



# Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026



## Message from Mrs Branton

### A message for Pine class

It has been a pleasure to see your resilience and determination this week which are qualities that have not only served you well in your SATs but will continue to serve you well in the rest of your school lives. This week was an opportunity for you to showcase all that you have learnt and achieved so far. Remember, SATs are just one part of your school journey and they do not define your abilities or limit your potential. It is important to understand that you are not defined by a test score. What matters is how polite you are, how respectful you are as a person and how supportive you are as friends to one another. Well done Pine class, we are very proud of your hard work this week.

### Bikes and Scooters

Please be reminded that bikes and scooters should be dismantled before entering the school grounds. If you are leaving a bike or scooter in school, these should be walked onto the school grounds and left in the bike shelter. A pupil was knocked over this week by another pupil riding their bike in school, thankfully neither child was seriously hurt but we want to ensure such accidents do not happen in the future. Thank you for your support.

### Library Visits

Chestnut and Whitebeam class went to the library this week and really enjoyed choosing new books to borrow. Some of the children joined the library for the very first time which was very exciting for them. All children represented the school well and upheld our school values.

Unfortunately, when Holly class were due to visit the library on Wednesday, due to the extreme weather conditions, the visit had to be cancelled. This visit will be re-arranged and Holly parents will be notified in due course.

Beech and Elm class will be visiting the library next Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> May. Due to the weather being very unpredictable now, please ensure your child wears weather appropriate clothing on this day, i.e., raincoat, sun hat etc.



## Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to all the parents that came along to the coffee afternoon and thank you to the PTFA for helping with the event. We hope you enjoyed the wonderful performance from Beech class.



## Sports News

Last Friday our Year 3 boys ended the school day with a friendly football match v Ursuline Prep. This was our first competitive match and the children showed great teamwork and determination to earn the 2-0 win. Well done boys!



## Community News

Please see the link below to our community news page, you will find lots of useful information and activities each week: <https://www.willowbrook.essex.sch.uk/page/?title=Community+News&pid=85>

## Share a thank you

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

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNrd6PyxKW\\_b8tvMFyuCLSJ\\_Da-OWvI1rIqQiMdkMuKr3Qig/viewform?usp=publish-editor](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfNrd6PyxKW_b8tvMFyuCLSJ_Da-OWvI1rIqQiMdkMuKr3Qig/viewform?usp=publish-editor)

If a member of staff has gone above and beyond for you or your child, please give them a special mention. 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.

Mrs Branton

## Science in the News

Here's what Maple and Elm have been learning in science this week — brilliant work, everyone!

### Mrs Cirdei - Science Co-ordinator

Elm Class have been exploring food chains. The children worked in groups to create their own food chains and then acted them out using mini puppets. They worked hard to use scientific vocabulary in their explanations, including producer, consumer, and predator.



Maple Class have been learning about life cycles in Science this week. They explored how caterpillars turn into butterflies, how frogs grow, and how worms change as they develop. The children have made a wormery, linking to the story 'Yucky Worms' and have been watching the caterpillars grow into butterflies while looking after them. They released them into the wild and learnt all about their life cycle. Fantastic work from our Reception scientists!





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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:  
Daisy T, Edward K, Melody L, Siroema X*



*Well done*

## Words of the week

*'Wonderful words of the week'*

### Key Stage 1

Year 1 Holly – revolting  
Year 2 Elm – onomatopoeia

### Key Stage 2

Year 3 Beech – jovial  
Year 4 Whitebeam – decompose  
Year 5 Chestnut – contagion  
Year 6 Pine - anonymous

## Core value pupil

Willowbrook Primary School  
Each Working For All



Happiness  
Independence  
Respect  
Teamwork  
Caring  
Honesty



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



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## Celebration Assembly



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**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2026**  
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## DIARY DATES

	SUMMER TERM 2026
21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Beech visit to Shenfield library am Elm visit to Shenfield library am
21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Elm Class Assembly for parents 9:00am
22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	PTFA Colour Run
25 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Half-Term
1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	INSET Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	Soccer Aid Teachers Vs School team football match for children
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 4 multiplication check
5 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Beech Class Fabulous Finish. Beech class parents invited.
8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Phonics Screening
9 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Pine One Plan Meetings- PM
9 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Pine Class RSE parent meeting- TEAMS 3:45pm
10 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Chestnut class visiting St Martins to watch High School Musical
10 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Pine Class- Its Your Move workshop for children
11 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Elm One Plan Meetings- AM Chestnut One Plan Meetings- AM
11 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Pine visit to Shenfield library am
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Holly Class Assembly for parents 9:00am
15 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Pine Class visit to St Martins for DT project
17 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Father's Day Breakfast 8am more information to follow
17 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Whole school summer safety assembly provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
19 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Maple One Plan Meetings - AM
19 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Chestnut Class Assembly for parents 9:00am
20 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	PTFA Summer Fayre
22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	Class Photos
23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2026	Whitebeam One Plan Meetings – AM/PM
24 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Beech One Plan Meetings- AM/ PM
25 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Beech One Plan Meetings- PM
26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Beech class trip to Horniman Museum and Gardens
26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Maple Class Assembly for parents 9:00am
26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	SATS Writing and Science Teacher Assessment submission
29 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Whitebeam class trip to The British Museum
29 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	RockSteady Concert for children and parents 2:20pm start
29 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Last week of clubs
30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Pine class trip to Diggerland
1 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	Holly and Elm class trip to Danbury Country Park
1 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	Maple Class visit to Shenfield library pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026	PTFA End of year disco
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026	Parent Coffee Afternoon 2:30pm. A paediatric Registrar will be present to talk about a topic based on parent's choice. Whitebeam and Chestnut class performance.
7 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Last week of swimming for Holly and Chestnut Class
10 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Chestnut visit to St Martins- Taster morning

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10 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Chestnut and Pine Show to parents 2pm and 6pm more information to follow
13 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Sports Day - more info to follow
14 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Meet the teacher morning for children
15 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Open Afternoon for parents - more info to follow
Date TBC	Year 6 reward day
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Pine Leavers assembly 9:00am for parents
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Last day of the school year