



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 14th November 2025



Message from Mrs Branton

Odd Socks Day

Well done to everyone that took part in odd socks day on Monday as part of Anti Bullying Week 2025. It was a great opportunity for the children to express themselves and celebrate their individuality. We saw lots of very colourful and interesting socks!



PTFA Winter Disco

A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising another fantastic disco for the children. As I'm sure you can see from the photos, lots of fun was had by all!



Holly Class Assembly

Thank you to the parents that came along to the Holly class assembly today. The children enjoyed showing you everything they have learnt in their Toys topic and it was lovely to see some parents singing along to 'You've got a friend in me'.



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone that donated to Children in Need today. It was great to see so many children in yellow supporting such a fantastic charity – we had lots of super heroes in school today too!



Rosen Crescent Flats Parking

A reminder that the parking in the Rosen Crescent flats car park is for residents only. We have had reports of abusive language being used by some of our parents when asked to move their cars. Please be respectful of the residents and park appropriately. Thank you.




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Online Safety Sessions

We're delighted to share that **The 2 Johns** are back with one of their hugely popular **Online Safety Sessions** for parents and carers.

 **Date:** Thursday 11 December

 **Time:** 8:00 PM

 **Location:** Online

This is a fantastic opportunity to hear directly from two of the UK's leading online safety experts. The session will cover the **latest trends, risks, and practical tips** to help you keep your children safe online — especially important as we head into the holiday season, when children are often spending more time using devices and apps.

Don't miss this valuable chance to stay informed and confident in supporting your child's digital wellbeing.

Save the date and register now by scanning the QR code via [this link](#). **

Christmas Bauble Competition

The Co-op are once again running a competition to design a Christmas tree bauble to be displayed on their Christmas tree in store. If your child would like to take part, they need to use a piece of card (no bigger than 8cm diameter) and decorate their circle using lots of colours, the more creative the better! On the back of the bauble can you please ensure your child writes their first name, first letter of their surname and class. All entries should be returned to the school office. Prizes will be given for the winning entries.

Primary School Places September 2026

From 10th November 2025 you can apply online for your child's primary (reception) school place.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-school-places>

Applications received after the 15th January 2026 are considered late and will reduce your chance of being offered a place at your preferred school.

Packed Lunches

We are seeing an increasing number of packed lunches containing sweets and chocolate, some children are also bringing these items for snack time. Please be reminded that snack time should be a healthy snack such as fruit or vegetables.

Packed lunches should include:

- At least one portion of fruit and one portion of vegetables every day.
- Meat, fish or other source of non-dairy protein (e.g. lentils, kidney beans, chickpeas, hummus and falafel) every day.
- A starchy food such as any type of bread, pasta, rice, couscous, noodles, potatoes or other type of cereals every day.
- Dairy food such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fromage frais or custard every day.
- Only water, fruit juice, semi-skimmed or skimmed milk, yoghurt or milk drinks and smoothies.
- Biscuits are allowed but are only to be included as part of a balanced meal.

The following items should be included only occasionally: crisps/cakes/biscuits/meat products such as sausage rolls, individual pies, corned meat and sausages.

Packed lunches should not include: peanut butter and nuts due to having children with serious nut allergies/ sweets or solid chocolate bars / chocolate spread with nuts / fizzy drinks.

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Rewards

There still seems to be a little confusion around how rewards are given, particularly in relation to children receiving HT Superstars. To help clarify this, I've included a section from our behaviour policy below.

Reward System

At our school, we are committed to recognising and celebrating children's efforts, progress, and achievements in a variety of meaningful ways. While some rewards—such as Headteacher awards or special certificates—mark particularly outstanding accomplishments, children are also regularly encouraged and praised throughout the day. This recognition may come through verbal praise, class-based awards, stickers, or certificates that acknowledge both academic success and personal growth.

We understand that every child is unique and some may benefit from more individualised support. In such cases, a personal sticker chart may be introduced as part of a tailored behaviour or support plan. These plans are developed in close partnership with parents and carers and are designed to support the child in working towards agreed goals while celebrating their progress along the way.

All forms of reward—whether small or significant—serve to reinforce a positive, nurturing learning environment where effort is valued, improvement is recognised and every child feels encouraged and supported in their journey.

