

## Message from Mrs Branton

### Drama Workshops

On Tuesday, Blue Box Entertainment visited the school to deliver engaging Pinocchio-themed workshops for every class. Each group explored a different part of the classic story, learning new characters, actions and storylines before bringing their section to life through a creative dance performance. The children threw themselves into the sessions with fantastic enthusiasm—laughing, learning and showing real teamwork as they worked together to retell the tale. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they practised and then performed and the hall was filled with smiles as each class proudly shared their piece of the story. The workshops were a brilliant blend of drama, movement and imagination and the children talked about them excitedly for the rest of the day!



### World Book Day

We had a wonderful day on Thursday celebrating World Book Day. The school was filled with incredible outfits, with children and staff alike embracing the magic of their favourite characters. The atmosphere buzzed with excitement as pupils moved between different classes, taking part in a wide range of engaging and creative activities. From storytelling and drama to art, quizzes and shared reading, the children threw themselves enthusiastically into every task. It was truly inspiring to see how much joy and curiosity the celebration of books brought to everyone involved and even the adults joined in—dressing up alongside the children and helping to make the day even more memorable. Well done everyone!!



## Sadness to Joy – Elm Class

Elm class took part in a workshop this afternoon all about the Easter story and enjoyed retelling this with puppets and props.



## Chestnut Class Fabulous Finish

Thank you to the parents that came to the Chestnut Class Fabulous Finish today. The children really enjoyed sharing their science investigation with you and comparing the relationship between weight and mass.



## Lost Property

We still have a huge amount of lost property in the front office. If your child has lost an item, please come and have a look. On the last day of term all items will be donated to the clothing bank. Thank you

## Sport News

What a glorious Tuesday morning of tag rugby. Our year 4 children enjoyed competing in this fast-paced competition. The children showed great teamwork gaining confidence with each match played. They all improved their passing, evasion and running skills to score tries. Well done everyone!



On Wednesday our year 5&6 netball team attended the annual district netball rally. This event was hosted by Ursuline Prep School involving 13 teams from the borough. The girls displayed fantastic teamwork and came 2<sup>nd</sup> in their group. We faced tough opposition in our top six play-off match and sadly lost to a strong Ursuline Prep team. It was a delight to watch these girls play; we are very proud of you all!





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## **Easter Raffle**

From Monday, we would be really grateful for any donations of Easter eggs for our annual Easter raffle. Please bring donations to the office. Also from Monday, Year 6 children will be visiting each class and selling raffle tickets, these will be sold at £1 per strip. The raffle will be drawn on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Reminders**

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March is our Mother's Day Breakfast. Breakfast will be served in the hall from 8am for all those who have booked in. We are really looking forward to welcoming everyone for a lovely start to the day, with a chance to enjoy a relaxed breakfast together before school. It's always a special event and we can't wait to celebrate with you.

## **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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## WILLOWBROOK PTFA FEATURE NEWS



**Please Note: For the quiz to go ahead and be a success we need a minimum number of teams. Please sign up today to support this event. Teams can be made up for parents, friends, family members (over 18s)**

The poster is for a Quiz Night event. It features a green background with a leprechaun on the left, a megaphone, and several question marks. The text is as follows:

THE WILLOWBROOK  
PTFA PRESENTS

**QUIZ  
NIGHT**

**20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

SCHOOL HALL DOORS OPEN FROM 7.30PM  
QUIZ STARTS AT 8PM  
TEAMS MIN 4 - MAX 8 PEOPLE  
THIS YEAR WE HAVE A POP UP BAR, SELLING BOTH  
ALCOHOLIC AND SOFT DRINKS - ACCEPTING CARD AND CASH  
ALL YOU NEED ARE YOUR NUT FREE SNACKS!  
ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE  
CLOSING DATE FOR TEAM ENTRY - 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

**JUST £5 PER PERSON**

Willowbrook Primary School PTFA : 1046576

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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:*

*Olly G, Noah M, George W*



*Well done*

## Words of the week

*'Wonderful words of the week'*

### Key Stage 1

Year 1 Holly – rhythm

Year 2 Elm – algae

### Key Stage 2

Year 3 Beech – scene

Year 4 Whitebeam – ecological

Year 5 Chestnut – conservation

Year 6 Pine - infiltrate

## Core value pupil

Willowbrook Primary School  
Each Working For All



Happiness  
Independence  
Respect  
Teamwork  
Caring  
Honesty



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



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## DIARY DATES

	<b>SPRING TERM 2026</b>
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
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>	<b>Love Easter workshop at St Peter's church – Pine class</b>
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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