



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 26th September 2025



Message from Mrs Branton

Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26th September

A huge thank you to all parents that donated cakes for the coffee morning and to those that came along and purchased cakes in aid of Macmillan. A special thanks to Mrs Griffin, Mrs Bradley, Mrs Cox and Mrs Finnie from our PTFA for supporting the school in running such a fantastic event. We raised a total of £237.

School Photos

As you're aware, Carmel Jane Photography visited our school this week to take individual & sibling photographs. If you haven't done so already, please register to view and purchase your photos by following the steps below:

1. Head to www.carmelijaneshop.co.uk
2. Enter your unique code: JR9VE6BET9
3. Include your child's full school register name.

Harvest Festival Appeal – supporting the local food banks

Each year at this time, with your generosity, the food banks are able to replenish their greatly depleted stock. 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. We look forward to learning more about the Harvest Festival in Beech class's assembly on Friday next week.

Sport News

Last week was our first sporting event of the year, and our boys football team attended the Primary Schools Cup Competition. This was also the first time our boys had played together as a team. The team showed great resilience and teamwork - we are excited for the busy football season ahead.



Some of our KS2 girls attended a gymnastics festival at Shenfield High on Tuesday afternoon. The girls had a great experience trialling a carousel of gymnastics activities from ropes, vaulting and bench work. They displayed great movement, flexibility and skills, we all had a fantastic time.



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Share a thank you

Please see link below to share a special thanks for a member of staff:

<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!

Uniform Reminder Slips – A Gentle Nudge

We really appreciate your ongoing support in helping us maintain our high standards—uniform included. We know mornings can be a rush and sometimes things get missed (we've all been there!).

To help with consistency and gently flag any issues, we'll be introducing **uniform reminder slips**. These will be used when a child is not wearing the correct school uniform, just as a gentle reminder to help keep us all on track.

We understand that things can occasionally be forgotten or that there may be a genuine reason for a missing item—please don't worry. The slips are simply a helpful way to communicate with home and we're always happy to talk if you have any concerns or need support with uniform.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and a sense of pride in our school community.

Breakfast and After School Club (BASC) – Contact Details

We now have a new contact number for the BASC, this will be in use Monday to Friday from 7.30-8.30am and from 4.30-5.30pm. If you use this service for your child, please use the following number to contact the BASC team in case of emergency: 07742 900319.

MDA Position

We currently have a vacancy for a midday assistant. If this is something you would be interested in, please contact the school office.

Community News

Please see the link below to our community news page:

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

Have a lovely weekend.
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Science in the News

We are very happy to be back with pictures and news from our amazing Science lessons at Willowbrook Primary School. As before, every week, you will find here information about how we celebrate Science; what skills we learn to use when answering scientific enquiries; and how we respond to our scientific challenges.

Please see below what Holly and Chestnut learnt in Science this week. Well done, everyone!

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator

This week, Holly Class have started to learn about objects and materials. The children named and classified various objects and talked about what materials these objects are made of. Brilliant work!



This week, Chestnut Class enjoyed taking part in an investigation to separate mixtures. First, they discussed the ways they could separate each mixture, then they put their methods to the test. They separated sand from water, raisins from flour and paperclips from rice. They enjoyed getting stuck in, proving their methods were correct and learning the difference between a solution and suspension.



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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

Aaliyah x2, Olivia F, Lizzie W, Aarav



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Year 1 Holly – adjective

Year 2 Elm – firmly

Key Stage 2

Year 3 Beech - rigorously

Year 4 Whitebeam - devastated

Year 5 Chestnut - ancient

Year 6 Pine – adjective

Core value pupil



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



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PTFA Feature News

PTFA EVENTS 2025-2026

13 NOV 2025 **WINTER DISCO**

QUIZ **20 MAR 2026**

22 MAY 2026 **COLOUR RUN**

SUMMER FAYRE **20 JUN 2026**

2 JUL 2026 **SUMMER DISCO**

PTFA@WILLOWBROOK.ESSEX.SCH.UK
REGISTERED CHARITY: 1046576

SEPTEMBER 2025



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We are taking part in the CAULIFLOWER Christmas Project raising money for our School!

Your child has brought home with them a double page sheet on which to create a Christmas design along with an order form. The designs can then be printed on a range of products including Cards, Notebooks, Tags, Wrapping Paper and Gift Mugs.

We have had some amazing designs over the years and it is great seeing how creative the children can be.

Please read the artwork guidelines printed on the order form, each form has a unique code. Most art materials can be used, but colour pencils, glitter and photographs are not recommended. Bold and bright designs that fill the paper produce the best effect.

