



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 31st January 2025



Message from Mrs Branton

We really need your help!

If you've already signed the Delay Smartphone Parent Pact (thank you so much!), we now kindly ask you to also sign the **Smartphone-Free Childhood Pact**. This is an important step in demonstrating our collective support for a smartphone-free approach and the data from this petition will soon be presented to headteachers across the area. Your voice is essential in showing the true momentum behind this movement!

Here's the link to sign:

[Smartphone-Free Childhood Pact](#)

Why is this so important?

This initiative provides us with the chance to protect our children from the negative effects of excessive smartphone use, especially at a young age. By supporting the Smartphone-Free Childhood Pact, we are sending a powerful message to local schools and authorities about our commitment to prioritising our children's well-being and promoting healthier, more meaningful childhood experiences. The more support we gather, the stronger our collective voice will be in advocating for this important change.

Exciting Update!

Thanks to the incredible support we've received so far, we've jumped from just 5 signatures to 81 and are now in 2nd place on the Essex leaderboard! Another local school has 133, but considering our school is much smaller, this is a fantastic achievement. Let's keep the momentum going—**we're aiming for 1st place!**

[Current Leaderboard](#) – . Please click here to see the latest updates on our position.

Mrs Davidian, one of our parents, is an Ambassador for Smartphone-Free Childhood. She has spoken at previous coffee mornings and is working with us to raise awareness of this initiative. She will be in touch to share next steps on how we can continue driving this initiative forward and keep all parents informed.

Thank you so much for your continued support. Together, let's keep working toward becoming a smartphone-free school in the near future!

House Morning

The children all thoroughly enjoyed the House Morning today where they took part in lots of activities for Chinese New Year.



Holly Fabulous Finish

Thank you to the parents in Holly class that came into school this afternoon and made story maps with their children. We hope you enjoyed the time you spent in class with your child and that it gave you an insight into what your child is learning in class.

Parent Coffee Afternoon

We hope you enjoyed our parent coffee afternoon on Wednesday. Thank you to Mrs Gardner for dropping in to share how we teach handwriting at our school and also a big thank you to Pine class for performing one of their songs from their music lessons. Our next coffee afternoon is on Tuesday 18th March at 2:40pm where Chestnut class and the choir will be performing.

Sports News

A great afternoon of sitting volleyball with a high standard of play from all teams competing. It was brilliantly led by the Shenfield Sports Leaders including one of our own ex pupils.



These siblings are two talented runners at Willowbrook who both competed in the Edmund Carr Primary School cross country races at Hylands Park. Two consecutive wins for our Year 6 girl and a 3rd and 5th finish for her younger sister. Our Year 6 runner has also recently received a gold medal at the Liverpool Cross Challenge. We are very proud of you both, well done!



Parents Evening and One Plan meetings

Letters have been sent out this week. The system goes live to book parents evening today and then on Monday it will go live for One Plan meetings.

Maths Work With Me

Don't forget our 'Maths Work With Me' session for Year 1 up to Year 6 is running on Wednesday morning. Find out about our maths mastery approach and join your child in their classroom whilst they complete some maths activities. The hall doors will be open from 08:40am with tea and coffee available, before the session starts at 9am.

Have a lovely weekend.

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Science in the News

Well done to Whitebeam and Chestnut this week for their brilliant Science work. Here is what they have learnt:

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



This half-term, Whitebeam Class have been learning about balanced diets, nutrients and the importance of eating fruits and vegetables every day. Well done!



Amazing work in Chestnut! The children identified, classified and created models of their teeth. Well done!



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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:
Melody, Tommy Y, May, Thea, Abigail B, Oscar H, Ava W, Noah M, Quinn, Zoie, Anna,
George W, Harrison C, Verity, Sidney W, Harry M, Lois*



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Elm – endangered

Beech – recall

Key Stage 2

Whitebeam - peer

Chestnut - favourable

Pine – scene

Oak - mischievous

Core value pupil

Willowbrook Primary School
Each Working For All



Happiness
Independence
Respect
Teamwork
Caring
Honesty



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



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Lunch Menu 3rd February 2025

