



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025



## Message from Mrs Branton

### Maths Work With Me

It was lovely to see so many of you at our 'Maths Work With Me' session on Wednesday morning. I hope you enjoyed finding out about our maths mastery approach and spending time with your child in the classroom. The PowerPoint has been uploaded onto the school website. You can find it on the Maths page within the Curriculum section, located under the 'School Information' tab.

<https://www.willowbrook.essex.sch.uk/page/?title=Maths&pid=24>

### Lip Balms and Creams

We have noticed recently that some children are bringing lip balms, gloss and creams to school, which they are using independently for things like eczema or general lip care. We completely understand the need for personal care products, but for health and safety reasons, we would appreciate it if these items could be removed from your child's bag.

If your child requires lip balm or cream for a medical condition, please feel free to complete a form at the school office authorising staff to assist as needed. This helps ensure that no other children accidentally use these products.

Please note, if a child is seen using such products during school hours, they will be gently removed and returned to parents at the end of the day.

Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation in helping to keep all our students safe.

### Absence

If your child is absent from school, please ensure you call the office **EVERY DAY** they are absent. Please refer to Page 6 of the Attendance Policy on the school website for details of our absence procedures:

<https://www.willowbrook.essex.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=493&type=pdf>

### Smart Phone Free Childhood

I'm thrilled to announce that we've reached 92 signatures on the Parent Pact Leader board! This is fantastic progress and we're just 41 signatures away from reaching the top spot for all of Essex! While that will place us at the top, we'll need more to maintain our position and keep us there. What an incredible achievement that would be!

If you haven't signed yet, you can add your name here: <https://essexparentpact.smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

I also wanted to share a powerful quote from a teacher that really resonates with the impact of this initiative:

"Every day we hear stories from parents whose children have started secondary without a smartphone this year, and are thriving. As one teacher told us last week, 'You can tell instantly which kids don't have one, because it's like they've got a secret superpower compared to their peers. They can concentrate, they can hold a conversation.'"

Thank you so much for your continued support. Let's make this happen!

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## Parents Evening

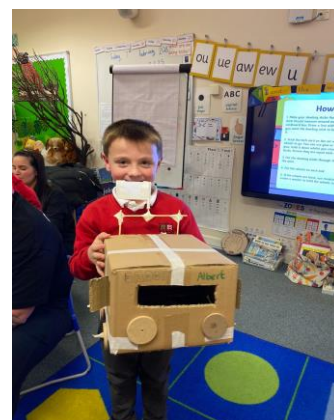
We look forward to seeing you next week at Parents' Evening. As the booking system is now closed, please contact the office directly if you still need to arrange an appointment. Additionally, our Book Fair will be open, offering you the opportunity to purchase books for your child while helping to raise funds for new books across the school.

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
No parents evening	All year groups	EYFS and Year 6 only	All year groups	No parents evening

**REMINDER NO CLUBS NEXT WEEK DUE TO PARENTS EVENING  
BREAKFAST AND AFTERSCHOOL CLUB WILL REMAIN AVAILABLE FOR BOOKING**

## Elm Class Fabulous Finish

Thank you to the parents in Elm class that came into school this afternoon and made cars with their children using a variety of craft materials. 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.



Have a lovely weekend.  
Mrs Branton

## Science in the News

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

Mrs Cirdei - Science



Holly Class have had a wonderful time 'understanding the world' this week. They have been exploring the properties of materials to build a house for the Three Little Pigs from our story. They really enjoyed being wolves, trying to blow the houses down!



