



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025



## Message from Mrs Branton

### Drama 4 All – Castles, Knights and Princesses Workshop

Our Year 1, 2 and 3 children had a fantastic time on Wednesday dressed up for the drama workshop. They took part in lots of themed activities and learnt some new dance moves too!



### Cake donations for our MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September

A reminder that on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, we are hosting our annual MacMillan Coffee Morning to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Any donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated, please bring these to the office from Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September onwards. Please note that we cannot accept any cakes containing nuts, and as a precautionary measure for allergen safety, we kindly request that anyone donating homemade cakes provide a list of the ingredients used in their baking. Thank you in advance for helping us to ensure all our children are kept safe.

When you drop your children to school on 26<sup>th</sup> September, please make your way into the hall where there will be cakes available and after registration our infant children will entertain you with their wonderful singing.

## School Photos

### **IMPORTANT – REGISTER TO VIEW SCHOOL PHOTOS**

Exciting news! Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our School on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2025, to take individual & sibling photographs.

All parents are requested to pre-register for instant access to your child's photographs once they are ready, pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

Register in 3 easy steps in less than a minute:

1. Head to [www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk](http://www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk)
2. Enter your unique code: JR9VE6BET9
3. Include your child's full school register name.

## Congratulations



A huge well done to one of our Year 6 boys who achieved 2 silver medals in the Great British Open Championships last week, one for tag teams and one for KUMITE. What a massive achievement, very well done!

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## Playing musical instruments

Children really flourish from learning to play a musical instrument – it has been proved to be an exceptionally good exercise for the brain! (enhancing all activities!). We have individual music lessons provided by Essex Music Services and band rehearsals provided by RockSteady. If you have a child interested in either joining a band or learning a musical instrument, please use the following links:

[www.rocksteadymusicschool.com](http://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com)

[www.essexmusicservices.org](http://www.essexmusicservices.org)

On Wednesday, we had a special assembly about the violin which was led by Ann Elderton, a violin tutor, and two of her students, Annabelle who is off to university soon to study music and one of our Year 4 girls. We hope the wonderful performances the children heard may have inspired them to want to learn to play a musical instrument.

In this area, we are lucky to have “Brentwood’s Orchestras for Young Musicians” which consists of four orchestras of different standards from “beginners” to “very proficient”! The youngest orchestra is for children from about the age of 7 to 11 and all who are learning to play are welcomed! If you are interested in finding out more about the Brentwood orchestra you can visit their website: <https://www.boym.org.uk/>



## Share a thank you

We’re excited to share a new way for you to recognise and celebrate the amazing work of our staff! Starting this week, you’ll find a link in each weekly newsletter to a short **Google Form** where you can leave a note of appreciation for any member of staff which may include a teacher, support staff or member of our admin team. Your thank you can be made anonymously, or you can choose to include your name.

Please see link below:

<https://forms.gle/1uMKprmxmHRbe5CK8>

Your kind words go a long way in brightening their day and acknowledging their hard work. Thank you for helping us spread positivity and support throughout our school community!

Have a lovely weekend.  
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*This week's Headteacher superstar is:*

*Aaliyah*



*Well done*

## Word of the week

*'Wonderful words of the week'*

### Key Stage 1

Year 1 Holly – traditional

Year 2 Elm – gently

### Key Stage 2

Year 3 Beech - coarse

Year 4 Whitebeam - thunderous

Year 5 Chestnut - research

Year 6 Pine – awkward

## Core value pupil

Willowbrook Primary School  
Each Working For All



Happiness  
Independence  
Respect  
Teamwork  
Caring  
Honesty



Well done to the core value pupil from Chestnut 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	
3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	First Day Back At School
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	LifeSpace workshops for all classes on Mental Wellbeing.
3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	LifeSpace meet the educator drop-in for parents in the hall 3:00-3:20pm.
23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025	Swimming starts for Pine and Elm (9 weeks)
11 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Whole school flu immunisation
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 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)
24 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Individual and sibling photos
24 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Year 6 SATs information meeting for parents via TEAMS 4:45pm
26 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Parent Macmillan Coffee morning- Maple, Holly & Elm to perform to parents.
30 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Maple Class phonics and reading workshop for parents 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 for parents 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 for parents 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 for parents 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	Flu immunisation for Maple class
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

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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 <b>for parents</b> 09.05am
10 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Anti-Bullying Week
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 <b>for parents</b> 09:05am
17 <sup>th</sup> November to 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2025	National Road Safety week - EYFS Road Safety Presentation <b>to parents</b> and Year 5 Road Safety Presentation and Walk <b>for children</b> .
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 <b>for parents</b> 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 <b>for parents</b> 09.05am
27 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	Parent Coffee Morning- Meet 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 <b>for parents</b> at 2:15pm
5 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Year 3 & 4 Show <b>for parents</b> at 2:15 pm
11 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	EYFS & KS1 Nativity <b>for parents</b> at 2pm
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	EYFS & KS1 Nativity <b>for parents</b> at 9:20am
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Beech class visiting Hutton View 1:30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	RockSteady Concert <b>for parents</b> at 2:20pm
17 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Christingle Workshop for all classes.
18 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Children’s Christmas Bazaar

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19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
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