



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 29th November 2024



Message from Mrs Branton

Please ensure that if your child is absent from school, you call or email the office by 9am to let us know the reason for their absence. Please call EVERY day they are absent. Thank you.

Thank you to all those that came to the Parent Coffee morning this week. A big well done to the school choir and to Oak class for their fabulous performances.

Pine Class Fabulous Finish

This week, Pine Class had their Fabulous Finish. They shared their learning over the past term linked to their Rainforest topic. With their parents, they worked on creating a rainforest inspired carnival headpiece to go with their carnival t-shirts that they created earlier this term. They ended the Fabulous Finish with a fashion show for the parents, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Sports News

Tuesday was a Tag Rugby day, some of our KS2 children attended a tournament to experience another team sport. The children had lots of skills to practice including; dodge, evade, pass, score, defend and tag. Years 3&4 enjoyed the morning session and the team grew in confidence with each match played.

In the afternoon our Year 5&6 team showed great teamwork and improved the skills needed for tag rugby. Well done everyone!



Norman Workshop – Beech Class

Beech class had a wonderful day on Wednesday exploring various activities linked to life in 1066 in Norman times. They did art, weaving, drama, exploring artefacts and trying on armour. They even got to shoot arrows!!!



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Children's Christmas Bazaar

On Thursday 19th December, the children will be having their Children's Christmas Bazaar. This is an annual Christmas shopping event that the children absolutely love. It gives the opportunity for children to experience going shopping; making choices about what they want to buy; and managing their own money. It also raises money for the school to spend on educational resources.

Each class will be making things that can be sold; there will be a toiletry/ jewellery stall; and year 6 also run fun games. The children have a shopping experience where they walk around the hall with their shopping bags and money and they can buy things from the stalls that they may want to give as Christmas gifts to others or maybe keep for themselves! On the day, please send your child into school with a bag for life or plastic bag and money in a named wallet/purse/envelope. It is entirely up to you on how much money you wish to give to your child, but please give them coins rather than notes. The prices are kept low with items ranging from 20p- £1, with the toiletry / jewellery stall costing slightly more.

If you have any unused toiletries, unwanted jewellery, unwanted gifts or good quality books/ bric-a-brac that you can donate, please can you hand it in to the office for the attention of Mrs Youngblood from now until Monday 16th December.

Christmas Jam Jar Competition

We will be selling Christmas Jam Jars at our Children's Christmas Bazaar and we need your help! Please can you begin to send into school with your child any filled jam jars that you have made. These can be filled with sweets/ chocolates which are in packets; small toys eg bouncy balls, cars etc; mini stationery items eg colouring pencils and rubbers; or any other small items. We are running a competition to support this and any class that brings in the number of jam jars which matches the number of children in their class, will win a non-uniform day for Thursday 19th December 2024!



KS2 Christmas Show

Our shows will be performed next week. Please encourage your children to learn their words for their songs and practice any performances that they will be doing. Don't forget, children can bring in a Christmas themed hat or headband for the day that they are performing. Year 5 & 6 are performing on Wednesday 4th December at 2:15pm. Year 3 & 4 are performing on Friday 6th December at 2:15pm.

Panto Trip

On Tuesday 3rd December we have our panto trip! Please don't forget that the children will need to arrive at school for 08:30am in full school uniform. The children will be provided with a drink and snack whilst at the panto and then we will be returning to school for lunch. A big thank you to the PTFA who have helped to subsidise the cost of the trip and have also provided the drink and snack. Teachers will be talking about the panto to their classes in preparation for the trip on Tuesday. A social story around the trip, which teachers are using with their class, will be put onto db primary today so that you can share it with your children over the weekend if you wish to.



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Christmas Post boxes

From Monday morning, Christmas post boxes will be appearing on the playground outside each classroom. They will be put out at drop-off and pick-up. If your child would like to send a Christmas card to their friends, they can post the card into the relevant class post box.

Finally, a big thank you to Hunters Chase Garden Centre for donating the Christmas tree again this year and thanks to our PTFA ladies for collecting the tree and making it look beautiful.



Have a lovely weekend.



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Science in the News

What a fantastic week of Science at Willowbrook Primary School. Have a look at the great lessons the children have had. Well done, superstars!

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



Pine Class have been learning all about Living Things and their Habitats. They have discussed asexual reproduction in plants and the concept of 'tubing'. Over the past few weeks they have been observing potatoes over time to see the tubing begin to occur. They made predictions whether they believed a potato could reproduce by tubing through just the one parent plant.

They have also been learning about the life cycles of different mammals and created some of their own life cycle wheels. Pine Class explored the different stages of a range of animals, including a rabbit, platypus and kangaroo. Well done!



Holly Class have had a wonderful time looking after the chickens this week! They have learnt how to feed them, how to look after them and all about what chickens need to survive, including a safe enclosure! Well done!

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*This week's Headteacher superstar is:
Zoe*



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Elm – diary
Beech - interesting

Key Stage 2

Whitebeam - concise
Chestnut - considerate
Pine – species
Oak - hemisphere

Core value pupil



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



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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

OCTOBER 2024



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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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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, 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.



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Childrens Lunch Menu

WK 2	Monday	Tuesday Panto Day	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 2 nd December 2024					
Main Meal RED	Pork Sausage with Mashed Potato & Gravy	Burger and chips OR Hot Dog and chips	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)	Vegetarian Burger with chips (V) OR Vegan sausage and chips (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)		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)		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
Dessert	Chocolate Rice Krispie Cake (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Maryland Cookie (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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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



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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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PTFA

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@willowbrookpta

Easy ways to support us



We are registered with Give a Little to accept **online donations** direct to our charity account.

Donate here:
bit.ly/3LF8quY



scan me!



Give as you Live Online

Raise **FREE** donations for Willowbrook Primary School PTA when you shop 6,000+ stores online using Give as you Live Online!
<https://bit.ly/3PS4IEy>



Generate **FREE** donations for us when you shop your favourite retailers online



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Registered charity
1046576

COMPANY
MATCH
FUNDING

ESV
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VOLUNTEERING

CORPORATE
VOLUNTEERING

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

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!

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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A Willowbrook winner every Saturday!

Sign up and set up a direct debit for our weekly lottery and you will be in with the chance to win some cash!

Some of our Willowbrook supporters have won over 5 times!



1

JOIN OUR LOTTERY



2

BOOST SCHOOL FUNDS



3

WIN CASH PRIZES



It's As Easy As



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- The easy way to help us raise funds
- Willowbrook School supporter cash prize every week
- Chance to win the £25k jackpot



scan me!

To start supporting, visit:

yourschoollottery.co.uk

and search for: Willowbrook Primary

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older



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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	
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