



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th March 2026



Message from Mrs Branton

Building a Kind and Welcoming School Community

“Community is much more than belonging to something; it’s about doing something together that makes belonging matter.” – Brian Solis

At our school, we are incredibly proud of the caring and inclusive community our children are growing up in. One of the most powerful ways we can support them is by modelling the values we hope they carry with them—kindness, respect and openness towards others.

We know that friendships naturally form among families, just as they do among the children. At the same time, we gently encourage all parents and carers to be mindful of including others, offering a friendly greeting and helping everyone feel welcome—whether they’re part of your usual group or not. Even small moments of warmth can make a big difference to another family’s day.

It is equally important that we continue showing respect and consideration towards one another as parents. We may come from different backgrounds, have different parenting styles, or hold different opinions, but our shared goal is the same: to support our children. Treating each other with patience, understanding and respect helps strengthen the sense of community we all value.

This respect extends to our staff too. Our teachers are dedicated, thoughtful professionals who always aim to make decisions in the best interests of the children. They are also human and a supportive, respectful partnership between home and school helps them continue doing their very best for every child. Children are incredibly observant. They notice how adults interact and these everyday moments teach them what it means to belong to a positive, respectful community. You are their role model.

Thank you for your continued support, kindness and commitment to making our school a place where every child—and every family—feels valued, welcome and respected.

Meningitis outbreak - advice to parents

The outbreak of meningitis in Kent has been heavily covered in the news and may be causing anxiety in Essex. The public health team at Essex County Council have said that there is no increased risk to anyone in Essex unless they have a direct link to a case of meningitis in the Kent outbreak and been contacted by the UK Health Security Agency. Simply being a contact of a person with a direct link does not increase the risk. If you would like to know more about the outbreak and how it is managed there is an update on the [UK Health Security webpage](#). If you would like to know more about meningitis and how to spot it the [NHS webpages](#) give good advice.



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Clubs

A reminder that all sports and activity clubs have now finished for this term. However, KS2 Netball will be running after school on Monday and KS1 Football club on Tuesday morning as both clubs have catch-up sessions. Year 6 boosters are continuing as well as the Breakfast and After School Club. You should have received a letter today detailing all the clubs for next term which will start w/c Monday, 20th April. Club bookings will go live from 4pm on Monday, 23rd March.

Whitebeam Fabulous Finish

Thank you to the parents that came into school today to work with their children in Whitebeam class for their Fabulous Finish. The children enjoyed working with you to finish their chocolate wrappers. The class have been working hard designing and creating their chocolate boxes and have ensured that these boxes are as inviting as possible. Thank you once again for taking the time to work with your children.



Comic Relief

I would like to extend a heartfelt *thank you* to all our wonderful parents and carers for your generosity and enthusiasm during Comic Relief. Your donations, big and small, will help make a real difference to those in need, and we are so grateful for your kindness. Thank you also to the children that dressed in red today, it was lovely to see so many children supporting this wonderful charity. We have raised a total of £136.



Easter egg donations

On Friday 27th March, the last day of term, we have our annual Easter Hat and Egg assembly. The children can wear an Easter bonnet, and we will be having an Easter egg raffle. Thank you to everyone that has donated Easter eggs already, if you have not yet donated an egg and would like to, please bring them to the office by Thursday, 26th March. Raffle tickets will also be on sale until 26th March, Year 6 children will be visiting classrooms every afternoon. Raffle tickets are priced at £1 per strip, please send your child in with money in a named envelope.

Sport News

A fun filled Tuesday afternoon for some of our KS1 children. They attended a multi skills festival hosted by the Shenfield sports partnership. These events introduce children to fun competitions and to experience many different sports. We all had a great time participating in a carousel of activities from kurling, to volleyball and other team building games.



What a wonderful Wednesday afternoon for some of our KS1 children at the dance festival, hosted by Shenfield High School. The children learnt and performed a routine to music from The Lion King, we have some fabulous dancers at Willowbrook!



Reminders

Friday, 27th March – Easter egg raffle and Easter hat assembly

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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This week's Headteacher superstars are:

Austin C, Jack H, Thea F



Well done

Words of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Year 1 Holly – wiggly

Year 2 Elm – ancient

Key Stage 2

Year 3 Beech – tranquil

Year 4 Whitebeam – abundant

Year 5 Chestnut – pretentious

Year 6 Pine - circumference

Core value pupil

Willowbrook Primary School
Each Working For All



Happiness
Independence
Respect
Teamwork
Caring
Honesty



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



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DIARY DATES

	SPRING TERM 2026
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
26th March 2026	Re-arranged visit to Hutton View for Beech class
27 th March 2026	Easter Egg Raffle and Easter hat assembly
27 th March 2026	Last Day of Term