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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:  
Thea, Tommy B, Elodie, Zoe Y, Anna, Lois, Melody*



*Well done*

## Word of the week

*'Wonderful words of the week'*

### Key Stage 1

Elm – monstrous

Beech – enjoyable

### Key Stage 2

Whitebeam - clamber

Chestnut - whimsical

Pine – collaboration

Oak - strategy

## Core value pupil

Willowbrook Primary School  
Each Working For All



Happiness  
Independence  
Respect  
Teamwork  
Caring  
Honesty



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



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## Lunch Menu 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025

WEEK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025</b> <i>Week: 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar, 24<sup>th</sup> Mar, 14<sup>th</sup> Apr, 5<sup>th</sup> May, 26<sup>th</sup> May, 16<sup>th</sup> Jun, 7<sup>th</sup> Jul, 28<sup>th</sup> Jul. Subject to change.</i>					
<b>Main Meal RED</b>	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza with Baked Wedges	Traditional Cottage Pie topped with Sweet Potato Mash	Slow Roast Beef & Root Vegetables with Gravy	Chicken & Sweetcorn Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Fish Fingers with Chips & Ketchup
<b>Main Vegetarian GREEN</b>	Mangaretta Pizza with Baked Wedges (V)	Vegan Aubergine & Courgette Tagine (Ve)	Vegan Country Vegetable & Bean Pie (Ve)	Vegan Tofu Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Vegan Mexican Roasted Vegetable & Bean Quesadilla (Ve)
<b>Alternative YELLOW</b>	Pasta with Tomato & Vegetable Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (V)	Pasta with Tomato & Vegetable Sauce (V)	Jacket Potato with Salmon Mayonnaise or Baked Beans	Whole-wheat Pasta with Tomato & Vegetable (V)
<b>Accompaniments</b>	Classic Coleslaw & Sweetcorn (Ve)	Broccoli & Cauliflower (Ve)	Roast Potatoes Seasonal Greens & Carrots (Ve)	Carrots & Sweetcorn (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>	Cinnamon Apple Crumble (Ve) with optional Custard (V) or Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Sultana & Oat Cookie (Ve) or Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Fruit Jelly (Ve) or Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Orange Drizzle or Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Chocolate & Courgette Rice Krispie Cake or 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
11 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Parents Evening
11-13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Book Fair to run alongside parents evening
11 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	UK Safer Internet Day
12 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Parents Evening EYFS and Year 6 only
13 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Parents Evening
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
27 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Road Safety – EYFS and Year 5
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	<b>Whitebeam One Plan meetings am</b> 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
<b>17<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>	<b>Oak One Plan meetings pm</b>
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
31 <sup>st</sup> March 2025	Rocksteady Concert 2.20pm
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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**FEB 17<sup>TH</sup> - 21<sup>ST</sup>** 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](http://www.nextthing.education)

SCAN FOR LOCATIONS MAP

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

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**

**All About Swimming**

**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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## Valentines Afternoon Tea

19<sup>th</sup> | £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](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: [activesessex.org](http://activesessex.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**

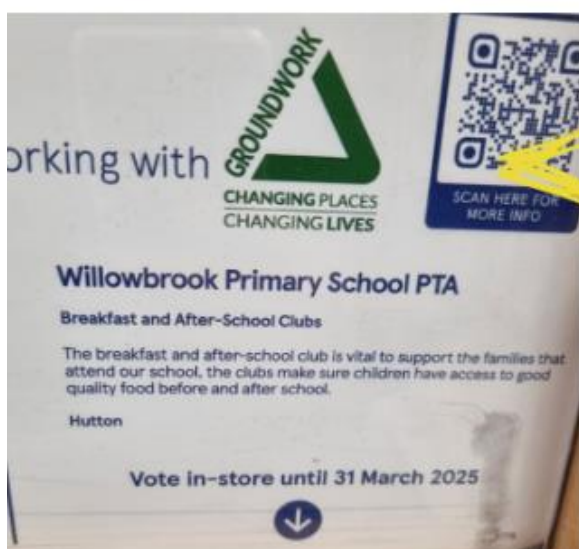
The charity that receives the **most** tokens will receive **£1,500!**

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.



**This one!**





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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:  
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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.



[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!



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](http://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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### PTFA

Registered Charity: 1046576



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