

## Message from Mrs Branton

### BASC

The children had a wonderful time at the after-school club on Monday, enjoying a hands-on cooking session with Mrs Warwick. They loved creating their own pizzas from scratch, choosing their favourite toppings and learning new skills along the way. The activity was great fun and everyone was very proud of their tasty creations.



### BASC – New Contact Number

The breakfast and after school club have a new contact number, please use this if you need to contact the BASC team in the morning or after school when the office has closed (between 4.30-5.30pm). Thank you.

**07742 900 319**

### Elm Class Fabulous Finish

Thank you to the parents in Elm Class who came into school yesterday to work alongside the children in making bread, inspired by our *Great Fire of London* topic. The children thoroughly enjoyed the hands-on experience, from mixing and kneading the dough to watching it transform as it baked. It was a fantastic opportunity to link history with practical learning and the children loved sharing the afternoon with their families. We hope you enjoyed the session as much as the children did and we really appreciate your time and support.



### Mother's Day Breakfast

An email was sent out last week about the Mother's Day breakfast, which is on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure you send your signed form confirming your breakfast choices by Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February as all numbers must be confirmed to the kitchen. Unfortunately, any forms received after this date will not be accepted. Spare forms are available from the office and can be emailed back for ease. Thank you for your co-operation.



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## **Parking Safety Reminder – Please Prioritise Our Children’s Safety**

We have once again been made aware that parking around the school during drop-off and pick-up times continues to be a serious concern. Unfortunately, some parents are showing a lack of consideration by parking illegally and dangerously, including across residents’ driveways. This is affecting residents’ ability to get to work or take their own children to school and is creating a significant safety risk for our pupils and other pedestrians. As mentioned in previous newsletters, Brentwood Council is aware of the situation and parking wardens may be deployed in response to ongoing safety concerns. We ask all parents and carers to park responsibly and with consideration for our neighbours to help keep everyone safe.

### **Please remember:**

- Do not park on zig-zag lines, across driveways, on corners or in such a way that it blocks the pavement and forces pedestrians to walk in the road.
- Leave enough space for children and families to cross safely.
- Avoid stopping in the middle of the road to let children out.
- Avoid parking on the grass verges.
- The flats next to the school are private property and parking is prohibited

We are all responsible for keeping our school community safe. A few extra minutes spent finding a safe parking space is a small price to pay to ensure no child is put at risk. Thank you for your continued support.

### **Reminders**

If your child would like to pre-order a book for the KS2 visit from author Eve Wersocki Morris, please ensure you bring the correct money and reply slip to the office by Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

We have our assembly with athlete Saffron Severn on Monday. If you would like to sponsor your child, you can bring in cash with the sponsorship form, or you can donate online by following this link and searching for our school name: <https://sportal.greatathletes.org/events/landing>

**All children need to come to school in their PE kit on Monday.**

On Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, Holly class parents are invited into school at 2pm for their 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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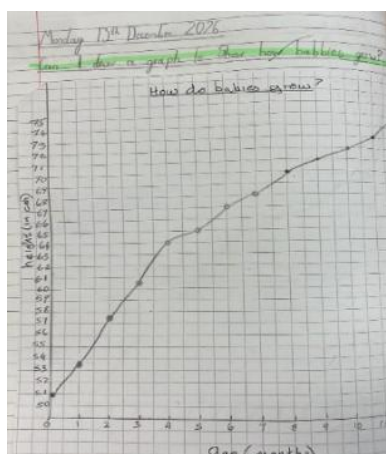
## Science in the News

Please see below what Holly and Chestnut learnt in science this week. Well done everyone!

Mrs Cirdei – Science Co-ordinator



Holly class have been learning about different types of animals, recognising similar and different features and classifying them into different groups. They have also learnt about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and have labelled parts of different animal bodies.



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Can I identify the changes that take place in old age?

1. Old age is the last stage of human development.
2. The blood cells causes the main physical change.
3. Their skin gets thinner and muscle lose.
4. Have E at your vegetables and staying fit.
5. I don't think having memory loss is normal because its only a 3% - 4% chance.
6. Why does your skin get thinner? Why does your hair turn grey? Why do you loose hair.

Chestnut Class have been exploring human growth and development in science. Pupils investigated how babies grow by drawing and interpreting line graphs, linking science with maths skills. They also learned about changes in old age, identifying physical changes and discussing how healthy choices support wellbeing.



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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:*

*George S, Rowen E, Olly G, Danel E*



*Well done*

## Words of the week

*'Wonderful words of the week'*

### Key Stage 1

Year 1 Holly – endangered

Year 2 Elm – discussion

### Key Stage 2

Year 3 Beech – courageous

Year 4 Whitebeam – grotesque

Year 5 Chestnut – majestic

Year 6 Pine - sacrifice

## Core value pupil

Willowbrook Primary School  
Each Working For All



Happiness  
Independence  
Respect  
Teamwork  
Caring  
Honesty



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



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## DIARY DATES

SPRING TERM 2026	
9 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Children's mental health week
2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2026	Reception class height and weight checks
2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2026	Athlete Visit
3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Year 6 height and weight checks
6 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Holly Fabulous Finish- Parents invited into the classroom to take part in activities with their children – 2-3pm
9 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Book Fair to run alongside parents evening
10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Parents evening week- further information to follow
11 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Safer Internet Day
11 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Chestnut visit to St Martins to watch We Will Rock You
11 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Author visit -Eve Wersocki Morris KS2 AM
13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Maple Fabulous Finish- Parents invited into the classroom to take part in activities with their children – 2-3pm
16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	HALF-TERM
25 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Core Value Day- Caring. Whole school workshops for each class to be held at St Peter's Church.
27 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Beech Class Assembly for parents 9:00am
3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	Whitebeam One Plan meetings am
4 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Pine One Plan meetings pm
5 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	World Book Day- Dress up as a book character
6 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Sadness to Joy Easter Workshop – Elm class
6 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Maple One Plan meetings am
6 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Chestnut Fabulous Finish- Parents invited into the classroom to take part in activities with their children – 2-3pm
10 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Elm One Plan meetings am Chestnut One Plan meetings pm
11 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Beech One Plan meetings pm
12 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Beech One Plan meetings am and pm
13 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Whole school Mother's Day breakfast 8:00am. More information to follow
16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	British Science Week
19 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Whole school science workshops for children
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Holly One Plan meetings am
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Whitebeam Fabulous Finish- Parents invited into the classroom to take part in activities with their children – 2-3pm
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Red Nose Day – further information to follow
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Beech visit to Hutton View
23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2026	RockSteady Concert for parents at 2:20pm
25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	House Morning- World Poetry Day
25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Maple and Holly visit to St Peter's Church- To learn about Easter
27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Easter Egg Raffle and Easter hat assembly
27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Last Day of Term

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