WEEK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing 3rd February 2025					
<small>Week 2: 13th Jan, 3rd Feb, 24th Feb, 17th Mar, 7th Apr, 28th Apr, 19th May, 9th Jun, 30th Jun, 21st Jul. Subject to change.</small>					
Main Meal RED	Beef Bolognese & Penne Pasta Bake	Chicken & Vegetable Paella	Honey Roast Gammon with Gravy	Curried Beef & Vegetables with Steamed Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips & Ketchup
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Vegan Bolognese with Spaghetti (Ve)	Vegan Spiced Squash & Potato Samosa (Ve)	Vegan Bombay Chickpea Burrito (Ve)	Vegan Vegetable & Chickpea Ragu with Penne Pasta (Ve)	Vegan Boston BBQ 3 Bean Stew with Baked Jackets (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Pasta with Squash & Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Pasta with Squash & Tomato Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese (V)	Pasta with Squash & Tomato Sauce (Ve)
Accompaniments	Cauliflower & Green Beans (Ve)	Carrots & Peas (Ve)	Roast Potatoes Seasonal Greens & Carrots (Ve)	Broccoli & Sweetcorn (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	Maryland Cookie (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Carrot & Apple Flapjack (Ve) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Banana & Cinnamon Sponge (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Cherry Shortbread (V) Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Vanilla Ice Cream (V) 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
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	Road Safety Holly and Pine Class
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	Whitebeam One Plan meetings am 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
17th March 2025	Oak One Plan meetings pm
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
31 st March 2025	Rocksteady Concert 2.20pm
4 th April 2025	Easter hat and Easter egg assembly
4 th April 2025	Last Day of Term

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

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

SCAN FOR LOCATIONS MAP

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

Coding & Robots **Circuitry & Inventions** **Creative Technology** **Expert Engineers** **Media Madness**

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

17TH - 21ST 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

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Children's Mental Health Week
3rd - 9th February 2025

GOOD MOOD FOOD



What keeps our tummies happy?

A good and healthy tummy needs fruit and vegetables. Our brains and tummies talk to each other to tell us when we feel hungry or full.
Keeping your tummy happy, keeps your brain happy!
Look out for broccoli, carrots, oranges & grapes on the menu!



Water = Hydration!

Did you know your brain is made up of 75% water?
Drinking enough water stops us from feeling tired and helps keep us alert in classrooms. You should aim to drink 6-8 cups of water a day.
Have you drunk enough water today?



Calcium = Strong Bones & Teeth

Did you know the key mineral in yoghurt, cheese and milk is calcium?
This is needed for strong bones. Keeping our bones strong helps us exercise.



Omega 3 = Happy!

Did you know Salmon is an oily fish? It is packed with omega 3s.
Omega 3s are healthy fats which are key to developing young brains like yours!



Glucose = Brain Power!

Did you know glucose can be found in vegetables, wholemeal pasta, wholemeal bread and potatoes!
Not just in desserts and sweet treats! These foods release energy to our brains slowly, meaning we feel energised for longer.
Look out for wholemeal pasta and cauliflower on the salad bar + wholemeal bread which is available every day!



Look out for what's in season on your menu this month!
Try these at lunchtime:
Cabbage
Cauliflower
Potatoes
Carrots & Apples



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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD



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Valentines Afternoon Tea

19th

£10 Adults

FEB

£7 Children

2-4PM

PRICE INCLUDES: A SELECTION OF SANDWICHES, CAKES, SCONES AND UNLIMITED TEA AND COFFEE



ST PETER'S CHURCH, CLAUGHTON WAY, HUTTON, CM13 1JS



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ActiveEssex  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 / 07919888093
17th - 21st Feb (9am-3pm)

HCL Activity Camps (4-11yrs)
Hutton Community Centre, Harrison Close, Hutton. CM13 1LP
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 / 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 / 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 / 01277262800
Tuesday 18th Feb (10 - 3pm)

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

Find out more: activessex.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**

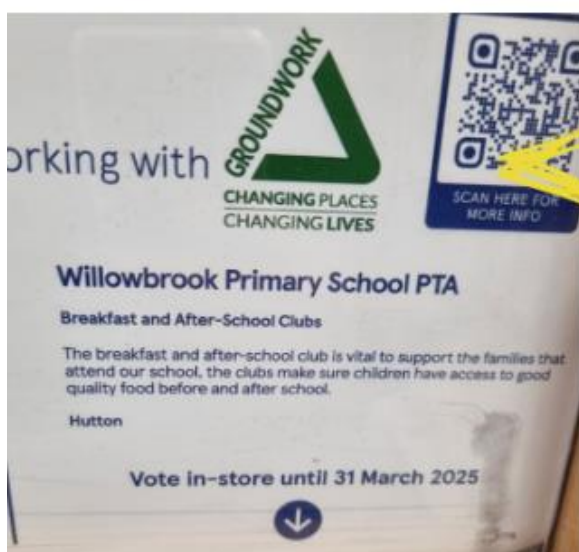
The charity that receives the **most** tokens will receive **£1,500!**

This is the one we want...

FIRST PLACE!

Second: £1,000. Third: £500.

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





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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

Strictly adults only event



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WILLOWBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023/2024

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.



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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



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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:
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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.

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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COMPANY
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CORPORATE
VOLUNTEERING

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.



Oct 2024