Artwork must be **drawn or glued on** to the order form with the arrow on the form circled indicating the top of the work. Please keep designs flat and damage free, as marks will show on the final print. It is absolutely OK to draw on a plain piece of paper and then stick onto the form.

Orders and payment must be made online **before** submitting using the unique code located at the top of the form. Full instructions are on the form. Please do not photocopy the form as each code is linked to your artwork. You can get extra copies from school office if needed.

Deadline:
Monday 6 October 2025

All artwork and order forms made must be returned to class by:
MONDAY 6 OCTOBER 2025.

<https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/christmas-products>

pta@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk
Registered Charity 1046576

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Specialist Health Visiting Team Advice Line

**Tuesdays
and
Thursdays**

**Between
09:30am
11:30am**

**0300 300
1816**

Who Can Call?

Parents, Carers and Professionals for Children with additional needs that require specialist health advice and support, who are currently/previously known to the Community Paediatricians.



For more information on the Specialist Health Visiting Team, please scan the QR code.





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DIARY DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2025	
30 th September 2025	Maple Class phonics and reading workshop for parents at 09:00
30 th September 2025	Prospective Parent Tour 6 till 7pm
1st October to 31st October 2025	Black History Month
3 rd October 2025	Beech Harvest Class Assembly for parents at 09:05am
8 th October 2025	Year 6 Respect session provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
10 th October 2025	Pine Class Assembly for parents 09.05am
10 th 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 th , 15 th , 16 th and 17 th October 2025	Year 6 Bikeability course
17 th October 2025	Chestnut Class Assembly for parents 09.05am
16 th October 2025	Prospective Parent Tour 10am till 11am
20 th October to 23 rd October 2025	Book Fair will run alongside parents' evenings – dates and times to be follow
21 st October 2025	Flu immunisation for Maple class
21 st October 2025	Parents Evening (All year groups)
21 st October 2025	EYFS- Visitor to talk about Harvest
22 nd October 2025	Parents Evening (EYFS only)
23 rd October 2025	Whole School Firework and Halloween Safety assembly provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
23 rd October 2025	Parents Evening (All year groups)
23 rd October 2025	Last day of term
24 th October 2025	INSET DAY
3 rd November 2025	Elm Class Norman workshop (letters have gone out)
3 rd to the 7 th November 2025	Year 6 residential trip
6 th November 2025	Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm
7 th November 2025	Elm Class Assembly for parents 09.05am
10 th November 2025	Anti-Bullying Week
10 th 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 th November 2025	Year 6 Cyber Safety session provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
11 th November 2025	Pine One Plan meetings- AM
12 th November 2025	Chestnut Class year 6 residential parent meeting via TEAMS 4:45pm
12 th November 2025	Whitebeam One Plan meetings- AM
13 th November 2025	Maple One Plan meetings- AM

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14 th November 2025	Holly Class Assembly for parents 09:05am
17 th November to 21 st November 2025	National Road Safety week - EYFS Road Safety Presentation to parents and Year 5 Road Safety Presentation and Walk for children.
18 th November 2025	Elm and Chestnut One Plan meetings- AM
19 th November 2025	Prospective Parent Tour 10am till 11am
19 th November 2025	Beech One Plan meetings- PM
20 th November 2025	Beech One Plan meetings- AM & PM
21 st November 2025	Maple Class Assembly for parents 09.05am
24 th November 2025	Year 6 cyber bullying session provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
25 th November 2025	Last swimming lesson for Pine and Elm
26 th November 2025	Year 6 Online exploitation session provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
27 th November 2025	Whitebeam Class Assembly for parents 09.05am
27 th November 2025	Parent Coffee Morning- Meet Governors. Performances from school choir and Pine class
28 th November 2025	Christmas House Morning
2 nd December 2025	Whole school Panto Trip
3 rd December 2025	Year 5 & 6 Show for parents at 2:15pm
5 th December 2025	Year 3 & 4 Show for parents at 2:15 pm
11 th December 2025	EYFS & KS1 Nativity for parents at 2pm
12 th December 2025	EYFS & KS1 Nativity for parents at 9:20am
12 th December 2025	Beech class visiting Hutton View 1:30pm
15 th December 2025	RockSteady Concert for parents at 2:20pm
17 th December 2025	Christingle Workshop for all classes.
18 th December 2025	Children’s Christmas Bazaar
19 th December 2025	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
19 th December 2025	Last day of term

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