



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025



## Message from Mrs Branton

### School Dinner and BASC Arrears

We've noticed an increasing number of parents booking Breakfast and After School Club places for their children but not completing the payment. In some cases, these outstanding balances are becoming significant. Similarly, we've observed that some dinner payments are also falling behind. We kindly ask that you take a moment to review our Debt Policy on the website, which provides more details on the school's expectations. You can access it by clicking the link below. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

<https://www.willowbrook.essex.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=193&type=pdf>

### Free School Meals

If your child is in KS1, even though they are currently receiving universal free school meals, by applying for FSM you could also benefit from the Holiday Activity and Food Programmes. Please click on the link below if you think you may be eligible:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

### Lost Property

We are seeing an increasing amount of lost property in the school office, including items such as coats and glasses. Please let the office know if you have lost any items.

### Essex Fire and Rescue Workshop

Whitebeam class had a workshop this week led by Essex Fire and Rescue where they explored Home Safety. This supports their PSHE unit this term which is 'Keeping Myself Safe'. The children were also able to take home a free book on bullying, fire safety, internet advice and road safety. We'd like to thank Mr Chinnery from A C Tyre Collection Service for donating to the Educational Support Centre and nominating our school to receive the free resource.



## Sports News

Another afternoon of fun but this week with some of our KS1 children, they attended the Multi skills/Move with Us Festival. The children thoroughly enjoyed different sporting activities and the healthy fruit station where they got to taste lots of fruits.



## Parent coffee afternoon reminder:

Rather than standing on the cold playground, waiting for your children to come out at the end of the day, why not join us on **Wednesday 29th January** for our Parent Coffee Afternoon! The doors to the hall will be opened at **2:40pm**. Come along and have a free cup of tea/ coffee and a chat with other parents. There will be plenty of space if you have younger siblings with you. Mrs Gardner will drop-in to share with you how we teach handwriting and what our letter formation looks like. Pine class will also be dropping in to share a performance with you. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Branton



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## Science in the News

Another week of great Science work at Willowbrook Primary School. Find below what Beech and Oak have learnt this week. Brilliant work everyone!

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



Oak have completed an investigation on pulse rate. They started by taking their pulse in a sitting position, then after walking and then after running. Well done!



Beech class have been looking at the different types of animals and their offspring. They have identified that adult mammals, birds and reptiles often look similar to their offspring, whereas amphibians and fish do not. Well done!

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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:  
Olly G, Tommy Y, Sienna G, Noah, M, George S, Charlie W, Corey W, Austin C, Harry M*



*Well done*

## Word of the week

*'Wonderful words of the week'*

### Key Stage 1

Elm – gloomy  
Beech – cautiously

### Key Stage 2

Whitebeam - nutrients  
Chestnut - possibility  
Pine – heroic  
Oak - sufficient

