



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th December 2024



Message from Mrs Branton

I can't believe this is the last newsletter of 2024, what a fantastic first term we have had, the children have been working very hard and have enjoyed lots of fun activities and events too.

We are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to three new members of staff who have joined our office team at Willowbrook. Their arrival marks an exciting chapter for our school, as we continue to enhance the support and services we provide to our families.

Joining us in the main office are Miss Gadd and Miss Brothers. They both bring a wealth of experience and are already proving to be invaluable members of our administrative team. Whether you have questions, need assistance with forms or simply want to say hello, they are here to help with a friendly smile and a can-do attitude.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Smart as our new School Business Manager. She will play a key role in overseeing the school's operations and ensuring that everything runs smoothly behind the scenes. Her expertise and dedication to excellence make her a wonderful addition to the Willowbrook family.

Our office team are here to support you, so please don't hesitate to reach out. We are confident that they will quickly become familiar faces and trusted points of contact for our school community.

Let's all take a moment to give them a warm Willowbrook welcome!

Important News About Our Site Manager

We would like to inform you of an important update regarding our Site Manager. Due to personal circumstances, Mr Billington will not be returning to Willowbrook. We have thanked him for his hard work and dedication during his time with us and wished him all the best for the future.

We are pleased to announce that Mr Bernard, whom many of you may already know, will be taking on the role of Site Manager after the Christmas holidays. He brings a wealth of experience and a deep understanding of our school community. We are confident he will continue to ensure the smooth running of our school site and that this transition will be seamless and we appreciate your continued support during this time.

Please join us in welcoming Mr Bernard to his new role and in expressing our gratitude to Mr Billington for his contributions to Willowbrook.

School Shoes and Trainers

A polite reminder that children should be wearing school shoes to school each day and not trainers. Can you also please ensure that your child has black trainers for PE, we are seeing lots of coloured trainers which are not in line with our school policy, please refer to the uniform policy on our school website for more details. Thank you.

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Absence

Please see below NHS guidance on childhood illnesses with details of when you should be keeping your child off school. We are getting lots of children off school that are feeling generally unwell with a common cold, please note that these absences will not be authorised. Please refer to the guide if you are unsure if you should be sending your child to school.

RE Workshop

The whole school got an opportunity to have a short workshop this week with Reverend Lisa to learn about Christingle. The children had an opportunity to make their own Christingle and we then had a special assembly where we made a giant Christingle! Thank you to the PTFA for providing an orange for every child in the school and thank you to Reverend Lisa for running the workshops.



Christmas Bazaar

The children all had a wonderful time at the bazaar on Thursday and enjoyed choosing lots of items, not only for themselves but gifts for family members too. This is always a great opportunity for the children to manage their own money and make choices about what they would like to purchase. Thank you for supporting this event and not only donating items but providing your child with money to spend on the day too.

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

The children all looked very festive in their Christmas jumpers and outfits today and thank you to everyone that donated to Save the Children.



And finally, I would like to thank you on behalf of myself and all staff for your very kind and generous gifts.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful Christmas and a very happy and healthy new year.

Mrs Branton

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NHS Guidance – Should I Keep my Child off School?



What it's called	What it's like	Going to school	Getting treatment	More advice
Chicken Pox	Rash begins as small, red, flat spots that develop into itchy fluid-filled blisters	Yellow dot	Pharmacy	Back to school 5 days after on-set of the rash
Common Cold	Runny nose, sneezing, sore throat	Green dot	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Conjunctivitis	Teary, red, itchy, painful eye(s)	Green dot	Pharmacy	Try not to touch eye to avoid spreading
Flu	Fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, headache, body aches and pain, exhaustion, sore throat	Yellow dot	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
German measles	Fever, tiredness. Raised, red, rash that starts on the face and spreads downwards.	Red dot	G.P.	Back to school 6 days from on-set of rash
Glandular fever	high temperature, sore throat; usually more painful than any before and swollen glands	Green dot	G.P.	Child needs to be physically able to concentrate
Hand, foot & mouth disease	Fever, sore throat, headache, small painful blisters inside the mouth on tongue and gums (may appear on hands and feet)	Green dot	G.P.	Only need to stay off if feeling too ill for school
Head lice	Itchy scalp (may be worse at night)	Green dot	Pharmacy	
Impetigo	Clusters of red bumps or blisters surrounded by area of redness	Red dot	G.P.	Back to school when lesions crust or 48 hours after start of antibiotics
Measles	Fever, cough, runny nose, and watery inflamed eyes. Small red spots with white or bluish white centres in the mouth, red, blotchy rash	Red dot	G.P.	Back to school 4 days from on-set of rash
Ringworm	Red ring shaped rash, may be itchy rash may be dry and scaly or wet and crusty	Green dot	G.P.	
Scabies	Intense itching. pimple – like rash Itching and rash may be all over the body but commonly between the fingers, wrists, elbows, arm	Green dot	G.P.	Back to school after first treatment
Shingles	Pain, itching, or tingling along the affected nerve pathway. Blister-type rash	Yellow dot	G.P.	Only stay off school if rash is weeping and cannot be covered
Sickness bug/diarrhoea	Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea	Yellow dot	Pharmacy	See GP if symptoms persist after 48 hours
Threadworms	Intense itchiness around anus	Green dot	Pharmacy	Ensure good hand hygiene
Tonsillitis	Intense Sore throat	Green dot	Pharmacy	See GP if temperature lasts more than 48 hours or cannot swallow
Whooping cough	Violent coughing, over and over, until child inhales with "whooping" sound to get air into lungs	Red dot	G.P.	Back to school after 5 days of antibiotics or 21 days from onset of illness

See www.patient.co.uk for further information on each of these conditions

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This information is a guide and has been checked by health professionals however, if you are unsure about your child's wellbeing we recommend you contact your pharmacy or GP to check.



