



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026



## Message from Mrs Branton

### Mother's Day Breakfast

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for the Mother's Day Breakfast this morning. It was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying a happy, relaxed start to the day with your children, creating such a warm and joyful atmosphere across the hall. We would also like to express our heartfelt thanks to all the staff including Dolce for their hard work in preparing, setting up and supporting the event. Your time, energy and enthusiasm helped make the morning such a success. A special thank you as well to our fantastic PTFA for their support both before and after the breakfast. Your dedication, organisation, and behind-the-scenes help ensured everything ran smoothly, and we are incredibly grateful for your continued commitment to our school community.



### Love Easter Workshop – Pine Class

Pine class walked to St Peter's church today for a Love Easter workshop. They learnt about the Easter story and took part in a range of activities. The children gave some excellent answers to the questions asked and enjoyed the yummy treats at the end of the session. They represented the school very well and displayed our core values. Well done Pine class.



### Comic Relief

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March is Red Nose Day, and we warmly encourage children to come to school wearing something red if they would like to join in the fun. The redder, the better—it's always lovely to see the school filled with bright colours for such a good cause. There will be collection buckets on the gates at drop-off and pick-up times for anyone who wishes to donate to Comic Relief. We will not be selling red noses in school this year, but if your child would like one, these can be purchased online or from Sainsbury's.

### School Money – outstanding balances

We are very proud to be able to offer our children a range of trips and experiences that enrich their learning and create lasting memories. These opportunities make a real difference to the children's education and enjoyment of school. Unfortunately, we are only able to run these activities if we receive enough contributions to cover the costs. If we do not receive sufficient funding, we may be unable to go ahead with some of these valuable opportunities. We kindly ask all parents to please check their School Money account and settle any outstanding balances at your earliest convenience. Your support truly helps us to continue providing these experiences for all children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued cooperation and generosity.

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## Sport News

Some of our younger children from KS1 attended a tag rugby festival on Tuesday, and they had a truly fantastic time. The festival provided a fun and gentle introduction to the sport, giving the children the chance to take part in a variety of engaging games and activities alongside pupils from other schools across the Brentwood borough. They showed great enthusiasm, teamwork and confidence as they moved between the different stations, trying out new skills and enjoying the friendly competition. The smiles and laughter throughout the morning said it all — the children embraced every moment and represented our school brilliantly.



On Thursday, our Year 3 girls attended a football festival at Brentwood Town FC, where they represented the school brilliantly. The event offered a fantastic opportunity for the girls to build their confidence and develop their skills as they rotated through a carousel of fun-filled drills, team challenges and small-sided football games. They showed great teamwork, enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. It was wonderful to see them fully engaged, supporting one another and embracing every activity with big smiles. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the experience and returned to school feeling proud of their achievements.



## Reminders

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March is the Fabulous Finish for Whitebeam class and we are inviting parents from Whitebeam into school at 2pm to work in class with their children.

## 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.

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## WILLOWBROOK PTFA FEATURE NEWS



Also at our pop-up popcorn stall, we have a wonderful child who has created a fun Easter game for all the children to enter. She is doing this to raise funds for the PTFA Charity and to earn her Brownie's Charities badge.  
Please come along and support them!!





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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:*

*Vincent C, Elsie F, Austin C, Beaux W*



*Well done*

### Words of the week

*'Wonderful words of the week'*

#### Key Stage 1

Year 1 Holly – dazzle  
Year 2 Elm – amphibian

#### Key Stage 2

Year 3 Beech – briskly  
Year 4 Whitebeam – typically  
Year 5 Chestnut – panoramic  
Year 6 Pine - precipitation

### Core value pupil

Willowbrook Primary School  
Each Working For All



Happiness  
Independence  
Respect  
Teamwork  
Caring  
Honesty



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



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## DIARY DATES

	<b>SPRING TERM 2026</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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