



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 04th October 2024



Message from Mrs Branton

Harvest Assembly

Whitebeam class performed a wonderful 'Harvest Festival' assembly to us this morning. The children sung beautifully and enthusiastically recognising the importance of this special time. They presented their harvest poems to us with great confidence, it was lovely to hear their thoughts and ideas on what 'Harvest' means to them.



We extend our gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support in this year's extraordinary harvest donation drive. All the gathered donations will be delivered to the food bank, where they will provide invaluable support to individuals in our local community. Thank you for your ongoing dedication to helping those in need.

This week, our year 6 children had the opportunity to take part in Bikeability 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.

Parents consultation evenings

Our parent evening meetings are scheduled for the week beginning October 21st. Please refer to the table below to find out the specific dates for your child's class appointments. These will be face to face appointments at school, allowing you the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and to look through your child's books. To secure your appointments, please use our online booking system. Further information will be sent out to you next week. **Remember, if your child is on the Inclusion register, you will be invited to attend a one-plan meeting in place of a parents evening appointment. The dates for these are on this newsletter under the diary of events.** Our school Book Fair and the school's catering team Pabulum will also run alongside our parents' evenings.

Monday 21st October	Tuesday 22nd October	Wednesday 23 rd October	Thursday 24 th October	Friday 25 th October
No parents evening	All year groups	EYFS and Year 6 only	All year groups	No parents evening



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Sport News

On Tuesday, some of our KS2 children had a fantastic morning attending the Panathlon Ten-pin bowling competition. They had a great time and lots of fun. On Thursday, both Willowbrook's boys and girls teams attended the annual Shenfield Cup. A fun afternoon with over 120 girls and 130 boys playing the beloved game of football. It was a great experience and atmosphere. Well done to both teams!



World Inclusion Day is on Thursday 10th October.

Inclusion: Accepting, supporting and embracing differences and diversity in a way that clearly shows all individuals are valued, recognised and accepted for who they truly are. This involves demonstrating respect for the abilities, beliefs, backgrounds and cultures of those around you and engaging those with diverse perspectives, so that others feel an unconditional sense of belonging for who they are.

The day is meant to celebrate inclusion, which is more than just accepting differences, but also celebrating them. With this in mind, our children can come into school wearing their own clothes. There will be donation buckets at the two gates at the start and end of the day as we will be raising money for SNAP charity which is a fantastic charity in Brentwood who support families with children and young people who have any additional need or disability. <https://www.snapcharity.org/>

Our Inclusion Ambassadors are working with Mrs Youngblood to create and present a special assembly to the school on the theme of Inclusion and then will visit SNAP later in the year to present the money we have raised.

Donations

If you have any young children and you are having a little clear out and come across any of the below, Mrs Youngblood would appreciate the donation. She is looking for:

- Any small world characters
- Interactive toys such as toys that play music or sounds or have buttons that you press or objects to put in.
- Light-up toys
- Dolls that have hair
- Tomy eggs/ v-tech toys.

Enjoy the weekend. Mrs C Branton



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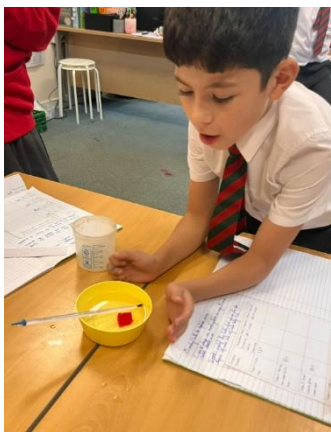
Science in the News

An amazing week of Science at Willowbrook Primary School. Here is what Oak and Pine class have learnt. Well done, everyone!

Mrs. Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



Year 6 are learning about Evolution and Inheritance. During this topic, we have conducted an experiment about the Charles Darwin theory of evolution. We used a variety of utensils to represent different beaks and used them to pick up different types of food from seeds, dried fruits and marshmallows representing meat. We wrote a hypothesis and then a conclusion to explain our results.



On Monday Pine Class planned and conducted an experiment to investigate different ways to make solids dissolve more quickly. They thought carefully about how to conduct a fair test changing only one variable.

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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:
Chloe, Ruby, Mia*



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Elm – fantasy

Beech - fierce

Key Stage 2

Whitebeam - accomplish

Chestnut - settlement

Pine - humid

Oak - outlaw

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 Beech 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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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



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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 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 7 th October 2024					
Main Meal RED	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs with Tomato Sauce & Penne	Fajita Spiced Turkey & Vegetables with Steamed Rice	Herby Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Sweet & Sour Chicken with Steamed Rice	Breaded Fish Fingers with Chips & Ketchup
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Vegan Roasted Ratatouille with Penne (Ve)	Vegan Burrito (Ve)	3 Vegetable Mac n Cheese (V)	Vegan Chickpea & Spinach Korma with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Vegan Bubble & Squeak with Chips & Ketchup (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Pasta & Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Pasta & Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)
Accompaniments	Carrots & Broccoli (Ve)	Sweetcorn (Ve) & Coleslaw (V)	Seasonal Greens & Broccoli (Ve)	Cauliflower & 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	Orange Shortbread Biscuit (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Carrot Cake (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate & Beetroot Brownie (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Vanilla Ice Cream (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Apple & Parsnip Cake (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	
1st October to 31st October 2024	Black History Month
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
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

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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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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

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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

Registered Charity: 1046576



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PTFA**

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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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