

## Message from Mrs Branton

### Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to the parents that came along to the coffee afternoon on Tuesday. We hope you enjoyed the performances from Chestnut class and our KS2 choir. We hope too that you found the 'Understanding ADHD' talk useful and informative, as this affects many of our children.

### Red Nose Day

The children enjoyed wearing red today for Red Nose Day and we also saw a few children dressed in nostalgic outfits! Thank you to those of you that have donated, if you haven't donated yet and would like to, please click on the link below:

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd25-willowbrook-primary-school?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=EM](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd25-willowbrook-primary-school?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM)

### eBooks

By the end of term your child will have access to their eBook. 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). Teachers are currently setting these up and putting your child's log-in details inside their reading record. Once your child's log-in details are in their diary, you can log in. Your child needs to click on 'I am a Primary Pupil' and then add in their details. The link is also below:

[https://www.collinshub.co.uk/login/?service=https%3A%2F%2Fops.collinsopenpage.com%2Fops%2Fj\\_spring\\_cas\\_security\\_check&eulogin=false](https://www.collinshub.co.uk/login/?service=https%3A%2F%2Fops.collinsopenpage.com%2Fops%2Fj_spring_cas_security_check&eulogin=false)

Any problems, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### Whitebeam visit to Hutton View

Whitebeam class did a fantastic job today entertaining the elderly residents of Hutton View Care Home. The recounting the Easter story in confident clear voices and sang beautifully. The children also gifted the residents an Easter card and enjoyed some squash and biscuits with them. Thank you to Rev. Lisa for helping to organise this for the children.





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## Marsh Farm

Holly Class enjoyed a fun time at Marsh Farm today, they got to meet lots of different animals and learnt lots about the animals too. Their behaviour was impeccable and they were great role models for the school. Well done Holly Class!



## Whitebeam Fabulous Finish

Thank you to the Whitebeam parents that came into school this afternoon to work with their children. We hope you enjoyed drawing cave pictures with your child using pastels and charcoal. The children were excited to show you what they have been learning in class.



## Sports News

We had a wonderful Monday afternoon attending the Hockey festival at Becket Keys School. Some of our Year 5&6 children enjoyed learning new drills and the experience of lots of match play against different schools. Well done.



## Science Week

The children celebrated British Science Week this week and took part in a variety of activities within their classroom as well as having an animal encounter workshop on Thursday. Mrs Cirdei, our science lead, will share more in the next newsletter.

## Mothering Sunday

Key Stage 2 parents have been sent an invite to the Mothering Sunday afternoon tea which is being held on Thursday in the school hall. Please remember to return your slips so we have an idea of numbers. We would also appreciate cake donations for the event. Our EYFS/Key Stage 1 children will be performing in their Mother's Day assembly on Friday at 9:15am in the school hall.



## Clubs

We hope the children enjoyed attending their clubs this term. All before and after school sports and activity clubs have now all finished for this term. Year 6 boosters are continuing as well as the Breakfast and After School Club. As we are approaching the end of term, please can I also ask you to check your School Money accounts and clear any outstanding dinner and breakfast/afterschool club arrears.

## Easter Hat and Egg assembly

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April, the last day of term, we have our annual Easter Hat and Egg assembly. The children can wear an Easter hat or headdress and we will be having an Easter Egg raffle. We are asking for donations of Easter eggs for the raffle which can be handed in to the office anytime from now until **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**. Raffle tickets will be on sale from **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March**. They will be taken around to class for the children to purchase during the school day. 20p a ticket or £1 for a strip of 5 tickets, please send your child in with the money in a named envelope. The last date to purchase raffle tickets will be Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.



Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Branton



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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](http://www.brentwoodconnected.co.uk/easter) →

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**EASTER STORIES AND CRAFTS**

**FOR CHILDREN**

**With storyteller Hannah Brailsford**

**SHENFIELD LIBRARY**

**Saturday 05 April**

3 free 45 min sessions  
with free refreshments  
9.30 am, 10.30 am, 11.30 am  
Bookable at:  
<https://bit.ly/HannahStoryteller>



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## PTFA FEATURE NEWS

### St Patrick's Quiz

On Wednesday, the PTFA held our second St Patrick's day quiz. Our quiz masters, Paul Griffin and Aron Brown, returned having been dragged back by Jo and Kim, but also by popular demand to host this fun filled event. It was a great turn out with 9 teams comprising Willowbrook colleagues, parents/guardians, family and friends, it really was an event for all. There was lots of laughter, fun, and friendly competition to really make this a highlight of the calendar for the Willowbrook family.

The quiz itself was hotly contested with the team of Willowbrook Colleagues (**Universally Challenged**) coming out as overall winners by the slimmest of margins of 0.5 of a point to **The Quizzards of Oz**. The Universally Challenged team won a delightful hamper to share between them, and also the pride of knowing they were the winners!! Shout out as always to our wooden spoon winners, **I got problems and this quiz is one!** it really isn't a quiz without a wooden spoon team.

We also had a half time game with a wonderful wine tasting voucher donated by @liquoricessex – thank you so much to Liquorice for supporting our event and their generous donation.

Thank you to everyone who attended this event, and for your continued support of the PTFA and our events. We have had some amazing feedback about the night, so thank you for all your kind comments, it means a lot to the PTFA committee and all those involved in arranging this event - it would seem that this really could become an annual event for the PTFA.



# THIS EVENT RAISED AN AMAZING £300

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## Dinner Menu w/c 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

WEEK 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025</b>					
<small>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.</small>					
<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 and Beef Sausage Roll in Pastry with Wedges	Fish Fingers with Chips & Ketchup
<b>Main Vegetarian GREEN</b>	Margaretta Pizza with Baked Wedges (V)	Vegan Sausage (Ve)	Vegan Kiev (Ve)	Vegan Tofu Sweet & Sour Vegetables with Steamed Rice (Ve)	Vegan Goujons (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)
Accompaniments	Classic Coleslaw & Sweetcorn (V)	Broccoli & Cauliflower (Ve)	Roast Potatoes Seasonal Greens & Carrots (Ve)	Baked Beans & Peas (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	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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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:  
Harry M, Corey , Quinn C, Lincoln, Phoebe, Sadie, Leo, Melody*



*Well done*

## Word of the week

*'Wonderful words of the week'*

### Key Stage 1

Elm – wobbly  
Beech – tender

### Key Stage 2

Whitebeam - investigate  
Chestnut - ragged  
Pine – cautious

## Core value pupil



Well done to the core value pupil from Chestnut 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
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	Stone Age Workshop – Whitebeam Class
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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