

Message from Mrs Branton

Christingle Workshops

Thank you to Rev. Lisa that came into school on Wednesday and delivered Christingle workshops to all classes. The children enjoyed learning all about the Christingle and making their own special candles to take home.



Rocksteady Concert

Well done to all the children that took part in the Rocksteady concert, we hope all the parents that came along to watch, enjoyed the show – the children loved performing for you.



Elm Class Darkness to Light Workshop

Our Year 2 children enjoyed taking part in the Darkness to Light workshop this week. They re-enacted the Christmas story and enjoyed using role play to do this.



Children's Christmas Bazaar

The children had a wonderful time at the Children's Christmas Bazaar on Thursday. They enjoyed going shopping; making choices about what they wanted to buy; and managing their own money. We saw lots of children buying gifts for family members, so we hope you enjoy these special treats over Christmas. All money raised goes towards educational resources for the school and to help subsidise the rising cost of trips. A huge thank you to everyone that donated items for this event and for sending in money for your child to spend.



Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner and a visit from Santa

Thank you to the PTFA and all the staff for helping set up for the Christmas dinner today. We all enjoyed a lovely Christmas lunch with the children in the hall. We also had a visit from someone special this afternoon!



Christmas Bauble Competition

A huge well done to one of our Year 3 children who won the Co-op Christmas bauble competition. What a fabulous design! Well done to everyone that took part, you will see all your entries in the Co-op in Rayleigh Road proudly hanging on their Christmas tree.



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 make a real difference, brightening staff members' days and recognising their hard work. These messages will be shared with them next week and will be a wonderful gift to take into the holidays. Thank you for helping us spread positivity and support throughout our school community!

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a very happy new year and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday, 5th January 2026.

Mrs Branton

New Menu starting January 2026



Dinner Times

CHOICE SPRING

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

V = Vegetarian, VG = Vegan
CF = Gluten Free *NEW RECIPE for 2025*

Week 1 5th Jan, 26th Jan, 16th Feb 9th Mar, 30th Mar	Week 2 12th Jan, 2nd Feb 23rd Feb, 16th Mar	Week 3 19th Jan, 9th Feb 2nd Mar, 23rd Mar
<p>Margherita Pizza & Potato Salad (V) (VG) Spinach & Potato Curry with Steamed Rice (VG) (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Mixed Salad, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Ice Cream & Fruit (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Margherita or Pepper Pizza (V) (VG) Cheesy Bean Wrap (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Baked Potato Wedges, Mixed Salad, Peas Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Chocolate Mousse (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Margherita or Sweetcorn Pizza with Coleslaw (V) (VG) * Veggie-Ball Curry & Steamed Rice (VG) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Mixed Salad, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Crispy Cake (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
<p>Oven Baked Sausages or Plant-based Sausages (VG) Fisherman's Pie (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes, Savoy Cabbage, Carrots, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>* Peach & Forest Fruit Cobbler with Custard (V) * Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Spaghetti Bolognese Seasonal Vegetable Hot Pot (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Broccoli, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Fruit Crunch & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>All Day Breakfast English Veggie Breakfast (V) (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Peas Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Fresh Fruit Salad (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
<p>Roast Chicken (GF) * Fish Finger or Quorn Dipper (VG) Wrap * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Chocolate & Orange Cookie (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Roast Chicken (GF) * Butternut Squash Wellington (V) (VG) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Peas, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Jelly & Fruit (V) (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Roast Chicken (GF) Roasted Vegetable & Stuffing Tart (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>New Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Hot Chocolate Fudge Pudding (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
<p>Mild Chicken Korma (GF) Tomato & Herb Pasta Bake (V) (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Steamed Rice, Broccoli, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>* Jam Roly Poly & Custard (V) * Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Cheese Topped Cumberland Pie Shepherd's Pie (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Green Beans, Carrots Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Yorkshire Parkin & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Chilli con Carne & Steamed Rice (GF) * Pasta Bar with a Choice of Toppings * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Sweetcorn, Carrots Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Dorset Apple Cake & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>
<p>Breaded Fish Fingers or Fishless Fingers (VG) * Cheddar & Broccoli Quiche (V) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Banana Cake (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Breaded Fish Fingers or Crispy Crumb Vegetable Grill (VG) Baked Sweet Potato Omelette (V) (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Lemon Cookie (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>	<p>Breaded Fish Fingers or Crispy Golden Dippers (VG) Cheddar Cheese Pie (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)</p> <p>Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread</p> <p>Lancashire Cookie (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt</p>

