



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2025



Message from Mrs Branton

EYFS Harvest Talk

Maple class had a visit from Reverend. Lisa this week to talk about the Harvest Festival. They learnt about the history and traditions surrounding the harvest and spoke about farming and where food comes from and the importance of gratitude and sharing. They also got to share some delicious fruits.



Essex Fire and Rescue Firework and Halloween Safety Assembly

Thank you to Essex Fire Service for coming in to school to remind the children about the importance of safety during Halloween and on bonfire night.



Book Fair

The children enjoyed looking at the book fair this week, thank you to all the parents that purchased books.



Parent Coffee Afternoon

We look forward to welcoming you into school on Thursday 27th November at 2:40pm in the school hall for a parent coffee afternoon. Mrs Branton will share information on our PTFA, governors and parent council as well as providing parents a chance to sit and have a chat with a cup of tea and biscuit! The choir are working hard at the moment preparing new songs to entertain you and Pine Class will also drop in to share a performance.

Our half-termly coffee mornings/coffee afternoons are designed to give parents an opportunity to drop-in and talk/connect with other parents and for the school to offer talks/ visits from outside agencies in topics that interest you. If there is a topic that you would like us to source a speaker for, please do not hesitate to e-mail into admin@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk for the attention of Mrs Youngblood.

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Children's Christmas Bazaar

Dare I mention the word Christmas already....On Thursday 18th December, the children will be having their Children's Christmas Bazaar. This is an annual Christmas shopping event that the children absolutely love. It gives the opportunity for children to experience going shopping; making choices about what they want to buy; and managing their own money. It also raises money for the school to spend on educational resources and to subsidise the rising cost of trips.

Each class will be making things that can be sold; there will be a toiletry/ jewellery stall; and year 6 also run fun games. The children have a shopping experience where they walk around the hall with their shopping bags and money and they can buy things from the stalls that they may want to give as Christmas gifts to others or maybe keep for themselves!

In preparation for this event, after half-term, we would like to start collecting donations for the bazaar. If you have any unused toiletries, unwanted jewellery, unwanted gifts or good quality books/ bric-a-brac that you can donate, please can you hand it in to the office for the attention of Mrs Youngblood from after half-term until Monday 15th December.

More information regarding this exciting event will be shared nearer the time.

Thank you for your continued support.

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 Tuesday afternoon, our boys year 5&6 football team attended the Jim Smith Cup Tournament hosted by St Helens Junior School. We are continuing to improve and strengthen our skills to develop our teams match play. Well done boys!



I hope you all have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday, 3rd November.

Mrs Branton



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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

Joseph S, Olly G and Teddy M



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Year 1 Holly – fragile

Year 2 Elm – flee

Key Stage 2

Year 3 Beech - vanish

Year 4 Whitebeam - evaporation

Year 5 Chestnut - determined

Year 6 Pine – emerge

Core value pupil



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



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PTFA Feature News



Registered charity:
1046576

WILLOWBROOK PTFA

LINE DANCING EVENING

19.11.2025 7:30PM
SCHOOL HALL

**JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENING OF
LINE DANCING AND DRINKS
£15 PER PERSON**

ALL WELCOME, BRING FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

Buy your tickets before Monday 3rd November, should there not be enough interest we will cancel the event.

A variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available to buy.
Attendees are welcome to bring own snacks and bottle of water.
Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start

Photos will be taken at the event for PTFA promotions. Please let a member of the team know on the night if you would prefer your image to not be used.

Willowbrook Primary School, Rosen Crescent, Hutton, Brentwood, CM13 2TU

Strictly 18 and over.
Tickets available here:
bit.ly/4ngaM2A



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DIARY DATES

	AUTUMN TERM 2025
24 th October 2025	INSET DAY
3 rd November 2025	Elm Class Norman workshop
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
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

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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