



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2025



Message from Mrs Branton

Chestnut Class Assembly

Thank you to the parents that came along to the Chestnut class assembly today. The class hosted their own game show to share everything they have learnt about Anglo Saxons and Vikings. We hope you all enjoyed it.



Harvest Festival

A message from our Inclusion Ambassadors:

This morning, we took the Harvest Donations over to the Daily Bread Café which is held at St Peter's Church. While we were there, we learned a little bit more about the Food Bank that is at the Daily Bread Café. It is open 6 days a week (closed on Sunday), 10-12. There are 200 volunteers that help to run the café and food bank and the volunteers run different clubs and activities as well. Every day, the food bank uses 100 bags to package up food, so they are always happy to be given donations of bags as well as food donations. At the food bank, they create bags of food that people can collect, or if families can't manage to travel to shops in Brentwood, they can come to the food bank and buy things that they need.

The Daily Bread Café would like to say a big thank you to the Willowbrook Community for their kind donations.



Inappropriate Parking

We have had a number of complaints from parents about the ongoing issues relating to parking in the surrounding area. Please be assured that we do take our responsibility to the local community and our neighbours very seriously. We fully understand the frustration caused by inconsiderate parking. We have contacted the local council on multiple occasions to raise concerns about parking and traffic issues in the area. We would also encourage residents to report such matters directly to the council, as additional feedback may help to reinforce the need for further action, such as clearer road markings or enforcement support. Please click on the link below to report a complaint directly to the council:

<https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/parking-and-travel/parking-restrictions/report-a-parking-issue/>

Thank you for helping us as we work towards a more respectful and safer environment for everyone.

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Parents consultation evenings

A reminder that our parent evening meetings are taking place next week. **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 the One Plan meetings are in the diary of events.**

Community News

Please see the link below to our community news page, lots of new and exciting events have been added this week: <https://www.willowbrook.essex.sch.uk/page/?title=Community+News&pid=85>

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!

Sport News

On Wednesday, our girls' netball team participated in their 1st friendly netball rally at Woodlands Hutton Manor School. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being on court and building their confidence with each match played. Well done girls!



Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Branton



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Fireworks & Bonfire Night

5TH NOVEMBER 2025

MAINS

PORK SAUSAGE BONFIRE BANGER IN A BUN

VEGGIE SAUSAGE BONFIRE BANGER IN A BUN

HOT BAKED POTATO WITH BANGING BBQ CHICKEN

HOT BAKED POTATO WITH WINTER WARMER QUORN KORMA

HOT BAKED POTATO BAR WITH A CHOICE OF FILLINGS (GF)

SIDES

BAKED POTATO WEDGES VG/GF

SPARKLER SWEETCORN VG/GF

FIREWORK SLAW VG/GF

GUY FAWKES SALAD BAR VG/GF

KINDLING KETCHUP VG/GF

DESSERT

ROCKET LOLLY (VG) (GF)

CHOCOLATE CATHERINE WHEEL (V)

FRESH FRUIT



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Science in the News

Find below what Maple have done this week. Well done, everyone!

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



This week Maple Class have been exploring Autumn and observing the changes in seasons. We went outside and searched for signs of autumn, finding leaves of different colours, husks, pine cones and apples growing in our Eco area. We will be using the leaves for our art once they have dried, the whole class enjoyed the afternoon!



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Chelmsford Science Festival

21 - 28 October 2025, 09:00



Whether you're a curious mind, a budding innovator, or a seasoned expert, there's something for everyone at the **Chelmsford Science Festival 2025**.

- Book now for our headline speaker, BBC's Greg Foot
- Don't miss the Fun Kids Science Show at Chelmsford Theatre
- Ros Atkins brings his signature clarity to AI and Journalism at Chelmsford Cathedral
- Bring the whole family to our popular Family Science Days on Saturday 25 October and Sunday 26 October

This year's Festival explores the theme '**Our AI World – Power and Perils**', diving into the fascinating and fast-evolving world of artificial intelligence. From its transformative potential to the ethical dilemmas it poses, we'll spark vital conversations about how AI is reshaping our lives. Get ready for an electrifying celebration of science, innovation, and imagination!

The Festival programme is packed with events and hands-on activities spanning **science and engineering, health, technology, the environment, business, law, and the arts**.

Join us in making the Chelmsford Science Festival an unforgettable experience!

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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

Austin C and Harry M



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Year 1 Holly – delicate

Year 2 Elm – ferocious

Key Stage 2

Year 3 Beech - stumbled

Year 4 Whitebeam - catastrophic

Year 5 Chestnut - mythical

Year 6 Pine – treason

Core value pupil



Well done to the core value pupil from Beech 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

DIARY DATES

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| | AUTUMN TERM 2025 |
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| 1st October to 31st October 2025 | Black History Month |
| 20 th October to 23 rd October 2025 | Book Fair will run alongside parents' evenings |
| 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 |
| 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! 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 |
| 24 th November 2025 | Holly Class Toys workshop |
| 25 th November 2025 | Last swimming lesson for Pine and Elm |

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| 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 |

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