



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025



## Message from Mrs Branton

### A Heartfelt Thank You from All of Us

On behalf of myself and the entire staff, we want to extend a huge *thank you* for all the wonderful gifts we've received. Your kindness and thoughtfulness have truly touched us. We are feeling so appreciated and loved, and it means more than words can express. Thank you for making us feel so special!

### Fun Run

The children all enjoyed our first ever fun run and loved challenging themselves to complete laps of the field. A HUGE thank you to everyone that has sent in sponsorship money, so far we have raised £1,720! If you have not yet collected and returned your sponsorship money, please send this into school during our first week back in September.



### Sports Day

We had a brilliant Sports Day on Monday, featuring a great variety of races and challenges for the children to participate in. What stood out to me was the excellent level of competitiveness and the support they gave each other. The races were really exciting and you could see the sheer determination and desire to win on the children's faces. We had some great results and outstanding efforts, with **Earth** House emerging as the overall winners!



### Meet the Teachers

The children spent Tuesday morning in their new classrooms, engaging in fun activities. Everyone was very excited and I'm confident that their transitions in September will be smooth for all the children. Teachers have created Teacher Passports and Transition books for children to review over the summer holidays in preparation for the new academic year. These have been uploaded onto DB Primary.



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## Open Afternoon

It was lovely to welcome so many of you into the school on Wednesday for our open afternoon. It was a great way to celebrate the children's hard work, as they love sharing their learning with you. It was also an opportunity for you to meet informally with the class staff. Most of the children's reports were collected at the open afternoon. I hope you find them useful and informative, as the teachers put an enormous amount of effort into writing them.

## Community News

Please click on the link below to find out more about events in our local community.

<https://www.willowbrook.essex.sch.uk/page/?title=Community+News&pid=85>

## Attendance

In your child's school report, you will have their school attendance figure for this academic year. Any children with attendance of 97% or above, which is our school target, will have received an excellent or 100% attendance certificate. We want to see all your children in school as much as possible and I would like to thank all of you who are helping your children succeed by ensuring that they have good school attendance. I hope to be able to present a lot more excellent and 100% attendance certificates at the end of the next academic year!

## PTFA

Our wonderful PTFA team have worked tirelessly over the past year, thinking of ways to raise money for the school and their incredible fundraising efforts are greatly appreciated by us all. The drive and care they put into all their events do not go unnoticed and their unwavering commitment truly demonstrates the strength of our school community. Please see below information on funds raised and where the money has been used.

**PTFA funds used for....**

- Sports Day £85
- Fathers Day Breakfast £250
- Year 6 - MAD Day £750
- Class Budget Treats £150
- Year 6 Leavers Gifts £300

**PTFA funds raised...**

- Summer Disco raised £400
- Colour Run raised £700
- My School Lottery raised £291
- Summer Fayre raised £2,900\*
- Groundwork Tesco Tokens raised £800

**THE WILLOW**

**SUMMER TERM - JULY 2025**

**JOIN THE PTFA COMMITTEE**

At the end of 2025/2026 academic year, we lose two PTFA committee members as their children move on to senior school. We are looking to recruit (September 2025) new committee members who will be able to shadow the existing committee members and become familiar with the roles before taking on the position entirely in September 2026. If you are interested in joining us and making a real difference, then please email the PTFA or speak to a member of the committee. PTA@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk

Positions Available... Secretary Treasurer

**Summer Fayre**

This term we hosted our biggest event of the year in the Summer Fayre. With lots of meticulous planning by the committee, the day was a huge success, minus the inflatables, and we really do hope everyone had a great day. The event raised a massive £2,900\*.

We would like to say the biggest thank you to all our volunteers who supported us and helped run the stalls on the day, the day would not have been a success without you all. Another big thank you goes to our supporters who provided advertising for our event, and amazing raffle prizes.

WINGED BOOTS, Hilbery & Chaplin, COLMER Plant Hire

Have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

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## PTFA Feature News

Willowbrook PTFA Registered Charity: 1046576



# WE NEED YOU!

**PTFA COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

**SECRETARY**

**TREASURER**

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

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Join

# WILLOWBROOK FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE 25/26

**You** **VS** **Willowbrook  
FC**

**£10 entry fee per team**  
**Prizes to be won**

Sign up before  
Gameweek 1 which  
starts on 15th August



Entry fee to:  
Willowbrook Primary School PTA  
Sort Code: 20-12-21  
Account No: 40512664  
Ref: FF (Child's Name & Class)

Email: [PTA@ willowbrook.essex.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk)  
once payment has been sent with your team  
name, and we will email over league details.

(Apologies: This is not open to Oak Leavers due to being a  
2025/2026 event)

<https://fantasy.premierleague.com/>



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## Diary Dates

	AUTUMN TERM 2025
3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	Children return to school

All diary dates for the first term of the next academic year will be shared in the newsletter on the first week back to school in September, along with details of PE days. There will be no PE during the first week back.