



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th December 2024



Message from Mrs Branton

What a busy and enjoyable week we have had in school!

On Tuesday, the children really enjoyed the trip to the panto, their behaviour was excellent and they showed all of our core values.

A huge well done to all KS2 pupils for their fantastic performances in their Christmas shows this week. I hope you all enjoyed watching the shows and are as proud of all the children as we are.



KS1 Nativity

Our KS1 children will be performing their Nativity next Friday, 13th December. There will be two performances, the first at 9.15am and the afternoon performance at 2pm. If you have not already purchased your tickets, there are a few tickets left, please contact the office for more details.

Dogs on School Grounds and Gates

We kindly remind you that dogs should not be brought onto the school grounds at any time. This policy ensures a safe and welcoming environment for all pupils, staff and families.

In addition, we ask everyone to be mindful if you are leaving your dog near the top gate. Recently, there have been incidents where dogs have barked at each other, both when owners were present and when dogs were left tied up. These situations can be distressing for some children, particularly those who feel nervous around dogs, making it difficult for them to enter the school confidently. Some parents have also shared concerns about feeling uneasy when walking past dogs at the entrance.

To help keep our school community calm and safe:

- Please avoid bringing dogs to the school gates during drop-off and pick-up times.
- If you must bring a dog, ensure they are kept at a safe distance from the entrance and under control at all times.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in creating a comfortable and inclusive environment for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support.



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Festive Baubles

The Co-op in Hutton would like to make the shop feel more festive. If your child would like to decorate a circular piece of paper (around the size of the bottom of a mug) like a Christmas bauble, please bring it to the office by next Thursday, 12th December and this will be displayed on the tree and in the window at the Co-op. Please put your child's first name only on the back of the bauble. Thank you.

A message from the SEND Navigator Project Lead

Do you have a child with SEND aged 10 to 25?

We know that finding information online about what they might like to do in the future can be hard. We want to know how we can make it easier for them to find information about education, training and jobs.

That's why we have made a survey for children and young people with SEND aged 10 to 25. We will use their answers to make finding information about next steps easier and more fun.

Find our survey here: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/2Z3TAB/>

There is a video with each question, so they can listen to the question. They can answer by typing or uploading an audio or video file if they prefer.

As a thank you for taking part, they can enter a prize draw to win a £100 shopping voucher.

Parents and carers can give feedback on planning for the future by emailing STUX@essex.gov.uk

Choir

Last weekend, our KS2 choir were invited to perform at the Festive Shenfield event. We received this message of thanks from one of the event organisers:

I just wanted to say a big thank you to the Willowbrook school choir for performing at Festive Shenfield this year and for the parents support to make it happen.

The children were outstanding and ensured everyone was in a festive mood despite the damp weather. Thank you for bringing the cheer to Shenfield!

The choir will be busy again on Monday afternoon, as they have been invited to sing at ASDA, Pippis Hill to bring some festive cheer to shoppers.

Christmas Jam Jar Competition

A reminder that we will be selling Christmas Jam Jars at our Children's Christmas Bazaar. If you haven't done so already, please can you 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 e.g. bouncy balls, cars etc; mini stationery items e.g. 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!

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.

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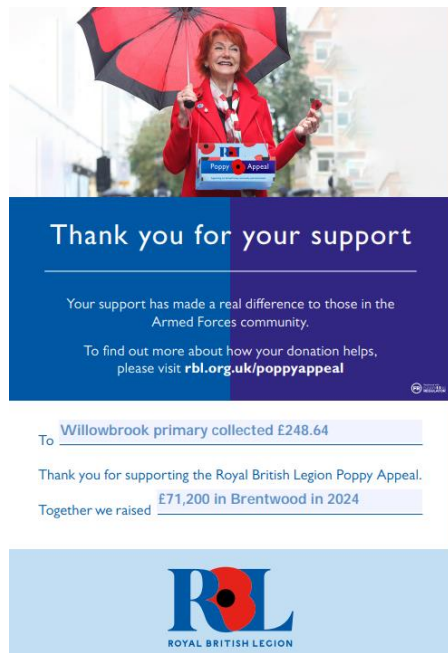
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House Captains have begun to visit the classes to collect chocolate for the chocolate tombola – if you would like to take part, please bring in any chocolate donations. Thank you.

