



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 6th February 2026



Message from Mrs Branton

Athlete Visit

On Monday we were lucky to have a visit from GB gold medalist rhythmic gymnast Saffron Severn. Saffron led all our children in a sponsored circuit, they had a fantastic time participating in the activities. We finished the day with an assembly where the children had the opportunity to learn all about Saffron's journey and success. Saffron had many setbacks along the way with lockdown and several injuries, but with dedication and perseverance Saffron achieved her goals. Saffron's story was inspirational and we loved her personal motto " I am resilient, brave and strong." Thank you to everyone that sponsored their child for this event, can all sponsorship please be returned to the office by Friday, 13th February. All money raised will be used to buy sports equipment for our PE department.



Holly Class Fabulous Finish

Thank you to the parents in Holly Class who came into school today to work alongside the children. They used cardboard boxes to make cars; this linked in with the DT topic of creating a moving vehicle. The children had a great time and we hope you did too!



Clubs

A reminder that there will be no sports and activity clubs next week due to parents evening. All clubs will resume after half term, week commencing 23rd February 2026. The BASC will run as usual next week.

Sports News

On Monday after school our netball team visited Woodlands Hutton Manor school for a friendly netball match. This team of girls worked so well together, their movement showed great improvement, and it was wonderful to watch them grow in confidence with each quarter they played. Well done girls!





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Parking Reminder

We have been advised by a resident of the Rosen Crescent flats, that there is now cctv within the car park and that persistent vehicles will start to be clamped. Please ensure you are parking responsibly when dropping off and collecting your child.

Reminders

Next week is parents evening for all year groups, please arrive in plenty of time for your appointment to give you a chance to look at your child's books. The book fair will run alongside this as usual.

We have received less than 20 slips back for the Mother's Day Breakfast, please be reminded that the deadline to place your breakfast orders is Friday, 27th February. We want all families to enjoy this lovely treat so please ask at the office if you need a form or if you have any questions.

Maple class parents are invited into school next Friday, 13th February 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

Science in the News

Please see below what Maple class have been learning in science this week.

Mrs Cirdei – Science Co-ordinator



Maple class have explored how rafts are made by designing and creating their own to help the three Billy Goats Gruff cross the river and escape the mean troll. We investigated which materials float or sink and discussed why some designs worked better than others. Through hands-on exploration, the children predicted if the rafts would hold the weight of the goats. They showed curiosity, teamwork and growing confidence when testing and improving their raft designs and, although the rafts we created held only two items, the children understood that Science is always about trial and error. Great work!



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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

*Thea F, George S, Austin C, George W, Harry M, Max B, Siroema X,
Esme PT, Zoie E, Charlie W*



Well done

Words of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Year 1 Holly – monstrous

Year 2 Elm – expression

Key Stage 2

Year 3 Beech – iconic

Year 4 Whitebeam – reprehensible

Year 5 Chestnut – gargantuan

Year 6 Pine - boundary

Core value pupil

Willowbrook Primary School
Each Working For All



Happiness
Independence
Respect
Teamwork
Caring
Honesty



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



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DIARY DATES

SPRING TERM 2026	
9 th -13 th February 2026	Children's mental health week
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 – 2-3pm
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	Sadness to Joy Easter Workshop – Elm class
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 – 2-3pm
10 th March 2026	Elm One Plan meetings am Chestnut One Plan meetings pm
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
20 th March 2026	Whitebeam Fabulous Finish- Parents invited into the classroom to take part in activities with their children – 2-3pm
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

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