## Core value pupil

Willowbrook Primary School  
Each Working For All



Happiness  
Independence  
Respect  
Teamwork  
Caring  
Honesty



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



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## Lunch Menu 27.01.25

WEEK 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week commencing 27 January 2025</b>					
<small>Week 1 Menu: 6<sup>th</sup> January, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 14<sup>th</sup> July, subject to change</small>					
<b>Main Meal RED</b>	Baked Sausages with Crushed Potatoes & Gravy	Traditional Beef Lasagne	Roast Chicken Fillets with Gravy	Beef & Vegetable Ragu with Penne Pasta	Fish Fingers with Chips & Ketchup
<b>Main Vegetarian GREEN</b>	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)
<b>Alternative YELLOW</b>	Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Cheese (V)	Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce (Ve)
<b>Accompaniments</b>	Baked Beans & Peas (Ve)	Sweetcorn & Broccoli (Ve)	Roast Potatoes Seasonal Greens & Carrots (Ve)	Cauliflower & Roasted Carrots (Ve)	Baked Beans & Peas (Ve)
<b>Cold Option</b>	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
<b>Dessert</b>	Chocolate & Sweet Potato Brownie (V)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Courgette & Oak Cookie (Ve)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Vanilla Ice Cream (V)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Apple & Parsnip Sponge (V)  Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Fruit Jelly (Ve)  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
29 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Parent Coffee afternoon 2:40pm- Handwriting & Pine Class Performance
31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	House Morning- Chinese New Year
31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025	Holly Fabulous Finish 2:00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Children's mental health week
5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Work with Me- Maths 08:40-10am. More information to follow
7 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Elm Fabulous Finish 2:00pm
10 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Parents evening week- further information to follow
10 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Book Fair to run alongside parents evening
11 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	UK Safer Internet Day
14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Chestnut Class Assembly 9:00am
17 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Half-Term week
25 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Holly One Plan meetings am
26 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Elm One Plan meetings am
26 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Road Safety Holly and Pine Class
27 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Whitebeam One Plan meetings am
28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Beech Fabulous Finish 2:00pm
28 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Pine One Plan meetings am
5 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Beech One Plan meetings am
6 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	World Book Day- dress up as a book character
7 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Pine Class Assembly
11 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Chestnut One Plan meetings pm
13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Beech One Plan meetings am
13 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Young Carers Action Day
14 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Oak Fabulous Finish 2:00pm
Week of 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Science Week
18 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Parent Coffee afternoon 2:40pm- Chestnut Class Performance & KS2 choir
18 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Oak One Plan meetings pm
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Science Day
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Red Nose Day – further information to follow
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Whitebeam visit to Hutton View
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Whitebeam Fabulous Finish 2:00pm
25 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Holly and Elm visit to St Peter's Church
27 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	Mother's Day assembly for Holly, Elm and Beech Class parents at 09:15am in the hall
4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Easter hat and Easter egg assembly
4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Last Day of Term

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## Parent Coffee Afternoon!



**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 2:40pm**

**To be held in the school hall**

You are warmly invited to join us in the hall from 2:40pm until pick-up 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!

Are you interested in how we teaching handwriting across the school? Do you know what letter formation we use? Mrs Gardner will be dropping in to share how we teach handwriting.

Pine Class will be dropping in to give us a performance.

There will also be second-hand school uniform on sale.

Every adult who joins us will enter a FREE raffle to win a prize!





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**FEB 17<sup>TH</sup> - 21<sup>ST</sup>** NEXT THING EDUCATION PRESENTS **9am-4pm**  
**FEBRUARY HALF TERM**

# TECH CAMP

Ofsted Registered

**FEBRUARY CAMPS 2025**

£39.99 PER DAY OR £175 FOR 5 DAYS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 5-11

FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE  
[www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education)

SCAN FOR LOCATIONS MAP

NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS PRESENTS  
**FEB HALF TERM 2025**  
 17<sup>TH</sup> - 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

Movie Making | Video Game Design | Robot Coding | STEM Experiments | Engineering

**17<sup>TH</sup> - 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY - LIMITED SPACES**  
 AGES 5 - 11 MULTI DAY BOOKING DISCOUNTS!

**What Parents Say**

"Absolutely Fantastic! First time attending & my son loved it!"

★★★★★

**HOW TO BOOK**

**STEP 1** SCAN THE QR CODE

**STEP 2** FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP

**STEP 3** BOOK ONLINE SPACES LIMITED

**W: WWW.NEXTTHING.EDUCATION**  
**E: INFO@NEXTTHING.EDUCATION T: 01442 873150**

# FEB CRASH COURSE

Lessons available for all ages and abilities, from 3 years old at St Peters School Brentwood

**£25 FOR 4 DAYS HALF PRICE**

**CALL TO FIND MORE:**  
 03335776362  
[www.allaboutswimming.co.uk](http://www.allaboutswimming.co.uk)

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The poster features the ActiveEssex logo on the top left and the Essex County Council logo on the top right. The main title 'Essex ActivAte' is prominently displayed in the center. Below the title, a blue banner contains the text 'FREE HALF TERM ACTIVITY CLUBS IN BRENTWOOD!' followed by a paragraph explaining the program's purpose and contact information. The poster lists seven activity clubs with their respective details, including names, locations, contact emails, phone numbers, and dates. At the bottom, there is a call to action to visit the ActiveEssex website.

