

## Message from Mrs Youngblood

Welcome back to the second half of Autumn term! I hope you had a great break and are ready for the busy weeks leading up to Christmas (yes, I have said the dreaded word already!).

Oak class have been away on their residential trip this week. The children have enjoyed a host of fun and challenging activities at the PGL centre in Caythorpe. These included aeroball (a mix of basketball and trampolining), whizzing along a zipwire and laser tag, to name just a few! Thank you to our staff who attended with Oak class.

I'll be holding a TEAMS meeting for Pine Class parents on 13<sup>th</sup> November at 4:45pm to talk about PGL 2025! A link will be sent out shortly.

The PGL activities allow the children to further develop and demonstrate communication, problem-solving, leadership and teamwork skills within a range of challenging situations. They enhance their self-awareness and general social skills, all whilst having a lot of fun. They are provided with opportunities to grow in confidence, boost their self-esteem, overcome fears and ultimately be the best they can be. Experiences such as PGL equip and motivate our children to be confident, independent, and physically active young adults of tomorrow. Plus, they have LOTS of FUN!



It has been lovely to see the PGL photographs on X (Twitter). If you are not yet following @willowbrk, send a follow request and e-mail the office with details of your username. Then, we can accept you so that you can see some of the fun things that we get up to at school.

## Elm Class Assembly

What a wonderful morning we had at Elm Class's assembly about the History of toys! The children shared all of the amazing things that they have learned about Erno Rubik and how the Rubik's cube came about. They also spoke about the amazing Margarete Steiff and the creation of the well-loved teddy bear. We even had a visit from Woody and Buzz from Toy Story!

A huge thank you to Elm Class for all their hard work. The children have clearly really enjoyed learning about this fantastic topic and were excited to show off their knowledge.

## Sport News

Our first sporting event this half-term was a football tournament. On Wednesday, our year 3&4 girls football team played together for the 1st time at a tournament run by Shenfield Sports Partnership. The girls' confidence grew with each match they played and all enjoyed a great morning of football ⚽





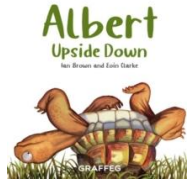
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## Author Visit for EYFS/KS1

Today EYFS and KS1 children had the exciting opportunity of meeting Ian Brown. This author has written a series of books which are suitable for EYFS and KS1. The books are all based on Ian's tortoise, Albert.





Ian presented his stories to the children and held a workshop in the hall. It's safe to say that the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about Albert and came up with some wonderful questions during the Q&A time. Ian signed pre ordered books and the children who received these were over the moon!

## Staffing

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Miss Keaney this week, who has made the difficult decision to come away from teaching at the moment due to personal circumstances. We understand the importance of consistency in the classroom and are committed to supporting Whitebeam class through this transition. We are working diligently to put the best possible support in place for the children and we are actively seeking a teacher who can work with the class for the remainder of the academic year. During this period of transition, Mrs Youngblood will continue to support Whitebeam class and the staff team.

We're excited to welcome Mrs Gadd, who has joined our office team this week. We're delighted to have her with us and look forward to her support. Mrs Brothers will also be joining our admin team in a few weeks and in the meantime, Mrs Dockerill will be assisting in the office for the next three weeks—it'll be wonderful to have her back!

## Reminders for next week

	<p><b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b> – Wear odd socks to school Odd Socks Day is part of Anti Bullying Week 2024. Odd socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!</p>
	<p><b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November BBC Children in Need day</b> – Be Spotacular! We would love for everyone to take part by either taking inspiration from Pudsey wearing brightly coloured or spotty clothes to school for the day OR choose to side with the Gladiators and go for superhero style! You can get as creative as you like! This is a really important charity that raises so much money and awareness to help children in many different ways. There will be a voluntary collection at the gates before/ after school for anyone that is able to donate.</p>

Phew! What a busy week we have all had!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Youngblood, Deputy Headteacher.

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## DONATIONS required for the Children's Christmas Bazaar please



December is quickly approaching and we are starting to think about.... CHRISTMAS! Every year, we have a 'Children's Christmas Bazaar.' This is where the classes make Christmas themed products to sell with their class teacher and the children have a Christmas shopping afternoon in hall to buy presents and treats at very reasonable prices! All money raised from this event helps to subsidise events that we put on throughout the year such as trips and visitors. There are two stalls that we run for the children which relies on donations: a bric-a-brac stall and a toiletries stall. If you have any unwanted jewellery or toiletry items, or toys & books that are in good condition, we would really appreciate them. You can drop them in to the office for the attention of Mrs Youngblood. We are collecting from now until Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

*This week's Headteacher superstars are:*

*Reagan*



*Well done*

## Word of the week

*'Wonderful words of the week'*

### Key Stage 1

Elm – booming  
Beech - practise

### Key Stage 2

Whitebeam - suspicious  
Chestnut - persuasion  
Pine - emerge

## 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 independence in the celebration assembly.

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## Parent Coffee Morning!



**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 08:40-09:45am**

**To be held in the school hall**

You are warmly invited to join us in the hall from 08:40 onwards for free tea/ coffee and biscuits.

It is a chance to have a catch-up with fellow parents from across the school. There will be a play area for your younger children whilst you have a cup of tea and a chat!

Join us to meet our school governors and our PTFA and find out a little about what they do to support our school.

We'll also be treated to a performance from Oak Class and the new Key Stage 2 choir.

Feel free to join us and leave at any time between 08:40 and 09:45am.

The PTFA will have Southend Adventure Island tickets and second-hand school uniform on sale.

Every adult who joins us will enter a raffle to win a prize!





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# PTFA EVENTS

2024-2025



28/11/  
2024

**WINTER DISCO**

**PARENT/CARER  
QUIZ**

Evening - School Hall

19/03/  
2025

19/06/  
2025

**SUMMER DISCO**

**SUMMER FAYRE**

05/07/  
2025

[PTA@WILLOWBROOK.ESSEX.SCH.UK](mailto:PTA@WILLOWBROOK.ESSEX.SCH.UK)

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## Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service School Health Drop in Clinic



We can help with:

Growth/ dietary concerns

Continence advice (day/night wetting)

Sleep advice

Behaviour concerns

General health and development

*No appointment necessary*

**Sunnyside Children's Centre**

**Rosebay Avenue**

**Billericay**

**CM120NP**

**Parents 9am-10am**

**Children & Young people 330-430**

*21/11/24*

*5/12/24*

*19/12/24*



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Click Image to read or click this link: <https://www.kidaround.biz/magazine/>

ActiveEssex  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, Maggie 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

### 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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 11 <sup>th</sup> November 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 <span style="float: right;">Salad Bar available daily</span>					



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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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<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  
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COMPANY  
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CORPORATE  
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	
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
12 <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) OR choose to side with the Gladiators and go for superhero style! You can get as creative as you like! 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	Prospective Parent Tour 10am till 11am
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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