

Message from Mrs Branton

I hope you all had a lovely half term. We have had a busy first week back and the children have enjoyed getting involved in various activities.

Under the Sea Workshop

Our EYFS and KS1 children enjoyed dressing up for our 'under the sea' theme on Wednesday and thoroughly enjoyed getting involved with the interactive workshop.



Andy Day Visit

Children *and* staff were very excited yesterday when we had a special assembly with Andy Day. Andy did the dinosaur rap, a quiz with the children and read some of his new book to us. We hope the children came home and told you all about his visit.





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Beech Class Fabulous Finish

Thank you to the parents that came to the fabulous finish today. We hope you enjoyed making bread with the children, they were very excited to have you all in class with them. It's lovely when parents come into school as it gives you an insight into what your child is learning in class.

PTFA

This week, the PTFA held their annual AGM and it was wonderful to see so many parents attending. It was a thought-provoking meeting, filled with great ideas and discussions. The PTFA plays a valuable role in enhancing our school community, not just through fundraising, but also by fostering connections and creating a supportive environment. Their work strengthens the partnership between parents, teachers and the wider community, ensuring we work together to create the best possible environment for our children to thrive.

The newsletter highlights more ways you can support the school through the PTFA – please take a moment to have a look. Your support is truly invaluable.

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:
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and search for: Willowbrook Primary

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

TESCO **Stronger Starts** 

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.

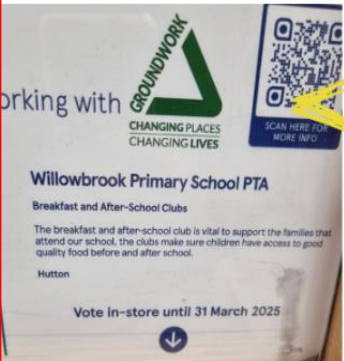
Between now and 31 March 2025

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.



This one!



Working with **GROUNDWORK**
CHANGING PLACES
CHANGING LIVES

Willowbrook Primary School PTA
Breakfast and After-School Clubs

The breakfast and after-school club is vital to support the families that attend our school, the clubs make sure children have access to good quality food before and after school.

Hutton

Vote in-store until 31 March 2025

Smart Phone Free Childhood

We are now at 106 signatures on the parent pact! How amazing does it feel to know that our kids will not be isolated or bullied for not having a smart phone because they won't be the minority anymore! Well done Willowbrook on leading by good example to all of the schools in Essex!

The whole borough of Barnet has banned smartphones in primary schools and now all of their secondary schools are working on being smart phone free too, let's get Essex doing the same for the sake of our children's health and education.

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-14400503/amp/Council-ban-smartphones-schools-new-rule.html>

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

Sports News

Some of our Year 6 children had a fantastic afternoon of basketball. The children loved the competition and displayed great teamwork.



Reminder:

We are looking forward to World Book Day next Thursday, 6th March. Please send your child to school as their favourite book character and if they wish, they can bring along the book to match their outfit! Don't forget that the PTA have a rail of outfits in the office area, all outfits are priced at £3 each.

We will be offering a special menu on this day – be sure to check it out!

Have a wonderful weekend, and let's hope the sun keeps shining!

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Deadline is fast approaching for the quiz. Please get your team form and entry fee into the school office/PTFA committee member by **Friday 7th March** at the latest. Should we not have enough teams by the deadline then we will be unable to host this event as we will not be able to prepare, cover costs and raise funds for the school.

(27th February – We have 1 confirmed team form/entry fee)

 **Willowbrook PTFA**
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
QUIZ NIGHT
WEDNESDAY 19 MARCH 2025
Venue: School hall
Doors open 19:30
Quiz starts 20:00

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

This is a bring your own alcohol/drinks and snacks event.
Please Note: NUT FREE EVENT

Team entry forms available from the school office
pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk

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

Strictly adults only (18+) event



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WEEK 3	Monday	Tuesday PANCAKE DAY	Wednesday	Thursday WORLD BOOK DAY	Friday
Week commencing 3rd March 2025 <i>Week 3: 20th Jan, 10th Feb, 3rd Mar, 24th Mar, 14th Apr, 5th May, 26th May, 16th Jun, 7th Jul, 28th Jul. Subject to change.</i>					
Main Meal RED	Homemade Pepperoni Pizza with Baked Wedges	Traditional Cottage Pie Topped with Sweet Potato Mash	Slow Roast Beef & Root Vegetables with Gravy	Fantastic Mr Fox's Wrapped Chicken & Beef Bake <i>(Chicken & Beef Sausage Wrapped in Pastry)</i>	Fish Fingers with Chips & Ketchup
Main Vegetarian GREEN	Margherita Pizza with Baked Wedges (V)	Vegan Aubergine & Courgette Tagine with Cous Cous (Ve)	Vegan Country Vegetable & Bean Pie (Ve)	Peter Rabbit's Wrapped Garden Vegetables (Ve) <i>(Vegan Sausage Wrapped in Pastry)</i>	Vegan Mexican Roasted Vegetable & Bean Quesadilla (Ve)
Alternative YELLOW	Pasta with Tomato & Vegetable Sauce (Ve)	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans (Ve)	Pasta with Tomato & Vegetable Sauce (Ve)	Supertato's Spectacular Baked Wedges	Wholewheat Pasta with Tomato & Vegetable Sauce (Ve)
Accompaniments	Classic Coleslaw & Sweetcorn (V)	Broccoli & Cauliflower (Ve)	Roast Potatoes Seasonal Greens & Carrots (Ve)	Jack & the Beanstalk's Magic Beans, Gangster Granny's Garden Peas	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	Cinnamon Apple Crumble (V) with Custard or Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Pancakes or Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Fruit Jelly (Ve) or Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Bruce Bogtrotter's Chocolate Cake with Golden Goose Custard 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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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

Thea, Aaliyah, Chester, Lois, Ibrahim, Archie L, Sienna G, Ava W, Zoe Y, Anna, Veer



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Elm – amble

Beech – disastrous

Key Stage 2

Whitebeam - exclaim

Chestnut - elevate

Pine – elegant

Oak - anonymous

Core value pupil



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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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
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
11th March 2025	EYFS Maths Workshop 2-3pm
13th March 2025	Chestnut Class Assembly 9:00am
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
17 th 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
31st March 2025	Stone Age Workshop – Whitebeam Class
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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