



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th April 2026



Message from Mrs Branton

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. The children have settled well back into school and it's great to see them come into school with smiles on their faces. Attendance this week has been much better and we have ended the week with a whole school attendance of 98.3% - which is amazing - well done everyone!

BASC

Please note that we can only accept same-day BASC bookings if they are made before 12 noon. In cases of extreme emergency, or on the rare occasion that you are unable to collect your child on time, a space may be offered, but this will only be available until 4:15pm. Starting from next week we have a new timetable of activities for the after-school club, please see details below:

<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Tea (for those booked in until 5.30pm)</u>
Monday	Nature walk	Spaghetti hoops on toast
Tuesday	Cooking	Fish Fingers and beans
Wednesday	Games outside	Pasta with tomato sauce
Thursday	Yoga	Crumpets with jam/butter
Friday	Themed craft activity	Ham or cheese toastie

<u>Week 2</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Tea (for those booked in until 5.30pm)</u>
Monday	Themed craft activity	Chicken or tomato soup with bread
Tuesday	Cooking	Pasta with tomato sauce
Wednesday	Film and popcorn	Fish fingers and beans
Thursday	Dodgeball	Spaghetti hoops on toast
Friday	Nature walk	Crumpets with jam/butter

<u>Week 3</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Tea (for those booked in until 5.30pm)</u>
Monday	Games outside	Chicken or tomato soup with bread
Tuesday	Cooking	Pizza
Wednesday	Board games	Ham or cheese toastie
Thursday	Yoga	Pasta with tomato sauce
Friday	Themed craft activity	Spaghetti hoops on toast

<u>Week 4</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Tea (for those booked in until 5.30pm)</u>
Monday	Themed craft activity	Pasta with tomato sauce
Tuesday	Cooking	Crumpet with jam/butter
Wednesday	Film and popcorn	Fish fingers and beans
Thursday	Music time	Chicken or tomato soup with bread
Friday	Ball games	Ham or cheese toastie



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Creative Space Donation

I would like to extend a HUGE thank you to Mr Gash for taking the time to come in over the Easter holidays and tile the kitchen wall. He has donated his fee to our creative space project. 😊

Clubs

A reminder that all before and after school sports and activity clubs start from next week.

Coffee Afternoon

We are extremely lucky to have a local Paediatric Registrar who has offered to attend our parent coffee afternoon this term to talk to you on a topic of your choice and answer any questions. She has asked us to send out a poll and she will talk about the topic with the most votes.

Please click on the link below to see the choice of topics and place your vote.

<https://forms.gle/SAmRHZ4vTA1zbbFu9>

Please can all responses be completed by Friday 24th April 2026.

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

Thank you to all parents that left messages for staff last term. These were shared at the end of term and were a lovely start to the Easter break.

Please see a new link below to share a special thanks for a member of staff for this term:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1lxtGP_96kCz5qZOIUGL7NE1zFDYzjgUczrz9etjAZg/edit

Your kind words make a real difference, brightening staff members' days and recognising their hard work. 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:

Arthur F, Jake B, Lincoln WS, Austin C, George W, Bisma A



Well done

Words of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Year 1 Holly – heartbroken

Year 2 Elm – grimy

Key Stage 2

Year 3 Beech – cunning

Year 4 Whitebeam – mock

Year 5 Chestnut – contagious

Year 6 Pine - beneficial

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 respect in the celebration assembly.



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DIARY DATES

	SUMMER TERM 2026
20 th April 2026	Clubs start
21 st April 2026	Swimming starts Holly Class and Chestnut Class for 11 weeks
22 nd April 2026	Maths Work With Me- parents invited
27 th April 2026	Last Year 6 Grammar booster
29 th April 2026	Maple class trip to Marsh Farm
8 th May 2026	Year 1 parents phonics screening meeting for parents TEAMS 3:40pm
11 th 12 th , 13 th , 14 th , May 2026	KS2 SATS Week
12 th May 2026	Parent Coffee Afternoon 2:40pm. A paediatric Registrar will be present to talk about a topic based on parent's choice. Beech class performance.
13 th May 2026	Holly class visit to Shenfield library pm
14 th May 2026	Chestnut visit to Shenfield library am Whitebeam visit to Shenfield library am
15 th May 2026	Whitebeam Class Assembly for parents 9:00am
21 st May 2026	Beech visit to Shenfield library am Elm visit to Shenfield library am
21 st May 2026	Elm Class Assembly for parents 9:00am
22 nd May 2026	PTFA Colour Run
25 th -29 th May 2026	Half-Term
1 st June 2026	INSET Day
2 nd June 2026	Soccer Aid Teachers Vs School team football match for children
2 nd – 12 th June 2026	Year 4 multiplication check
5 th June 2026	Beech Class Fabulous Finish. Beech class parents invited.
8 th – 12 th June 2026	Phonics Screening
9 th June 2026	Pine One Plan Meetings- PM
9 th June 2026	Pine Class RSE parent meeting- TEAMS 3:45pm
10 th June 2026	Chestnut class visiting St Martins to watch High School Musical
10 th June 2026	Pine Class- Its Your Move workshop for children
11 th June 2026	Elm One Plan Meetings- AM Chestnut One Plan Meetings- AM
11 th June 2026	Pine visit to Shenfield library am
12 th June 2026	Holly Class Assembly for parents 9:00am
15 th June 2026	Pine Class visit to St Martins for DT project
16 th June 2026	Whole School Photos
17 th June 2026	Father's Day Breakfast 8am more information to follow
17 th June 2026	Whole school summer safety assembly provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
19 th June 2026	Maple One Plan Meetings - AM
19 th June 2026	Chestnut Class Assembly for parents 9:00am
20 th June 2026	PTFA Summer Fayre
23 rd June 2026	Whitebeam One Plan Meetings – AM/PM
24 th June 2026	Beech One Plan Meetings- AM/ PM
25 th June 2026	Beech One Plan Meetings- PM
26 th June 2026	Beech class trip to Horniman Museum and Gardens – more info to follow
26 th June 2026	Maple Class Assembly for parents 9:00am

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26 th June 2026	SATS Writing and Science Teacher Assessment submission
29 th June 2026	RockSteady Concert for children and parents 2:20pm start
29 th June 2026	Last week of clubs
1 st July 2026	Holly and Elm class trip to Danbury Country Park – more info to follow
1 st July 2026	Maple Class visit to Shenfield library pm
2 nd July 2026	PTFA End of year disco
7 th July 2026	Last week of swimming for Holly and Chestnut Class
10 th July 2026	Chestnut visit to St Martins- Taster Day
10 th July 2026	Chestnut and Pine Show to parents 2pm and 6pm more information to follow
13 th July 2026	Sports Day - more info to follow
14 th July 2026	Meet the teacher morning for children
15 th July 2026	Open Afternoon for parents - more info to follow
Date TBC	Year 6 reward day
17 th July 2026	Pine Leavers assembly 9:00am for parents
17 th July 2026	Last day of the school year

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