



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024



Message from Mrs Branton

Attendance Matters

At Willowbrook, we have always taken pride in our exceptional attendance record. This time last year, our attendance rate was an impressive 97%, placing us well above national averages. However, this year, our attendance has dropped to 95%, which is just meeting the government’s minimum expectations. This decline is concerning and we must work together to improve it.

Why Attendance and Punctuality Are Crucial

Every school day counts. Regular attendance ensures that your child doesn’t miss vital learning opportunities, while punctuality sets them up for success each day. Arriving on time helps children settle into their routine and maximizes their learning. Persistent lateness, however, can disrupt not only your child’s education but also that of their classmates.

The Impact of Term-Time Holidays

We have seen an increase in families taking holidays during term time. Please be reminded that holidays are not authorised and significantly disrupt your child’s education, contributing to the decline in our overall attendance figures.

Week Beginning	Whole School %
WB 09.09.24	94%
WB 16.09.24	94%
WB 23.09.24	96%
WB 30.09.24	95%
WB 07.10.24	95%
WB 14.10.24	93%
WB 21.10.24	94%
WB 04.11.24	93%
WB 11.11.24	96%
WB 18.11.24	95%
KEY = Below the government target of 95%	

How You Can Support Us

- Ensure your child attends school every day unless they are genuinely unwell.
- Help them arrive at school on time every morning to make the most of their day.
- Avoid scheduling holidays or non-essential appointments during term time.
- Reach out to us if you are facing difficulties with attendance or punctuality; we are here to support you.
- If you are unsure please refer to the NHS website [‘Is my child too ill for school?’](#)

Let’s Work Together

We must regain our previous high standards and aim to once again exceed the government’s expectations. Strong attendance and punctuality help ensure your child thrives academically and socially. Together, we can give every child the best chance for success.

Thank you for your cooperation in making this a priority. Let’s make attendance and punctuality a strength of Willowbrook once more!

Our Core Values: **INDEPENDENCE** - HAPPINESS – **TEAM WORK** - CARING - **RESPECT** – HONESTY

Join us on Twitter for the latest results and news: @Willowbrk

This week, we received fantastic feedback from the school immunisations team. They praised the children's excellent behaviour and said it was a pleasure to visit our school, noting that the children are a real credit to us. Thank you to all the children for displaying such positive behaviour. For those children that didn't have the vaccination due to absence or other circumstances, please see below the catch-up clinic information.

Chestnut Fabulous Finish

Thank you to the parents in Chestnut class that came into school today and completed charcoal pictures with their children. The children have been working really hard on their stone age topic and enjoyed sharing stories with the class and their parents this afternoon.

Sports News

The snow and cold didn't stop the Year 2 boys having a fantastic morning of football on Tuesday. They competed in a partnership tournament at Brentwood Towns stadium. It was a great team performance and we're very proud of their 4th place achievement.



In the afternoon on Tuesday, Year 4 had the experience of competing at Brentwood Towns stadium. There were 180 boys in attendance overall and it was a great opportunity for our children, well done boys.



Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Branton



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024



Science in the News

Great week of Science at Willowbrook Primary. Here is what Elm and Oak have learnt in Science. Well done!

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



Elm class this week have been learning about different seasons! They looked at how plants change with the seasons and talked about different animals you might see.



Oak Class classified organisms. The children explained their choices, described the features of each group and talked about differences within the animal class. Well done!

Our Core Values: **INDEPENDENCE** - HAPPINESS – **TEAM WORK** - CARING - **RESPECT** – HONESTY
Join us on Twitter for the latest results and news: [@Willowbrk](https://twitter.com/Willowbrk)



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024



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 16th December.



Flu Vaccine Catch up Clinics

Has your child missed their school vaccinations?