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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

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Lunch Menu 06.01.25

WK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 6 January 2025					
Main Meal RED	Baked Sausages with Crushed Potatoes & Gravy	Traditional Beef Lasagne	Roast Chicken Fillets with Gravy	Beef & Vegetable Ragù with Penne Pasta	Fish Fingers with Chips & Ketchup
Main Vegetarian GREEN	3 Veg Macaroni Cheese (V)	Bean Chilli with Steamed Rice (V)	Squash, Sweet Potato & Bean Hot Pot (V)	Vegetable Chow Mein (V)	Vegan Vegetable Fingers with Chips & Ketchup (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce (V)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce (V)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce (V)
Accompaniments	Baked Beans & Peas (Ve)	Sweetcorn & Broccoli (Ve)	Roast Potatoes Seasonal Greens & Carrots (Ve)	Cauliflower & Roasted Carrots (Ve)	Baked Beans & Peas (Ve)
Cold Option	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich	Cheese Sandwich (V) or Ham Sandwich
Dessert	Chocolate & Sweet Potato Brownie Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Courgette & Oak Cookie Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Vanilla Ice Cream Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Apple & Parsnip Sponge Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Fruit Jelly Fresh Fruit (Ve)
(V) – Suitable for Vegetarians (Ve) – Suitable for Vegans & Vegetarians			Salad Bar available daily		



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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.

	SPRING TERM 2025
6 th January 2025	Children return to school
7 th January 2025	Swimming starts years 2 and 5 for 10 weeks
10 th January 2025	Chestnut Class overnight stay on the school grounds in year 5 parent meeting on TEAMS at 4pm. Link to follow.
23 rd January 2025	Essex Fire and Rescue Year 3 Home Safety Workshop
29 th January 2025	Parent Coffee afternoon 2:40pm- Pine Class Performance
31 st January 2025	House Morning- Chinese New Year
31 st January 2025	Holly Fabulous Finish 2:00pm
3 rd -9 th February 2025	Children's mental health week
5 th February 2025	Work with Me- Maths 08:40-10am. More information to follow
7 th February 2025	Elm Fabulous Finish 2:00pm
10 th February 2025	Parents evening week- further information to follow
10 th February 2025	Book Fair to run alongside parents evening
11 th February 2025	UK Safer Internet Day
14th February 2025	Chestnut Class Assembly 9:00am
17 th February 2025	Half-Term week
25 th February 2025	Holly One Plan meetings am
26 th February 2025	Elm One Plan meetings am
26 th February 2025	Drama 4 All – Splash Under the Sea themed workshops for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 EYFS/ KS1 dress-up under the sea theme
27 th February 2025	Whitebeam One Plan meetings am
28th February 2025	Beech Fabulous Finish 2:00pm
28 th February 2025	Pine One Plan meetings am
5 th March 2025	Beech One Plan meetings am
6 th March 2025	World Book Day- dress up as a book character
7th March 2025	Pine Class Assembly
11 th March 2025	Chestnut One Plan meetings pm
13 th March 2025	Beech One Plan meetings am
13 th March 2025	Young Carers Action Day
14 th March 2025	Oak Fabulous Finish 2:00pm
Week of 17 th March 2025	Science Week
18 th March 2025	Parent Coffee afternoon 2:40pm- Chestnut Class Performance & KS2 choir
18 th March 2025	Oak One Plan meetings pm
20 th March 2025	Science Day
21 st March 2025	Red Nose Day – further information to follow
21 st March 2025	Whitebeam visit to Hutton View
21 st March 2025	Whitebeam Fabulous Finish 2:00pm
25 th March 2025	Holly and Elm visit to St Peter's Church

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27 th March 2025	Mothering Sunday afternoon tea and cakes for Whitebeam, Chestnut, Pine and Oak class- after school in the hall. More information to follow.
28 th March 2025	Mother’s Day assembly for Holly, Elm and Beech Class parents at 09:15am in the hall
4 th April 2025	Easter hat and Easter egg assembly
4 th April 2025	Last Day of Term



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RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

In Aid Of

Helen Rollason
Cancer Charity

Register here before
6th January



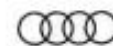
We will be collecting from 10th January 2025 to 14th January 2025

www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree

Helen Rollason will receive 85% of the net monies raised JustHelping will distribute the remaining 15% to other local charities

For more information call 01245 380719
or email fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk

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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

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Easy ways to support us



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

Donate here:
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Raise **FREE** donations for Willowbrook Primary School PTA when you shop 6,000+ stores online using Give as you Live Online!
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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



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- The easy way to help us raise funds
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and search for: Willowbrook Primary

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older