



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14th March 2025



Message from Mrs Branton

We are excited to announce the Essex Teaching Awards, a fantastic opportunity to recognise and celebrate the outstanding contributions of our dedicated educators and staff. These awards honour those who go above and beyond to make a positive impact on our students and school community.

We need your help to ensure our amazing teachers and staff receive the recognition they deserve. If you know a teacher, LSA or any other staff member who has made a difference in your child's education, please consider nominating them for an award.

Your nominations help us celebrate the hard work, dedication and passion of our team. To submit a nomination, please visit <https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/essex-teaching-awards>.

Thank you for your support in recognising the incredible efforts of our educators and staff. Together, we can celebrate the excellence in our school!



Pre-loved Uniform

We have a rail in the office of pre-loved uniform organised by the PTFA. If you would like to purchase any uniform items, we just ask for a small donation. Please ask Miss Gadd for more details.

Red Nose Day

On Friday 21st March, we will be fundraising for **Red Nose Day 2025. Go big. Give big. Feel good!** This year, we are celebrating 40 years of comic relief so the suggested dressing up theme is either: dress up in your best nostalgic outfits (more relevant for any parents that want to come to school dressed up for drop-off and pick-up) or wear something red! On the day, you can bring in any change for donations and put them into the donation buckets which will be at the school gate OR comic relief have set up a justgiving page for us on the link below:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd25-willowbrook-primary-school?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Feel free to share this link with friends and family.

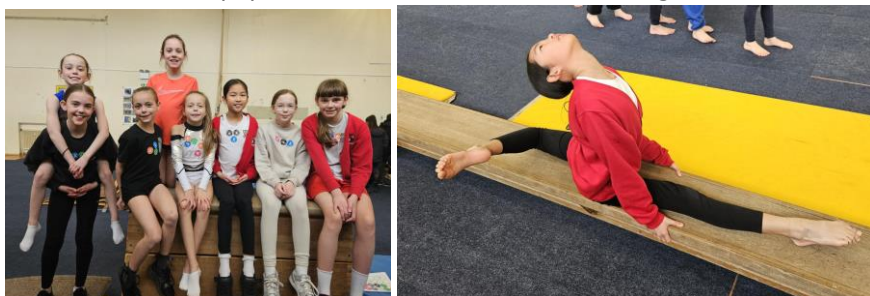
House Captains will be visiting classes next week selling Red Noses. The children will be limited to only purchasing one nose, to ensure that we have enough for those that want to buy one. There will be a choice of 5 different nose designs at a cost of **£2**.

All money raised goes towards those facing poverty here in the UK and around the world. Your support could help provide shelter for those that need it, put food on plates, fill the shelves of baby banks, offer someone to talk to or somewhere to be safe. I can't wait to see everyone dressed up to support such an important cause.

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Sports News

Tuesday afternoon started with a gymnastics festival at Shenfield High school. Some KS2 pupils had the opportunity to use different equipment and showcase their amazing talent. We have some great gymnasts!!



After school on Tuesday our girls football team played their first league match against West Horndon Primary school. Our girls showed great teamwork and won 2-1. Well done girls!



What a wonderful Wednesday afternoon we had! Some of our younger children in KS1 attended a Disney inspired dance workshop. This was led by the performing arts students of Shenfield High School, one was a previous pupil of Willowbrook. Our children had a wonderful experience and performed an amazing dance routine.



One of our Year 6 pupils has won all the Edmond Carr races. She managed to secure first place in all four of her races and was also named the league winner. She has also been crowned the Essex Champion at the Essex Cross Challenge U11! What a superstar, well done!



Chestnut Class Assembly

Thank you to the parents in Chestnut Class that came to their assembly on Thursday morning. We hope you all enjoyed watching the children show you what they have been learning in class.



Oak Class Fabulous Finish

Thank you to the Oak class parents that came into school today and worked with their children in class to use their science knowledge to make an electrical circuit to light up our Easter pictures. We hope you had as much fun as the children did.

Introducing eBooks

By Easter your child will have access to their eBook. Please check your child's reading diary within the next couple of weeks to find their login details and the link for the website. These books are linked to the colour banded books and will count towards the 'reading 5 times a week' incentive (please remember to record it in the reading diary). If you have any questions, please ask your class teacher.

Parent Coffee Afternoon

I hope to see many of you at our parent coffee afternoon next week Tuesday (18th). The hall door will open at **2:30pm** so feel free to come a little earlier than normal drop-off so that you can grab a FREE cup of tea/ coffee and biscuit; and sit and have a chat. If you have younger children, there will be an area where they can play and there will also be 2nd hand uniform available to buy. Mrs Youngblood will give a short talk on 'Understanding ADHD' at **2:40pm** to help provide awareness and understanding amongst parents of a diagnosis that affects many of our children. We will also have Chestnut class visiting to perform as well as the KS2 choir.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Branton



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Parent Coffee Afternoon!



Tuesday 18th March 2:30-03:10pm

To be held in the school hall

You are warmly invited to join us in the hall from 2:30pm onwards 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!

Mrs Youngblood will be giving a short talk on 'Understanding ADHD'.

We'll also be treated to a performance from Chestnut Class and the Key Stage 2 choir.

Feel free to join us and leave at any time between 02:30 and 03:10pm.

The PTFA will have second-hand school uniform on sale.

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





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EASTER BUNNY TRAIL

Monday 7 April - Monday 21 April

FREE EVENT

Find all 10 of our Easter Bunnies in Brentwood, Shenfield & Ingatestone for a chance to win prizes!

Pick up a Trail map from participating venues, or download on our website

FREE EASTER EVENT DAYS (11am - 3pm)
meet the Easter Bunny and enjoy Easter crafts

Thursday 10 April in Brentwood High Street
Friday 11 April in Hutton Road, Shenfield
Thursday 17 April in Ingatestone High Street

www.brentwoodconnected.co.uk/easter →

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Give as you Live Online



Raise FREE donations for the PTFA

Make a difference in 2025
We'll get a free donation when you sign up...

...and keep receiving donations when you shop!



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Using give as you live online before you shop could generate FREE donations for us! It's really simple to sign up and partner stores will donate a percentage of your spend back to us, at no cost to you.

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Dinner Menu w/c 17th March 2025

WEEK 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week commencing: 17 March 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 (V)	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 (Ve) or Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Carrot & Apple Flapjack (V) or Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Banana & Cinnamon Sponge (V) or Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Cherry Shortbread (V) or Fresh Fruit (Ve)	Vanilla Ice Cream (V) 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: Lois W and George S



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Elm – dazzle

Beech – intense

Key Stage 2

Whitebeam - thoroughly

Chestnut - merciless

Pine – courageous

Oak - enable

Core value pupil

Willowbrook Primary School
Each Working For All



Happiness
Independence
Respect
Teamwork
Caring
Honesty



Well done to the core value pupil from Whitebeam class who received this week's award for caring 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
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
21st March 2025	Holly Class Trip to Marsh Farm
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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