Poppy Appeal

A big thank you to everyone that supported the poppy appeal, our school raised £248.64.



Clubs

This was our last week of clubs. Next week, the only club running is Monday morning KS1 basketball which is a make-up session for a previously missed session. I would like to thank all of the teachers and LSAs who have given up some of their time this term to provide such a wide variety of clubs alongside the coach-run clubs.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Branton



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Science in the News

Beech and Whitebeam have learnt amazing things in Science this term. Their investigations were created to offer the children the opportunity to answer scientific enquires using prior knowledge and detailed observations. Well done, children!

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



Beech Class tested the suitability of materials for various purposes. They investigated if certain materials can protect a fragile object when dropped from a distance. Amazing work, children!



Whitebeam class investigated if forces needed contact between two objects or if magnetic forces can act at a distance. Their fair test showed that some magnets were strong enough to attract magnetic materials from a distance. Well done!

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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

All of KS2 for their fantastic performances in their school productions this week



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Elm – onomatopoeia

Beech - interesting

Key Stage 2

Whitebeam - inspire

Chestnut - suspicious

Pine – happy

Oak - necessary

PTFA EVENTS 2024-2025

28/11/2024 WINTER DISCO

PARENT/CARER QUIZ 19/03/2025
Evening - School Hall

19/06/2025 SUMMER DISCO

SUMMER FAYRE 05/07/2025

PTA@WILLOWBROOK.ESSEXSCH.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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Is your child registered for
SCHOOL MILK?

Child UNDER 5 **Child OVER 5**

Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.

Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Register your child and pay online.

Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY

Register online
www.coolmilk.com

Need help?
Send us a message
at www.coolmilk.com/contact
or give us a call on **0800 321 3248**

FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA - SEARCH COOLMILK.COM

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Lunch Menu 09.12.24

WK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 9th December 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 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		

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	
9 th December 2024	School choir performance at Asda Pippis Hill 1:30pm
13 th December 2024	EYFS & KS1 Nativity at 9:15am 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
6 th January 2025	Children return to school

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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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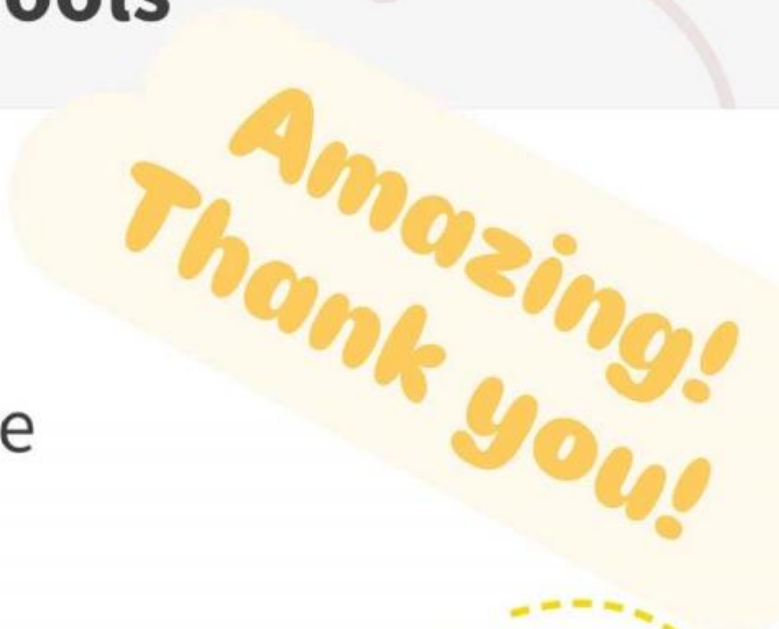
Cashpot for schools

Thank you!

Together we have raised

£224.68

Willowbrook Primary School



🕒 Completed!



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PTFA

Registered Charity: 1046576



pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk



@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



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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
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COMPANY
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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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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



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To start supporting, visit:

yourschoollottery.co.uk

and search for: Willowbrook Primary

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older