start school next year.



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Childrens Lunch Menu

WK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday Favourites Day	Friday
Week commencing 30 th September 2024					
Main Meal RED	Pork Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Chicken & Sweetcorn Pasta	Honey Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Boston BBQ Chicken Wrap with Baked Wedges	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	Margherita Pitta Pizza with Baked Wedges (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)	Pasta with Tomato Sauce (Ve)
Accompaniments	Sweetcorn & Baked Beans (Ve)	Carrots & Broccoli (Ve)	Seasonal Greens & Peas (Ve)	Baked Beans & Peas (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)	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Lemon Drizzle Sponge (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)

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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
1st October to 31st October 2024	Black History Month
3 rd October 2024	Prospective Parent Tour 6 till 7pm
4 th October 2024	Whitebeam Harvest Class Assembly at 09:05am
3 rd and 4 th October 2024	Year 6 Bikeability course Group 1
7 th and 8 th October 2024	Year 6 Bikeability course Group 2
7 th October 2024	Holly Class phonics and reading workshop at 09:00am
10 th 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 th October 2024	Year 6 Cyber Safety Assembly provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
15 th October 2024	Rotation of class visits to St Peter's Church- Core Value Day: Happiness
17 th October 2024	Prospective Parent Tour 10am till 11am
21 st to 25 th October 2024	Parents evening will take place during this week – dates and times to follow
21 st to 25 th October 2024	Book Fair will run alongside parents' evenings – dates and times to be follow
23 rd October 2024	Whole School Firework and Halloween Safety assembly provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
4 th to 8 th November	Year 6 residential trip
7 th November 2024	Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm
8 th November 2024	Elm Class Assembly 09:05am
8 th November 2024	Author Visit for EYFS & KS1
12 th November 2024	Year 6 Respect Assembly provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
12 th November 2024	One Plan meetings Elm & Oak
11 th November 2024	Anti-Bullying Week
13 th 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 th November 2024	One Plan meetings Chestnut
13 th November 2024	Pine Class year 6 residential parent meeting via TEAMS 4:45pm
14 th November 2024	One Plan meetings Holly & Whitebeam
15 th 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 th November 2024	Holly Class Assembly 09:05am

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18 th to 22 nd November 2024	National Road Safety week
19 th November 2024	One Plan meetings Pine & Oak
20 th November 2024	Whole school flu immunisation
20 th & 21 st November 2024	One Plan meetings Beech
21 st November 2024	Prospective Parent Tour 10am till 11am
22 nd November 2024	Chestnut Fabulous Finish
26 th November 2024	Last swimming lesson for Whitebeam and Chestnut
28 th November 2024	Parent Coffee Morning- Meet the PTFA and Governors. Performances from the school choir and Oak Class
28 th November 2024	Pine Fabulous Finish 2-3pm
29 th November 2024	Christmas House Morning
3 rd December 2024	Whole school Panto Trip
4 th December 2024	Year 5 & 6 Show at 2:15pm
6 th December 2024	Year 3 & 4 Show at 2:15 pm
13 th December 2024	EYFS & KS1 Nativity at 9:20am and 2pm
13 th December 2024	Whitebeam class visiting Hutton View 1:30pm
16 th December 2024	RockSteady Concert at 2:20pm
19 th December 2024	Children's Christmas Bazaar
20 th December 2024	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day Last day of term

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Registered charity
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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	LISA FINNIE CO-TREASURER PARENT IN BEECH

pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk

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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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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!



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- 3 WIN CASH PRIZES** 

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Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

**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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1046576

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