**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](mailto:jackofallsports@btinternet.com) / 07919888093  
17th - 21st Feb (9am-3pm)

**HCL Activity Camps (4-11yrs)**  
Hutton Community Centre, Harrison Close, Hutton. CM13 1LP  
[info@hollowaycoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@hollowaycoaching.co.uk) / 0777874029  
18th, 19th and 20th Feb (9am-3:15pm)

**SportsCool (4-11 years)**  
Holly Trees Primary School, Vaughan Williams Way, Brentwood, CM14 5RY  
[westessex@sportscool.org](mailto:westessex@sportscool.org) / 07935535292  
19th - 21st Feb (9am-1pm)

**SportsCool SEND Level 1-2 (4-11 years)**  
Holly Trees Primary School, Vaughan Williams Way, Brentwood, CM14 5RY  
[westessex@sportscool.org](mailto:westessex@sportscool.org) / 07935535292  
19th - 21st Feb ( 9am-1pm)

**Kazen Kai AEF Outreach (11-16 years)**  
The Martial Arts Centre, Bannister Drive, Hutton, CM13 1YX  
[juliemc@kazenkai.com](mailto:juliemc@kazenkai.com) / 01277262800  
Tuesday 18th Feb (10 - 3pm)

**Brentwood Boxing Club AEF (11+ years)**  
Doddinghurst Road, Pilgrims Hatch, CM15 9NN Email to book  
[brentwoodcentral21@gmail.com](mailto:brentwoodcentral21@gmail.com) / 07930903442  
Tue 18th and Wed 19th Feb (10am-12pm)

Find out more: [activeessex.org](http://activeessex.org)

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Hanging Hill  
Brentwood Express



Registered Charity:  
1046576

**We've been chosen as a charity to receive a grant from Tesco Stronger Starts.**

**We need your help to maximise how much we receive!**

The grant will be used to support the Breakfast and After School Club with groceries. The clubs are vital to the children and families accessing this service.

**Between now and 31 March 2025**

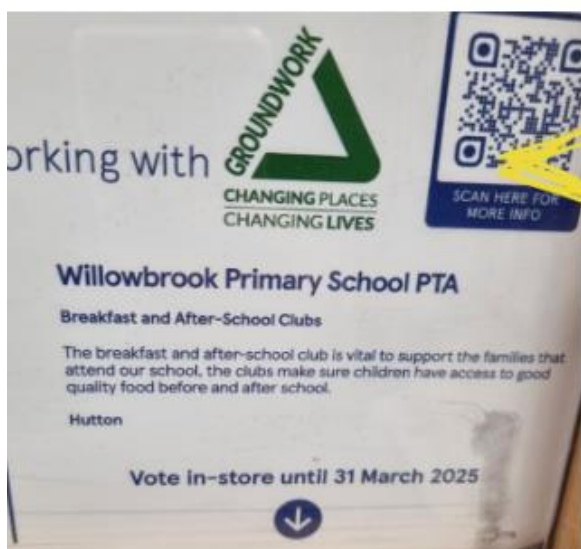
Every time you shop at Tesco Hanging Hill Lane ask for a blue token and put into the box for Willowbrook PTA.

The charity that receives the **most tokens will receive £1,500!**

This is the one we want...

**FIRST PLACE!**

Second: £1,000. Third: £500.





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# Willowbrook PTFA ST. PATRICK'S DAY QUIZ NIGHT

**WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2025**  
**Venue: School hall**

**Doors open 19:30**  
**Quiz starts 20:00**

This is a bring your own alcohol/drinks and snacks event, however we will have a small selection of alcohol and soft drinks to buy on the night too.

Teams of up to 6 persons (min. 4 persons) @£5 per person  
Want to play and don't have a team? - Don't worry email us and we'll match you up!  
Closing date for entries Friday 7th March

**Team entry forms available from the school office**

Willowbrook Primary School PTFA  
Registered Charity: 1046576  
Rosen Crescent, Hutton, CM13 2TU

[pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk)

**Strictly adults only event**



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registered charity:  
1046576

## WILLOWBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022/2023

Thursday 27 February 2025

9am - 10.30am

Venue: School

Everyone is welcome to attend our  
AGM meeting.

Come along and find out what we have  
done in the past year and vote in your  
Committee members.



[pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk)



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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



scan me!

To start supporting, visit:

[yourschoollottery.co.uk](https://yourschoollottery.co.uk)

and search for: Willowbrook Primary

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older



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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](mailto:pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk)

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## Willowbrook Primary School



### PTFA

Registered Charity: 1046576



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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](https://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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COMPANY  
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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.



Oct 2024