



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025



## Message from Mrs Branton

### Parking Safety Reminder – Please Prioritise Our Children’s Safety

We’ve been made aware once again that parking around the school during drop-off and pick-up times continues to be a serious concern. This week, several vehicles were seen parked both illegally and dangerously, creating a significant risk for our children and other pedestrians.

We cannot stress enough the importance of parking considerately and safely. Our previous newsletters have included reminders and Brentwood Council is aware of the situation. Parking wardens may be deployed in response to ongoing safety concerns.

Please remember:

- Do **not** park on zig-zag lines, across driveways, on corners or in such a way that it blocks the pavement and forces pedestrians to walk in the road.
- Leave enough space for children and families to cross safely.
- Avoid stopping in the middle of the road to let children out.
- Avoid parking on the grass verges.
- The flats next to the school are private property and parking is prohibited

We are all responsible for keeping our school community safe. A few extra minutes spent finding a safe parking space is a small price to pay to ensure no child is put at risk.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

### School Admissions

#### Secondary school places for September 2026

From 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025 you can apply online for your child’s secondary school (year 7) place.

Please click on the link below for more details on how to apply:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary-school-places>

Applications received after the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred school.

#### Primary school places for September 2026

From 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 you can apply online for your child’s primary (reception) school place.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-school-places>

Applications received after the 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026 are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred school.



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## **Clubs**

All clubs start from next week. We have a number of clubs that still have spaces, so if your child is interested in joining one of the clubs, please check your School Money account to book a space. The only clubs currently full are Athletics, Mini Architects and Craft club. If there is a club that your child would like to join but all spaces have been filled, please contact the office to add your name to the waiting list.

## **Diary Dates:**

Our Autumn Term Diary Dates are included in each week's newsletter. Please do check them regularly to see what events are coming up this term. Any changes or new additions that have been added since the last newsletter will be highlighted in yellow. This term, every class will be putting on a class assembly. Parents are invited to join us on the date given for their class to find out what the children have been learning in their topic. You then have an opportunity to give your children a hug and a well done after the assembly before they go back to class.

## **Harvest Festival Appeal – supporting the local food banks**

Reminder: Once again, we would like to be able to offer our support to the local food banks, with a Harvest Festival Appeal. Each year at this time, with your generosity, the food banks are able to replenish their greatly depleted stock; offering a great foundation for their work throughout the year. Requests for help are at unprecedented levels and showing no sign of easing any time soon. Please help us show our support by donating any of the following items over the next few weeks: -- tinned/canned food (vegetables, fruit, meat, fish) - spreads (jam, honey etc.) - long-life milk, juice and drinks - dried pasta – rice - cooking sauces – condiments - tea and coffee – cereal and toiletries. Thank you for your support.

## **Community News**

Last year, we had an organisation called TiEGr offer free maths courses for our parents in school. This year, they are offering a new initiative: Skills Bootcamps.

These are fully funded, 16-week courses in **Childminding and Early Years** or **Primary SEND and Communication**. They are designed to give parents the skills and confidence to step into employment at the end of the programme.

You can find the flyers on our website under 'News and Events' -> 'Community News.'

## **Great Start to the New Term!**

We are thrilled to announce that, in just the second week back, our school has achieved an impressive 97.11% attendance rate! This fantastic result reflects the dedication of both pupils and families to making attendance a priority.

Consistent attendance in these early weeks is especially important as it sets the tone for the rest of the term. By being present and engaged, pupils are building strong academic habits, making meaningful connections and maximising their learning opportunities.

Let's keep up the momentum! We're excited to see this continued commitment throughout the year. Thank you for your support in helping us make attendance a priority!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Branton



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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:*

*Aaron x2, Noah and Quinn*



*Well done*

## Core value pupil



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



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## PTFA Feature New

Willowbrook PTFA Registered Charity: 1046576



# WE NEED YOU!

**PTFA COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

**SECRETARY  
TREASURER**

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

**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](mailto:PTA@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk)**



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## DIARY DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2025	
15 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Extra-Curricular clubs start
17 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Drama 4 All – Castles, Knights and Princesses themed workshops for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 Dress-up day for EYFS, year 1, year 2 and year 3 inspired by castles, knights and princesses
18 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Year 3- Visitor to talk about Harvest
22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	Lessons begin for those children that have signed up to Essex Music Services for Piano lessons (10 lessons)
23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	Swimming starts for Pine and Elm (9 weeks)
24 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Individual and sibling photos
24 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Year 6 SATs information meeting via TEAMS 4:45pm
26 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Parent Macmillan Coffee morning- Maple, Holly & Elm to perform
30 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Maple Class phonics and reading workshop at 09:00
30 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Prospective Parent Tour 6 till 7pm
1st October to 31st October 2025	Black History Month
3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Beech Harvest Class Assembly at 09:05am
8 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Year 6 Respect session provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Pine Class Assembly 09.05am
10 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	World Inclusion Day - It is a day dedicated to ensuring that individuals of various abilities, backgrounds, ages, races, religions, genders, and other characteristics are accepted, welcomed, and treated fairly. Wear non-uniform and we will have collection buckets at the main playground gates for anyone wanting to make a voluntary donation for the charity SNAP
14 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Year 6 Bikeability course
17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Chestnut Class Assembly 09.05am
16 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	Prospective Parent Tour 10am till 11am
20 <sup>th</sup> October to 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Book Fair will run alongside parents' evenings – dates and times to be follow
21 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	Parents Evening (All year groups)
21 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	EYFS- Visitor to talk about Harvest
22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2025	Parents Evening (EYFS only)
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Whole School Firework and Halloween Safety assembly provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Parents Evening (All year groups)
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2025	Last day of term
24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	INSET DAY
3 <sup>rd</sup> to the 7 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Year 6 residential trip
6 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Elm Class Assembly 09.05am
10 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Anti-Bullying Week

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10 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Odd Socks Day - All you need to do is wear odd socks! Odd Socks Day is all about embracing and celebrating people's differences and helps to launch Anti-Bullying Week.
10 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Year 6 Cyber Safety session provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
11 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Pine One Plan meetings- AM
12 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Chestnut Class year 6 residential parent meeting via TEAMS 4:45pm
12 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Whitebeam One Plan meetings- AM
13 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Maple One Plan meetings- AM
14 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	BBC Children in need day – wear non-uniform following the theme 'The Great Spotacular! Collection buckets will be at the school gates for anyone wanting to make a voluntary donation
14 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Holly Class Assembly 09:05am
17 <sup>th</sup> November to 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2025	National Road Safety week - EYFS Road Safety Presentation and Year 5 Road Safety Presentation and Walk
18 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Elm and Chestnut One Plan meetings- AM
19 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Prospective Parent Tour 10am till 11am
19 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Beech One Plan meetings- PM
20 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Beech One Plan meetings- AM & PM
21 <sup>st</sup> November 2025	Maple Class Assembly 09.05am
24 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Year 6 cyber bullying session provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
25 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Last swimming lesson for Pine and Elm
26 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Year 6 Online exploitation session provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
27 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Whitebeam Class Assembly 09.05am
27 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Parent Coffee Morning- Meet the Governors. Performances from school choir and Pine class
28 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Christmas House Morning
2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025	Whole school Panto Trip
3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2025	Year 5 & 6 Show at 2:15pm
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Year 3 & 4 Show at 2:15 pm
11 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	EYFS & KS1 Nativity at 2pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	EYFS & KS1 Nativity at 9:20am
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Beech class visiting Hutton View 1:30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	RockSteady Concert at 2:20pm
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Christingle Workshop for all classes.
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Children's Christmas Bazaar
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Last day of term

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