



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 11th October 2024



## Message from Mrs Branton

### Parent Governor

We are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to Mr Leyland, our newest addition to the school's governing body! As a dedicated parent, Mr Leyland has graciously stepped into the role of Parent Governor, and we are confident that his passion for education and commitment to our school community will make a positive impact. Being a Parent Governor is a significant responsibility, and we are fortunate to have someone as enthusiastic and dedicated as Mr Leyland joining us in this capacity. We encourage you to take the opportunity to get to know Mr Leyland and share your thoughts and ideas. Open communication between parents and the governing body is essential for the overall well-being of our school community.

### Parents consultation evenings

A separate letter will be sent out on Monday with regards to Parents Evening bookings.

### Bikeability

This week, our year 6 children had the opportunity to take part in Bike ability training, the National Cycle Training Programme supported and funded by the Department for Transport. The course has been designed to build the skills and confidence of children who can already ride. This was a really successful event – well done to everyone who took part! The children will be presented with badges and certificates.

### DB Primary

Homework started on DB Primary last week and I'm looking forward to seeing the creative themed homework that our children produce over the term. A step-by-step guide has been sent out to all year groups to refresh your memories on how to use the site. Homework will be set on a weekly basis through this platform and your children will be able to upload pictures/ write/ engage with their homework through this. We moved away from sending paper copies of homework a few years ago in our endeavour to become an eco-friendlier school. There is no expectation that you print out paper copies of the homework at home and send it in. Your child can access the activities set through DB Primary and record their work either on paper or through the medium that they choose (if it is themed homework). This can be uploaded onto DB Primary either through their blog (EYFS & KS1) or their homework task (KS2). KS2 tasks also have the facility to type directly onto the platform in response to the task.

### Local Foodbank

*A message from the two of our School Councillors and our Inclusion Ambassador in Year 6. Today we went to deliver out harvest donations to the daily bread cafe inside St Peters Church and we learnt about what happens every day. Everyday, there are different actives in the church. These are some of them:*

- *Knitting*
- *Art*
- *Gardening*
- *Socialising/making friends.*

*There were lots of yummy food, including drinks, food, donuts, bread, lettuce.*

*We talked to Reverent Lisa and spoke about why people come to the cafe and eat there. She mentioned its only one pound to get a cup of tea. Then we spoke to a police officer, asked him questions and enjoyed a tasty donut.*

### Polite reminder

We kindly remind you to be mindful of where you are parking during drop-offs and pick-ups particularly near the flats. Please avoid parking in residential bays or any other restricted areas to respect our neighbours and the community. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!



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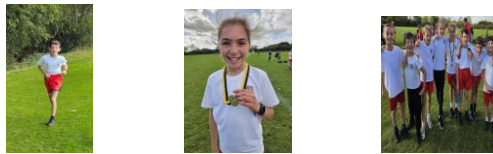


## Sport News

A fantastic morning of cross country on Tuesday where our year 3&4 runners were competing against 15 schools, with over 350 pupils in attendance. A brilliant fourth place for one of our younger girls but all our children should be very proud of their achievements, they showed great dedication and attitude.



In the afternoon it was the turn of our year 5&6 pupils to compete at the cross-country competition. A brilliant achievement from one of our year 6 girls saw her take the gold medal 🏆 for the 2nd consecutive year, but all runners showed great strength and resilience very proud of you all. I am also delighted to share that Danél (Whitebeam) came 7th in the year 3 girls and Lianne (Oak) was 1st at the Edmund Carr Cross-Country League held in Chelmsford. – Well done everyone.



On Thursday afternoon the Willowbrook girls football team played in their 1st away cup match. The girls unfortunately lost to a strong Brentwood Prep team. The effort and attitude shown by the girls was fantastic for a team just starting out on their football journey.



## Multi-Schools Council

A message from our Inclusion Ambassador, Edith and our two year 6 class councillors Evie and Chloe:

*On Monday, we attended the multi-schools council meeting that was held at Hogarth Primary School. This is where children from different primary schools meet up together to discuss ideas.*

*We were asked how to improve the Local Offer website which is a website for children and adults who have special educational needs <https://send.essex.gov.uk/> These were some of the ideas that we shared:*

- *Bigger writing on the website*
- *Brighter colours*
- *Two websites one for children to access and one for adults*
- *Pet reading video*
- *Educational videos with fun facts*

*We were also asked to think of a motto to go with the new multi-schools council mascot: Banjo. Banjo symbolises that it doesn't matter what makes you different, we should all be inclusive. We thought of:*

- *The more you try, the better you get*
- *Everyone is unique*
- *We are all different, but we are all the same.*

*We raised an amazing amount of £162.44 on World Inclusion Day – thank you so much!!*

Enjoy the weekend. Mrs C Branton



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## Science in the News

Another amazing week of Science at Willowbrook Primary School.

Here is what Elm class learnt. Well done, everyone!

