

Message from Mrs Branton

England vs Mexico

Well, what a start to the week! The children loved watching the football on Monday morning and were so excited to be with their friends and enjoy the experience, it was great hearing them chant 'Come on England'! I hope you're all going to be cheering England on tomorrow. ⚽ 🇬🇧



Year 5 Taster Morning at St Martin's

Chestnut class enjoyed a fantastic morning at St Martin's today and got involved in a range of lessons including Business Studies where they learnt about Levi Roots, German which involved practising common greetings and words, ICT which they found super exciting as they got to create battleships on Excel and History where they carried out an investigation into the Tollund Man.

The Year 5 and 6 Production of Porridge

Year 5/6 have been very busy creating their production of Porridge. With a crime spree hitting the valley, Year 5/6 have solved the crimes to make it a Happy Valley again. They produced some fantastic singing, acting and dancing. Well done to you all! We hope all the parents that came along to watch enjoyed the show as much as the children did.





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☀ Sports Day – Parent Information ☀

We're excited to welcome you to our upcoming Sports Day – a fantastic celebration of sport, teamwork and school spirit!

👟 What Children Need to Bring:

- Come to school wearing PE kit
- Bring a named water bottle
- Bring a sun hat (and please apply all day sun cream at home before school)

🏡 Gazebo Set-Up (Optional):

If you wish to set up a gazebo for shade or shelter, the main playground gates will be open from 8.00am to 8.10am to allow access for this. Please ensure all gazebo equipment is brought in during this window, as the gates will close promptly afterwards.

🕒 Lunchtime & Sports Day – Key Timings:

- 11:50am – Main playground gates open for all parents/carers
- 12:00pm – Collect your child(ren) from their classrooms and enjoy a picnic lunch on the field

If you're unable to attend and would like your child to join another family for lunch:

- Contact the school office by phone first
- Then send written or email confirmation, as your child will be under that family's care during lunch

Note: The bottom gate at Fawters Close will remain closed all day.

Children having a school lunch will bring it outside to join you

- 1:00pm – Children return to class for the register
- 1:15pm – Children return to the field
- 1:30pm – Sports Day races begin!

After all races have finished, children will return to class and can be collected at the usual end-of-day time. If you are unable to attend sports day you will be able to collect your child from their classroom at the normal end of day pick up times.

Additional Info:

A member of staff will be at the main playground gates throughout the event for anyone arriving late or needing to leave early.

After-School Club will run as normal until 5:30pm.

We look forward to a fun-filled day and hope to see you there. Thank you for your continued support!



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Reading Diaries

Just to keep you informed that all reading diaries and reading books will be collected in during the week beginning Monday, 13th July. The diaries will be handed over to the next class teacher and will be given back to the children in September.



On Tuesday, 14th July, we have our 'Meet the Teacher' morning, where children will spend time with their new teacher in their new classroom. The children will arrive at school as usual between 08:40-08:50am. After registration with their current teacher, they will visit their new classroom for an introductory session with their new teacher. Following the usual break time, the children will return to their new classroom for another session. Afterwards, they will go back to their old classroom to prepare for lunch. The morning is a great opportunity for children to get to know their new teacher and vice versa. Teachers typically engage in various activities such as team-building games or creating projects for classroom displays.



We look forward to welcoming you to our Open Afternoon on Wednesday, 15th July at 2pm. You are invited to come along to see your child's work and meet their new teacher. For those families that are able to attend, the main playground gates will open at 1.55pm (the bottom gate will not be open). Please collect your child/children from their classroom door as if it was normal pick-up time. Once you have collected your child/children you will then go through the school hall to access their classrooms. Once you have finished looking at your child's work and have met new class teachers you will be able to take your child/children home. You will need to exit via the school office. If you are unable to attend the Open Afternoon, you can collect your child at their normal pick-up time. If you want your child/children to go home with another family, please contact the school office to provide permission. **Please note that new staff members joining our school might not be present due to commitments at their current schools.**



School reports will be available for collection by parents at the Open Afternoon. If you are unable to attend the Open Afternoon, you can collect your child's report from class staff at the end of the school day. For anyone not able to collect their child's report on Wednesday, 15th July, they can be collected from the school office on Thursday, 16th July. Due to the sensitive nature of the reports, they cannot be handed to the children. If you wish another adult to collect your report on your behalf, please contact the school office as written consent will be required.

Sports News

On Tuesday we attended a district athletics competition where we were able to compete and use the fantastic facilities at Brentwood private school. The first part of the morning was the field events; high jump, long jump and the howler throw, these children gave us a great start in the competition. The second part of the morning was all about the track. We competed in boys and girls sprint and relay for each year group in KS2 and a 400m run for our year 6's. We are so proud of all our Willowbrook superstars, and it was a fantastic end to a great sporting year.



Weather Update

Next week children can continue to come to school in their PE kit as the weather is forecast to be very warm again.

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-OWv11rlqQjMdKMukr3Qig/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.

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This week's Headteacher Superstars are:

*Antonia N, Ronni N, Ava W, Charlie W, Bobby EC, Charlotte M,
Millie G, Ava H*



Words of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Year 1 Holly – resilient

Year 2 Elm – towering

Key Stage 2

Year 3 Beech – pollination

Year 4 Whitebeam – conservation

Year 5 Chestnut – production

Year 6 Pine – ultraviolet



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DIARY DATES

	SUMMER TERM 2026
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
17 th July 2026	Pine Leavers assembly 9:00am for parents
17 th July 2026	Last day of the school year