

Message from Mrs Branton

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break.

The children have had a great first week and settled back into school well. We are still seeing a high number of children absent each week, this week our overall school attendance was only 93.77%. We should be aiming for over 97% attendance. Let's work together to try and improve our attendance figures. As per our policy, parents will be invited in to meet with a member of SLT if their child's attendance falls below 90%.

We are also seeing a number of children arriving very late into school, please be reminded that children arriving later than 9.20am will receive a mark that shows them to be on site (U), but this will not count as a present mark and it will mean that they have an unauthorised absence for the morning session. More details relating to attendance can be found on the school website under the Attendance Policy.

It is our Favourites Day on Thursday where Pabulum are making one of the children's favourite lunchtime meals! Please see the menu below.



Special Menu
Favourites Day

Thursday 16th January

- Hot Dog (G,SU,SO,SE)
- Vegan Sausage Hot Dog (G,SO,SE)
- Baked Wedges
- Carrots & Sweetcorn
- Vanilla Ice Cream (MK)
- Alternative Meal
- Jacket Potato with Baked Beans

Allergen Key -
CAPSULE LETTERS = contains, lower case = may contain
Safety and Content: EG, Glutens (G), Shellfish (S), Eggs (E), Fish (F), Soya (SO), Hazelnut (H), Milk (M), Mustard (MO), Nuts (N), Peanuts (P), Sesame Seeds (SE), Soya and Soya products (SO), Sulphites (SU)

pabulum
HONESTLY GOOD FOOD

Sports News

The first sporting event of 2025 was an afternoon of Dodgeball. A great team sport using throwing, catching and dodging skills. Well done to all those that took part.



An email has been sent out today about Working Together to Support Positive Behaviour. You can also access it via this link - <https://www.willowbrook.essex.sch.uk/news/?pid=13&nid=1>

PE Days

As per the email sent out this week, please see below details of PE days this term:

Holly Class – Monday and Thursday indoor PE

Elm Class – Monday (outdoor) Wednesday (indoor)

Beech Class - Wednesday (outdoor) Swimming Tuesday

Whitebeam Class – Friday (outdoor) Monday (indoor)

Chestnut Class – Thursday (outdoor) Tuesday (indoor)

Pine Class – Friday (outdoor) Swimming Tuesday

Oak Class – Tuesday (outdoor) Friday (indoor)

A reminder that clubs are starting from next week. The club timetable which was emailed out to all parents details what classrooms to collect children from for after-school clubs, please also be reminded that you will need your child's password as coaches and teachers who are unfamiliar with the collecting adults will ask for the password.

Knowledge planners will be sent out on Monday via email.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Branton



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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

Anna, Quinn, Adam, Noah, Tommy, Thea



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Elm – adventure

Beech - traditional

Key Stage 2

Whitebeam - natural

Chestnut - determine

Pine – resolution

Oak - sacrifice

Core value pupil

Willowbrook Primary School
Each Working For All



Happiness

Independence

Respect

Teamwork

Caring

Honesty



Well done to the core value pupil from Oak class who received this week's award for teamwork 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

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Lunch Menu 13.01.25

WK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday <i>FAVOURITES DAY</i>	Friday
Week commencing 13 January 2025					
Main Meal RED	Beef Bolognese & Penne Pasta Bake	Chicken & Vegetable Paella	Honey Roast Gammon with Gravy	Hot Dog with Baked Wedges	Fish Fingers with Chips & Ketchup
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Bolognese with Spaghetti (V)	Spiced Squash & Potato Samosa (V)	Bombay Chickpea Burrito (V)	Vegan Hot Dog with Baked Wedges	Vegan Boston BBQ 3 Bean Stew with Baked Jackets (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Pasta with Squash & Tomato Sauce (V)	Pasta with Squash & Tomato Sauce (V)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Pasta with Squash & Tomato Sauce (V)
Accompaniments	Cauliflower & Green Beans (Ve)	Carrots & Peas (Ve)	Roast Potatoes Seasonal Greens & Carrots (Ve)	Carrots & Sweetcorn	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	Maryland Cookie Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Carrot & Apple Flapjack Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Banana & Cinnamon Sponge Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Vanilla Ice Cream Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Vanilla Ice Cream 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
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
14 th 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
28 th 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
7 th 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
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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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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Easy ways to support us



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

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Registered charity
1046576

COMPANY
MATCH
FUNDING

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SUPPORTED
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!



YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

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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