Elm class have been testing various materials to find the best way to keep the teddy dry.

Well done!



Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



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## Word of the week

*'Wonderful words of the week'*

### Key Stage 1

Elm – noun  
Beech - gloomy

### Key Stage 2

Whitebeam - dwindle  
Chestnut - adventurous  
Pine - oxygen  
Oak - conflict

## 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 Oak class who received this week's award for happiness in the celebration assembly</p>
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The poster features the logos for ActiveEssex, Essex ActivAte, and Essex County Council. The main heading is 'FREE HALF TERM ACTIVITY CLUBS IN BRENTWOOD!' in green and white text on a dark blue background. Below this, there are seven activity club listings, each with a title, location, contact information, and dates. The background includes decorative purple and green splashes.

**ActiveEssex** **Essex ACTIVate** **Essex County Council**

**FREE HALF TERM ACTIVITY CLUBS IN BRENTWOOD!**  
Essex ActivAte helps to support eligible children and families during the school holidays and half term breaks, through free engaging and fun activities. Contact one of our clubs to book a space!

**Jack Of All Sports (4-12 years)**  
Bentley St Pauls C of E - Pilgrims Hatch, CM15 9SE  
jackofallsports@btinternet.com / 07919 888093  
Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st October, 9am-3pm

**SportsCool (4-11 years)**  
Holly Trees Primary School, Vaughan Williams Way, Brentwood, CM14 5RY  
westessex@sportscool.org / 07935 535292  
Monday 28th, Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th October, 9am-1pm

**Camp 4 Champs (4-14yrs)**  
St Peter's School, Wigley Bush Ln, South Weald, Brentwood CM14 5QN  
bookings@camp4champs.co.uk / 020 8103 0101  
Tuesday 29th October 9am-4pm | Friday 1st November, 9am-4pm

**HCL Activity Camps (4-11yrs)**  
Hutton Community Centre, Harrison Close, Hutton. CM13 1LP  
info@hollowaycoaching.co.uk / 01277 231600  
Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th and Friday 31st October, 9am-3:15pm

**Get Golfing , Food Fun & Golf (11+)**  
Warley Golf Club, Magpie Lane, Warley, Brentwood CM13 3DX  
ann@getgolfing.org / 07956 318016  
Monday 28th October and Thursday 31st October

**SportsCool SEND Level 1-2 (4-11 years)**  
Holly Trees Primary School, Vaughan Williams Way, Brentwood, CM14 5RY  
westessex@sportscool.org / 07935 535292  
Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th May, 9am-1pm

**Kazen Kai AEF Outreach (11-16 years)**  
The Martial Arts Centre, Bannister Drive, Hutton, CM13 1YX  
admin@kazenkai.com / 01277 262800  
Tuesday 28th and Friday 31st May, 2pm-4pm

Find out more: [activeessex.org](http://activeessex.org)



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## 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.

## Childrens Lunch Menu

WK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2024					
<b>Main Meal RED</b>	Beef Bolognese 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
<b>Main Vegetarian GREEN</b>	Vegan Bolognese 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)
<b>Alternative YELLOW</b>	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)
<b>Accompaniments</b>	Peas & Broccoli (Ve)	Carrots & Sweetcorn (Ve)	Seasonal Greens & Cauliflower (Ve)	Broccoli & Carrots (Ve)	Peas & Baked Beans (Ve)
<b>Cold Option</b>	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
<b>Dessert</b>	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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## WILLOWBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

### PRE-LOVED UNIFORM AVAILABLE

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.



Contact the school office or the PTFA directly

Whatsapp: 07928 121 250

email: [pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk)

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Vouchers available to order online from our shop:

<https://willowbrook-pta.sumupstore.com/>

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Pick up in Hutton



Sealife Adventure

**£6 each**

(door price: £16)



Southend Adventure Island

Wristband Vouchers

**£15 each**

(regular PTFA price £18)



Adventure Golf

**£4 each**

(door price: 18 holes £12)

[pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk)

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Registered charity  
1046576

COMPANY  
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VOLUNTEERING

One of our Willowbrook parents recently volunteered at an event for a few hours and their company has just deposited **£500** into our Willowbrook PTFA account!

Does the business you work for support charities by perhaps matching donations or allowing you paid time off work to volunteer?

Sponsorship for items is also a valuable way businesses can contribute.



We are a registered charity so do please check your firm's policies.



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Selected stores. Minimum spend £2+. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK 16+. App & Opt-in required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools, must register with Parentkind charity 1072053. Full T&Cs at [asda.com/cashpotforschools](https://asda.com/cashpotforschools). Rewards T&Cs at [asda.com/rewards/terms](https://asda.com/rewards/terms). Ends 30.11.24

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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## 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
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
18 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Oak Class Assembly 09.05am
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
25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Beech Class Assembly 09.05am
4 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 residential trip
7 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	EYFS Road safety Presentation
7 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Year 5 Road safety Presentation and Road safety walk
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
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

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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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