Staff play a key role in this process by modelling positive behaviour, reinforcing expectations and guiding children through consistent routines. Behaviour expectations are clearly communicated through learning behaviours and visual prompts displayed across the school, helping to ensure clarity and consistency for all.

By focusing on effort, progress and personal success, we aim to create a culture where all children feel motivated, supported and valued—and where they celebrate each other's achievements with kindness and understanding.

<u>Token rewards:</u>	Token rewards are earned individually, as groups and as a class. They are added to the whole class 'pot'. When the 'pot' is full, the class earns a reward agreed by the class, e.g. extra playtime, painting etc. Staff not directly linked to the class can also reward individuals/classes with tokens.
<u>Playground rewards:</u>	Middy and teaching/support assistants give green cards for good behaviour, in turn the card earns a class token.
<u>Certificates:</u>	Certificates are given in the weekly celebration assembly for positive behaviour, excellent effort and outstanding achievement in any area of school life. This includes Maths and English awards; Certificate of Excellence; Rainbow Certificate; Core Value Award, and the Superstar Book. The class teacher liaises with learning support assistants, midday assistants and parent helpers and recognition of their opinion is given in the celebration assembly.
<u>Headteacher Super stars:</u>	Children may be invited to visit the Headteacher to celebrate a particularly outstanding piece of work. This recognition is based purely on the quality of the work produced and is not linked to a child's behaviour. We want children to understand that even if they've had a difficult day—whether it was yesterday or earlier—they can still achieve something amazing and be proud of it. During their visit, children may receive a Headteacher Superstar stamp, a card, a Headteacher Award sticker, or even the class house mascot to take back and share their success with peers. This celebration aims to encourage all children to recognise their potential and feel proud of their learning achievements.
<u>Postcards:</u>	Teachers have postcards they can send home to recognise achievements, effort and behaviour.

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Sports News

Last Tuesday, some of our children attended the District ISA Cross Country relays hosted by Woodlands Hutton Manor School. The cross-country course was tough, but all of our pupils showed great resilience and strength to complete it. Well done everyone!



The rain on Monday didn't stop us from having lots of fun. Some of our KS1 children attended a Bushcraft activities event in Thorndon Country Park. They loved building their Willowbrook den and learning how to start a fire.



On Tuesday morning, a team of KS2 pupils competed in an indoor athletics competition against 12 schools in Brentwood. Each pupil had to compete in 2 field events and 2 track events. It was a fantastic morning of javelin, long and triple jump, sprints and relays. We were even judged by some of our ex-students, so lovely to see them in their new environment. Well done team - some excellent performances!



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!

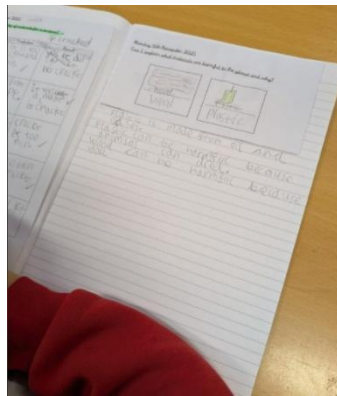
Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Branton

Science in the News

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

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator



Elm class learnt that metals like iron are found in rocks and stones, cotton comes from plants and that plastic is made using oil, gas and coal. They thought about how using certain materials can affect and be harmful to the planet. Well done!



Beech class explored which objects are true light sources. After making predictions, the children tested a range of objects to see which ones can emit light or not. Brilliant work, everyone!



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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

Leo H, Olly G and Bisma A



Well done

Word of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Year 1 Holly – outstanding

Year 2 Elm – delicate

Key Stage 2

Year 3 Beech - sorrow

Year 4 Whitebeam - efficient

Year 5 Chestnut – victorious

Year 6 Pine - existence

Core value pupil

Willowbrook Primary School
Each Working For All



Happiness
Independence
Respect
Teamwork
Caring
Honesty



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



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PTFA Feature News



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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!

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

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Strictly 18 and over.

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DIARY DATES

	AUTUMN TERM 2025
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
12 th December 2025	Beech class visiting Hutton View 1:30pm
15 th December 2025	RockSteady Concert for parents at 2:20pm
15 th December 2025	Christmas Wonder workshop for Pine class at St Peter's Church
17 th December 2025	Christingle Workshop for all classes
18 th December 2025	Elm Class Darkness to Light Christmas workshop for children
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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