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Message from Mrs Branton

This morning, Oak Class wowed us all with their assembly, which beautifully showcased their hard work and learning this term. One of the highlights was their dramatic retelling of *The Highwayman*, a poem they've been studying in their English lessons. Using the Pie Corbett method, the children memorised the poem through a series of symbols and gestures, bringing it to life with expressive actions and words. This method has not only helped them to recall the poem but has also supported their own writing in class. The children are now using rich language and vivid imagery in their creative writing, drawing inspiration from the powerful story of the Highwayman.

Their assembly also gave us a glimpse into their history lessons on crime and punishment through the ages. They shared fascinating facts about how laws and justice have evolved over time, linking their learning to *The Highwayman* and discussing how crimes like highway robbery were once dealt with. This cross-curricular approach has really deepened their understanding and engagement with the topic. It was a fantastic assembly, filled with enthusiasm, learning and creativity. Well done, Oak Class!



Just a reminder that as it is parents' evenings next week, there will be NO before and after school sports/activity clubs (except netball, basketball and choir which have been re-arranged for this week due to previous cancellations). Breakfast and after school club will operate as normal.

Visit to Hutton Parish Church

On Tuesday, pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 enjoyed a special visit to Hutton Parish Church, where they were warmly welcomed by Reverend Lisa. During their time at the church, they engaged in a rotation of three activities. Within the first activity, they thought about the emotions: happiness and sadness. They discussed what we can do to feel better if we are sad and learned what Christians do to feel better. The second activity involved thinking about peace. The children thought about what we do to feel peaceful and where we like to be to have some peace. They also learned that Christians believe that God looks after/ cares for people so that they can have His peace. In the third activity, the children reflected on what makes them happy and learned that Christians believe that God wants to make people happy. This was a fantastic cross-curricular workshop bringing their RE curriculum on Christianity to life as well as incorporating PSHE, British Values and promoting one of the school's Core Values of Happiness. Through practical activities, discussions and quiet reflection, the children left the church inspired to focus on happiness in a meaningful way. It was a wonderful visit, filled with positive energy and valuable life lessons and we are grateful to Rev. Lisa and Hutton Parish Church for their warm hospitality and guidance (especially for the gift of a small cake for each staff member and pupil- that certainly made us happy!).

Sport News

What a wonderful Wednesday where we attended the Brentwood District Triathlon. Willowbrook's girls and boys team competed against various other schools from Brentwood where they all had to complete an 80m swim, followed by 500m bike ride and then finish with a 400m run. One of our girls came 6th place and all of our children showed great strength and perseverance.



Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Clare Branton, Headteacher.

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Science in the News

Another amazing week of Science at Willowbrook Primary School. Here is what Elm class have learnt. Well done, everyone!

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



Holly class have begun to investigate the changes in seasons. This season is Autumn and they have collected some autumnal items from the school ground. Well done for helping search for Autumnal objects. Great work!



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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:
Bobbi and Danel*



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Elm – rhyme

Beech - ferocious

Key Stage 2

Whitebeam - mechanical

Chestnut - investigate

Pine - pounded

Oak - awkward

Core value pupil



Willowbrook Primary School

Each Working For All



Happiness
Independence
Respect
Teamwork
Caring
Honesty



Well done to the core value pupil from Whitebeam class who received this week's award for happiness in the celebration assembly



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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 blue background. Below this, it states: '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!' There are ten club listings, each with a title, location, contact information, and dates. The clubs are: Jack Of All Sports (4-12 years), SportsCool (4-11 years), Camp 4 Champs (4-14yrs), HCL Activity Camps (4-11yrs), Get Golfing, Food Fun & Golf (11+), SportsCool SEND Level 1-2 (4-11 years), and Kazen Kai AEF Outreach (11-16 years). The bottom of the poster includes the website 'activeessex.org' and a green handprint graphic.

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

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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

Secondary School Applications for September 2025 – Reminder for Year 6 Parents

Read about the [secondary \(year 7\)](#) school place application process.

Year 6 children who have yet to submit an application, that they must do so **by 31 October 2024**. Any applications made late are dealt with after those made on time and so applying late reduces the chances of being offered a preferred school.

Applications can be made via our website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Applications received after the 31 October 2024 are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred schools.

Primary school places for September 2025

From 4th November 2024 you can apply online for your child's primary (reception) school place.

Read about the [primary \(Reception\)](#) school place application process.

Applications received after the 15th January 2025 are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred schools.

Childrens Lunch Menu

WK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 21 st October 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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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

REGISTERED
CHARITY:
1046576



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Vouchers available to order online from our shop:

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

ORDER
HERE

Registered Charity
1046576

Pick up in Hutton



Southend Adventure Island
Wristband Vouchers

£15 each

(regular PTFA price £18)



Sealife Adventure

£6 each

(door price: £16)



Adventure Golf

£4 each

(door price: 18 holes £12)

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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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
Tuesday 22 nd October	Parents Evening 15:30-18:00
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents Evening for EYFS and year 6 only 15:30-17:30
Thursday 24 th October	Parents Evening 15:30-19:30
21 st to 25 th October 2024	Book Fair will run alongside parents' evenings
23 rd October 2024	Whole School Firework and Halloween Safety assembly provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
25 th October 2024	Beech Class Assembly 09.05am
4 th to 8 th November	Year 6 residential trip
7 th November 2024	EYFS Road safety Presentation
7 th November 2024	Year 5 Road safety Presentation and Road safety walk
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
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

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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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