

Message from Mrs Branton

Athlete Visit

We are thrilled to be able to share some information about our upcoming Great Athletes event. We are excited to announce that the athlete who will be visiting us will be Saffron Severn!

On the event day, all pupils will take part in a sponsored fitness circuit run by their athlete, a terrific way to get all children excited about sport and realise that getting moving is really fun! Their athlete will then share their incredible sporting journey, a story of resilience and determination in a fun and interactive assembly. There will also be an opportunity to ask any burning questions in a Q&A session with their inspiring role-model at the end!

Fundraising for the event will begin next week when the children will be bringing home a sponsorship form. The money raised for the event will help us to purchase new sports equipment and improve levels of physical activity in our school.

Maths Workshop EYFS

Thank you to the parents that came along to the EYFS maths workshop this week. The PowerPoint was emailed out to the class after the workshop, we hope you found it useful. If you do have any questions, please have a chat with Mr Shrimplin.

Sports News

On Tuesday afternoon, some of our KS2 children attended a New Age Kurling event at Shenfield High School. This event required great hand eye coordination, accuracy and control. The children all worked well together and enjoyed the experience of a different sporting event.





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Reminders

On Thursday EYFS, Years 1 & 2 have a Drama 4 All workshop where they are encouraged to dress up for the 'Toys' themed workshop.

We look forward to welcoming our Year 6 parents into school next Friday for the Pine class Fabulous Finish.

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!

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs Branton



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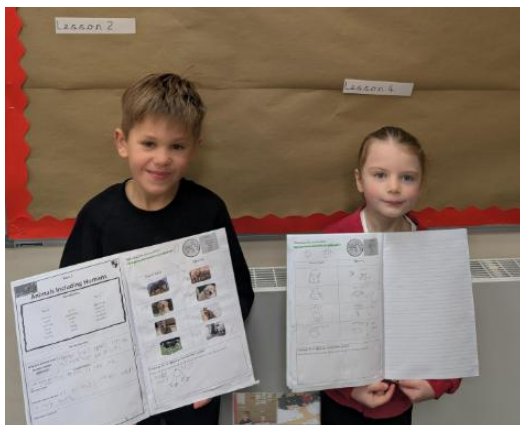


Science in the News

Please find below what Elm and Pine learnt in science this week. Well done, everyone!

Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator

Elm class were using the skill of identifying, classifying and grouping. They had a go at grouping animals before demonstrating their understanding by drawing different examples of adult animals with their offspring. They were given the challenge of thinking of a young animal that does not look like its parent.



Pine Class are looking at living things and their habitats this term. They have been looking at how species are classified and they have been identifying and classifying vertebrates and invertebrates.



Donations wanted

Fancy dress outfits



We are collecting outfits in good clean condition for a preloved rail in preparation for KS1 dress up day and World Book Day.

Christmas Jumpers



If you have any Christmas Jumpers, we would also love these too!

Please bring any donations to the school office labelled for the attention of the PTFA.

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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

*Aarav P, Zoie E, Esme PT, Logan OB, Adam F, Reagan B, Tommy P,
Zak U*



Well done

Words of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Year 1 Holly – discover

Year 2 Elm – enormous

Key Stage 2

Year 3 Beech - sleek

Year 4 Whitebeam - dubious

Year 5 Chestnut – deforestation

Year 6 Pine - controversy

Core value pupil



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



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DIARY DATES

| SPRING TERM 2026 | |
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| 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 , 11 th and 12 th February 2026 | Parents evening week- further information to follow |
| 11 th February 2026 | Safer Internet Day |
| 11 th February 2026 | Chestnut visit to St Martins to watch We Will Rock You |
| 11 th February 2026 | Author visit -Eve Wersocki Morris KS2 AM |
| 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 |

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

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| 20 th March 2026 | Holly One Plan meetings am |
| 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 |