



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd October 2025



Message from Mrs Branton

Harvest Festival Appeal – supporting the local food banks

Thank you to those of you that have already donated items for the harvest festival appeal. If you haven't yet donated and would like to, please bring in any of the following items before **Friday, 10th October** - 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.

Beech Class Assembly

Thank you to the parents that came along to the Beech class assembly today. The children enjoyed sharing with you everything they have learnt about the harvest festival. Next Friday, we are looking forward to watching Pine Class's Assembly.



Driving around the school

Just a reminder to parents to stay vigilant when driving in the local area. We have had a few parents that have reported concerns of other parents driving whilst on mobile phones which has resulted in a few near misses. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe.

Parents consultation evenings

Our parent evening meetings are scheduled for the week beginning October 20th. Please refer to the table below to find out the specific dates for your child's class appointments. These will be face to face appointments at school, allowing you the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and to look through your child's books. To secure your appointments, please use our online booking system. The system will go live today at 4pm. **Remember, if your child is on the Inclusion register, you will be invited to attend a one-plan meeting in place of a parents evening appointment. The dates for these are on this newsletter under the diary of events.** Our school Book Fair will also run alongside our parents' evenings.

Monday 20 th October	Tuesday 21 st October	Wednesday 22 nd October	Thursday 23 rd October	Friday 24 th October
No parents evening	All year groups	EYFS only	All year groups	INSET DAY



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World Inclusion Day- Friday 10th October

Inclusion: Accepting, supporting and embracing differences and diversity in a way that clearly shows all individuals are valued, recognised and accepted for who they truly are. This involves demonstrating respect for the abilities, beliefs, backgrounds and cultures of those around you and engaging those with diverse perspectives, so that others feel an unconditional sense of belonging for who they are.

The day is meant to celebrate inclusion, which is more than just accepting differences, but also celebrating them. With this in mind, our children can come into school wearing their own clothes on Friday 10th October. There will be donation buckets at the two gates at the start and end of the day as we will be raising money for SNAP charity which is a fantastic charity in Brentwood that support families with children and young people who have any additional needs or disability. <https://www.snapcharity.org/>

Our Inclusion Ambassadors are working with Mrs Youngblood to create and present a special assembly to the school on the theme of Inclusion and then will visit SNAP later in the year to present the money we have raised.

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!

Community News

Please see the link below to our community news page:

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

Sport News

What a glorious Tuesday afternoon in the sunshine at the Small Schools Football competition. Our year 5&6 boys worked hard together as a newly formed team and are looking forward to competing again soon.



On Thursday both the girls and boys football teams attended the yearly Shenfield Cup Competition. This competition was the first time our girls had played together as a team competitively, they displayed great teamwork, Mrs Chandler was so impressed with their first performance. The boys team are also continuing to develop and are showing great improvement with each match played. Well done everyone!



Have a lovely weekend.
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Science in the News

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

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



This week, Elm class have taken on the role of building inspectors to check the suitability of the materials used in the playground. They then went back to the classroom where we looked at a range of different everyday objects and thought about why certain materials are used. Well done!



Pine Class have been learning about the theory of evolution. We have learned about famous scientists and then looked at the theory of the Galapagos finches and how they adapted to suit the food on the different islands.

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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

Aaliyah, Tommy, Oscar H, Ilie, Aden, Danel, Max B, Aarav x 2



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Year 1 Holly – fantasy

Year 2 Elm – fierce

Key Stage 2

Year 3 Beech - peculiar

Year 4 Whitebeam - stupefied

Year 5 Chestnut - barbaric

Year 6 Pine – characteristics

Core value pupil



Well done to the core value pupil from Whitebeam 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

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REGISTERED CHARITY: 1046576

SEPTEMBER 2025



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DIARY DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2025	
1st October to 31st October 2025	Black History Month
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	Whole school 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
7 th November 2025	Beech Class Stone Age workshop
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
14 th November 2025	BBC Children in need day – wear non-uniform following the theme 'The Great Spotacular!

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	Collection buckets will be at the school gates for anyone wanting to make a voluntary donation
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 Afternoon 2:40pm start in the school hall- Find out more about out PTFA, governors and parent council. 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