We are running catch up walk-in clinics for the flu vaccine this winter, your nearest clinic is:

Thameside House, Thurrock Hospital, RM16 2PX
Saturday 30 November 10am – 2pm (walk in clinic)
Monday 23 December (walk in clinic only)

The Hermit Youth Centre, Brentwood, CM15 8AG
Saturday 14 December 10am – 3pm

Tilbury Children’s Centre, RM18 8EY
Monday 30 December 10am-3pm (Christmas Holidays)

It's easy to catch up simply
walk in on the day.

For information on school aged
vaccinations please visit our website:
eput.nhs.uk/childrensvaccines

#GetWinterStrong





Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024



*This week's Headteacher superstars are:
Aria-Jade, Lincoln, Annabelle, Mia, Lyla, Daniel, Tommy and Albert*



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Elm – bossy
Beech - amazing

Key Stage 2

Whitebeam - crafty
Chestnut - perpetual
Pine – endangered
Oak - conscience

Core value pupil

 Willowbrook Primary School
Each Working For All



Happiness
Independence
Respect
Teamwork
Caring
Honesty



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



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024



THANK YOU

Willowbrook Primary School

for raising a fantastic

£171

The money you have raised will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

BBC Children in Need has not verified the above fundraising. This is not a receipt.
© BBC 2022 Reg. charity England & Wales no. 802052 and Scotland no. SC039557.



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024



Parent Coffee Morning!



Thursday 28th 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!





Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024



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

OCTOBER 2024



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024



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



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024



ACTIVE

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

School Admissions

Primary school places for September 2025

From 4th November 2024 you have been able to 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.



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024



Childrens Lunch Menu

WK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 25 th November 2024					
Main Meal RED	Beef Bolognaise 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
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Vegan Bolognaise 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)
Alternative YELLOW	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)
Accompaniments	Peas & Broccoli (Ve)	Carrots & Sweetcorn (Ve)	Seasonal Greens & Cauliflower (Ve)	Broccoli & 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	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		



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024



Tinned Ham
Sweet Biscuits.
Evap Milk
Minced Pies.
Xmas Cake.
Custard.



Angel Delight
Stuffing
Tinned Fruit
Pickles
Jellies
Xmas Sweets

Tinned Corned Beef.
Boxes of Chocs.
Biscuits for cheeses
Christmas Puddings

Savoury Crisps etc
Selection Boxes
Jam
Christmas Crackers

Tea / Coffee (small jars)
Cleaning Products
Nappies sizes 5 - 6

Brentwood Foodbank are collecting Christmas food items for families who have been referred to Brentwood Foodbank in crisis



Brentwood Foodbank / Doddinghurst Road Community Church
 Registered Charity Number 1171227



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024



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



Vouchers available to order online from our shop:

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

ORDER
HERE

Registered Charity
1046576

Pick up in Hutton



Sealife Adventure

£6 each

(door price: £16)



Southend Adventure Island

Wristband Vouchers

£15 each

(regular PTFA price £18)



**FLASH
SALE**

While
stocks
Last



Adventure Golf

£4 each

(door price: 18 holes £12)

pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk

October 2024



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024



Registered charity
1046576

COMPANY
MATCH
FUNDING

ESV
EMPLOYER-
SUPPORTED
VOLUNTEERING

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.



Oct 2024



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024



**INTRODUCING
CASHPOT
FOR SCHOOLS**

You scan we donate ££s

**CASHPOT
FOR
SCHOOLS**

Only with
**ASDA
Rewards**

Download and
opt-in today

Parentkind

ASDA
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT

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. Rewards T&Cs at 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.

Our Core Values: **INDEPENDENCE** - HAPPINESS – **TEAM WORK** - CARING - **RESPECT** – HONESTY
Join us on Twitter for the latest results and news: [@Willowbrk](https://twitter.com/Willowbrk)



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024



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
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	Prospective Parent Tour 10am till 11am
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

Our Core Values: **INDEPENDENCE** - HAPPINESS – **TEAM WORK** - CARING - **RESPECT** – HONESTY
Join us on Twitter for the latest results and news: [@Willowbrk](#)