

Message from Mrs Branton

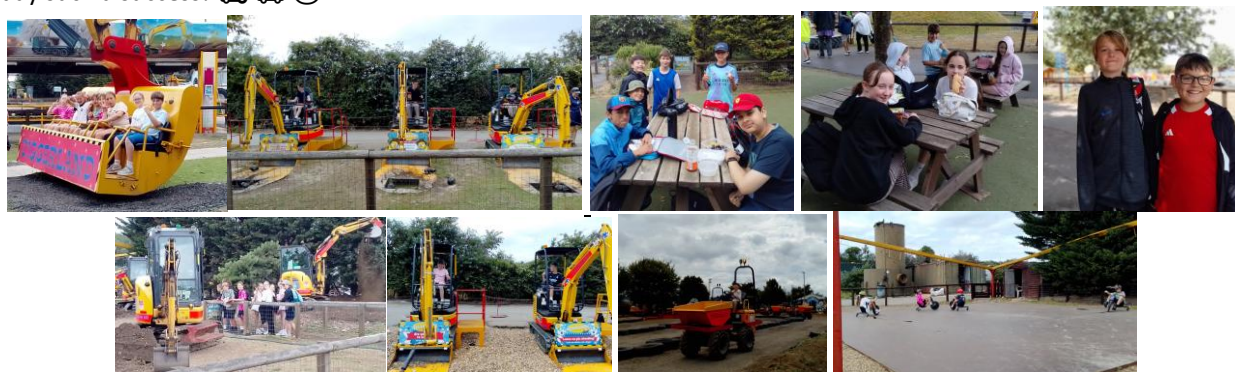
Whitebeam Class Trip to The British Museum

On Monday, Whitebeam enjoyed a fantastic trip to the British Museum to explore the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt. The children had the opportunity to see a wide range of ancient artefacts and took part in an engaging presentation led by one of the museum's experts, who shared interesting facts about daily life in Ancient Egypt. The children were a credit to our school throughout the day, demonstrating excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and curiosity. Well done, Whitebeam—you represented our school exceptionally well and we are all very proud of you. A special thank you goes to our parent helpers for their support, which helped make the trip such a success.



Pine Class Trip to Diggerland

Year 6 had a fantastic end-of-year trip to Diggerland. The children enjoyed driving a variety of diggers, moving dirt with real machinery, and even taking turns driving the police car around the circuit—with the adults as passengers! The adults certainly had their nerves tested and the children had great fun collecting their (pretend) speeding fines along the way. It was definitely a memorable and exciting day out for everyone. A huge thank you to the parents who came along to support the trip. We know you enjoyed the experience just as much as the children and we are very grateful for your help in making the day such a success! 🚧 🚚 😊



Rocksteady Concert

Thank you to all the parents who came to watch our fabulous Rocksteady concert. We definitely have lots of rock stars in the making! The children performed brilliantly, and it was wonderful to see their confidence, enthusiasm and musical talent shine through. Well done to everyone involved! 🎸 🎤 ⭐



Holly and Elm Class Trip to Danbury Park

Holly and Elm Class thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Danbury Park. During the morning, they took part in a variety of exciting activities, including meadow sweeping, tree shaking, bug hunting and pond dipping. After a well-deserved lunch, the children worked hard lifting and moving logs and branches to build their own dens in the woods. They also learned about the environment and even created some beautiful land art. It was wonderful to see the children developing their teamwork and communication skills while expanding their knowledge through first-hand exploration of nature. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this trip possible. We hope you enjoyed the day just as much as the children did!



Maple class Library Visit

Well done to Maple Class, our youngest children in the school. They walked beautifully to the library, and we are incredibly proud of them for displaying such excellent behaviour throughout the afternoon. They were a credit to the school and represented us wonderfully.



PTFA Disco

A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising another fantastic school disco. The children had a wonderful time, and we are very grateful for all the hard work that went into making the event such a success.



Parent Coffee Afternoon

Thank you to the parents that came along to the parent coffee afternoon today. Chestnut and Whitebeam class loved performing the songs they have been learning in class. We hope you found the talk from our paediatric registrar useful and informative.

Smart Watches

A reminder to all families that smart watches are not permitted in school. We have noticed that a number of children are coming to school wearing these devices, which can sometimes become a distraction during lessons.

We would appreciate your support in ensuring that smart watches are left at home so that all children can remain focused on their learning and make the most of every school day.

School Dinners

A polite reminder for our KS1 families: We have noticed that an increasing number of meals are being ordered through SchoolGrid and then replaced with a home-packed lunch on the day. For example, on Wednesday's trip to Danbury Park, 16 school packed lunches were ordered, but 12 children arrived with their own packed lunches. When this happens, it can result in food being prepared unnecessarily and creates additional work for our kitchen staff. Although KS1 meals are free to parents, the school is still charged for meals that have been ordered. If your plans change after booking a meal, we would be very grateful if you could cancel the order on SchoolGrid as soon as possible. This helps us reduce food waste and manage school costs effectively. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sports News

Great strength and determination were displayed by all of our children who attended the Mini Triathlon event on Monday afternoon. The children completed a 100m swim, followed by a 600m bike ride, before finishing with a 400m run. We are incredibly proud of every child's performance. Huge congratulations to one of our Year 6 pupils, who came 1st overall in the triathlon and to one of our Year 5 girls, who achieved an amazing 3rd place overall. **Well done, girls!**



Tuesday was our final sporting event with the Shenfield Sports Partnership for this academic year and it was a brilliant day of Kwik Cricket. Our Year 3 and 4 team displayed fantastic batting and fielding skills throughout their seven matches, finishing in 4th place overall. The children showed amazing teamwork and determination throughout the competition.

Well done, everyone!



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-OWv1rlqQjMdKMuKr3Qig/viewform?usp=publish-editor

Thank you for the messages that have been received already this term, they go a long way in making staff feel valued and appreciated. 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!

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>

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Branton



ENGLAND
Vs.
MEXICO

 **MONDAY 6TH JULY** |  **AT 1.00AM**

 As many of you will be aware, the football match taking place on Monday morning kicks off at 1:00am. We appreciate that some children may be keen to watch the game, but we are also conscious of the importance of ensuring pupils get enough rest and attend school ready to learn.

 To help avoid children staying up late and potentially missing school the following day, we will be showing the match in the school hall in the morning for any children who would like to watch it.

 This will provide pupils with the opportunity to enjoy the occasion with their friends and celebrate the event together, while still maintaining their usual school attendance and routines.

 Please **keep the results a secret** from your child so they can enjoy it properly in school, with us!

**COME TOGETHER.
CHEER TOGETHER!**

 **Willowbrook Primary School**



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd July 2026



This week's Headteacher Superstar is:

Aaliyah O



Words of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Year 1 Holly – astonishing

Year 2 Elm – navigate

Key Stage 2

Year 3 Beech – subsequently

Year 4 Whitebeam – nevertheless

Year 5 Chestnut – resilience

Year 6 Pine – machinery

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DIARY DATES

	SUMMER TERM 2026
7 th July 2026	Last week of swimming for Holly and Chestnut Class
10 th July 2026	Chestnut visit to St Martins- Taster morning
10 th July 2026	Chestnut and Pine Show to parents 2pm and 6pm more information to follow
13 th July 2026	Sports Day (pm)
14 th July 2026	Meet the teacher morning for children
15 th July 2026	Open Afternoon for parents - more info to follow
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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