If your school has dietary requirements, such as halal, this will be automatically applied to your menu via SchoolGrid and does not change the type of menu you select here. Please contact your Area Manager if you ever need to change this.



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Friday 19th December 2025



This week's Headteacher superstars are:

Logan O, Patrick H, Daniel E, Noah M, Bobby EC



Well done



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DIARY DATES

	SPRING TERM 2026
5 th January 2026	Children return to school
6 th January 2026	Swimming starts years 3 and 4 for 11 weeks
9 th January 2026	Whitebeam Class overnight stay on the school grounds in year 5 parent meeting on TEAMS at 4pm. Link to follow.
14 th January 2026	EYFS Maths Workshop 9-10pm for parents
22 nd January 2026	Drama 4 All – Midnight in the toy shop themed workshops for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 EYFS/ KS1 dress-up ‘Toys’ theme
23 rd January 2026	Pine Fabulous Finish- Parents invited into the classroom to take part in activities with their children.
29 th January 2026	Elm Fabulous Finish- Parents invited into the classroom to take part in activities with their children.
9 th -13 th February 2026	Children’s mental health week
2 nd February 2026	Reception class height and weight checks
3 rd February 2026	Year 6 height and weight checks
6 th February 2026	Holly Fabulous Finish- Parents invited into the classroom to take part in activities with their children.
9 th February 2026	Book Fair to run alongside parents evening
10 th February 2026	Chestnut visit to St Martins to watch We Will Rock You
10 th , 11 th and 12 th February 2026	Parents evening week- further information to follow
11 th February 2026	Safer Internet Day
13 th February 2026	Maple Fabulous Finish- Parents invited into the classroom to take part in activities with their children.
16 th -20 th February 2026	HALF-TERM
25 th February 2026	Core Value Day- Caring. Whole school workshops for each class to be held at St Peter’s Church.
27 th February 2026	Beech Class Assembly for parents 9:00am
3 rd March 2026	Whitebeam One Plan meetings am
4 th March 2026	Pine One Plan meetings pm
5 th March 2026	World Book Day- Dress up as a book character
6 th March 2026	Maple One Plan meetings am
6 th March 2026	Chestnut Fabulous Finish- Parents invited into the classroom to take part in activities with their children.
10 th March 2026	Elm One Plan meetings am Chestnut One Plan meetings am
11 th March 2026	Beech One Plan meetings pm
12 th March 2026	Beech One Plan meetings am and pm
13 th March 2026	Whole school Mother’s Day breakfast 8:00am. More information to follow
16 th - 20 th March 2026	British Science Week
19 th March 2026	Whole school science workshops for children
20 th March 2026	Holly One Plan meetings am

Our Core Values: **INDEPENDENCE** - HAPPINESS – **TEAM WORK** - CARING - **RESPECT** – HONESTY

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20 th March 2026	Whitebeam Fabulous Finish- Parents invited into the classroom to take part in activities with their children.
20 th March 2026	Red Nose Day – further information to follow
20 th March 2026	Beech visit to Hutton View
23 rd March 2026	RockSteady Concert for parents at 2:20pm
25 th March 2026	House Morning- World Poetry Day
25 th March 2026	Maple and Holly visit to St Peter’s Church- To learn about Easter
27 th March 2026	Easter Egg Raffle and Easter hat assembly
27 th March 2026	Last Day of Term