



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th February 2026



Message from Mrs Branton

Author Visit

On Thursday, KS2 enjoyed a wonderful visit from local author Eve Wersocki Morris. Eve captivated the children with a story and led an engaging, interactive workshop. Many pupils had pre-ordered books which she kindly signed on the day. We also have a small number of signed copies remaining in school—if you didn't pre-order but would like one, they are available from the office on a first-come, first-served basis.



Chestnut Class trip to St Martins

Chestnut Class enjoyed a fantastic trip to watch *We Will Rock You*, performed by the upper school at St Martins. The children had a brilliant time, fully immersing themselves in the performance and their behaviour was exemplary throughout. St Martins' senior staff even commented on how polite and well-behaved the children were. Well done, Chestnut Class — you represented our school beautifully!



Maple Class Fabulous Finish

Thank you to the parents in Maple Class who came into school today for our Fabulous Finish. The children loved worked alongside you to create their story maps and retell their stories with you.





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Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents who came along to parents' evening this week — it was wonderful to see so many of you and to have the opportunity to share the children's progress. We really appreciate you taking the time to complete the questionnaires, as your feedback helps us continue to grow and improve.

If you took a questionnaire home to finish, please return it after the half term break. Your responses make a real difference and we're grateful for your continued support.

Great Athlete Visit

Thank you to everyone who generously sponsored their child for the athlete visit. We are delighted to share that a fantastic total of **£1,681.22** was raised, which will go directly towards new sports equipment for the school. Your support makes a real difference and is greatly appreciated. All wristbands will be issued after the half-term break.

Sports News

Tuesday was a fun afternoon at Shenfield high school where some of our children attended a sitting volleyball competition. It was a well-attended event, we were competing against 12 other schools in the borough. All our children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



Reminders

Chestnut class parents evening on Thursday, 26th Feb.

Beech class assembly to parents on Friday, 27th Feb at 9am.

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 half term and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday, 23rd February.
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WILLOWBROOK PTFA FEATURE NEWS



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YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MARCH 6TH 2026 **9.00AM**

AT WILLOWBROOK SCHOOL

We will be sharing our progress, upcoming events, and how we can support our school together.

Join us, we'd love to hear your feedback and thoughts!

Willowbrook Primary School Parent Teacher Association, 0248576



SOMETHING'S POPPING SOON!

We'd like to thank some of our parents for a new pop idea, coming 20th March. Details to be shared very soon!

HELP SUPPORT WILLOWBROOK PTFA





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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

Tommy Y, Esme PT, Ilie B, Danel E, Aaron B, Emelia L



Well done

Words of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Year 1 Holly – vicious
Year 2 Elm – apostrophe

Key Stage 2

Year 3 Beech – prominent
Year 4 Whitebeam – begrudgingly
Year 5 Chestnut – transformation
Year 6 Pine - environment

Core value pupil



Happiness
Independence
Respect
Teamwork
Caring
Honesty



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



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DIARY DATES

	SPRING TERM 2026
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.
26 th February 2026	Chestnut Class Parents Evening
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
13 th March 2026	Love Easter workshop at St Peter's church – Pine class
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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