

Message from Mrs Branton

World Inclusion Day

It was wonderful to see so many children proudly wearing clothing that is special and meaningful to them on Wednesday. The day provided a fantastic opportunity to celebrate individuality, culture, interests and personal expression across our school community.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the event through their generous donations to SNAP. Thanks to your kindness and support, we raised an impressive **£162**. Every contribution will help SNAP continue its invaluable work supporting children and young people with additional needs and their families.

We are incredibly proud of how our school community came together for such a worthwhile cause. Thank you for helping make the day such a success.

Chestnut Class Assembly

Thank you to all the parents and family members who joined us for Chestnut Class's assembly today. It was wonderful to see so many of you there to celebrate the children's hard work and achievements.

We hope you enjoyed hearing about the exciting learning that has taken place this term so far. The children have particularly enjoyed studying *The Highwayman*, exploring the text in depth and developing their use of ambitious vocabulary and descriptive language. They have worked incredibly hard to create vivid imagery in their writing and should be very proud of the progress they have made.

Well done, Chestnut Class, for sharing your learning so confidently and enthusiastically with us all. We are very proud of you!



Cats on the school grounds

A gentle reminder to please encourage your children to admire any cats visiting the school grounds from a distance. While it can be tempting to approach or stroke animals, it is always best to do so only when an owner is present and has confirmed that it is safe to interact with them.

We have also noticed that, on occasions, some cats have been chased. This can be frightening for the animals and may cause them to react unpredictably. By giving them space and treating them with kindness and respect, we can help keep both the children and the animals safe.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Sporting News

Last Tuesday was a glorious morning of football with some of our year 2 girls. The team played brilliantly they didn't lose a game and finished joint winners of the tournament. Super proud of these girls!



A fantastic Tuesday this week of Cross country - amazing effort and determination from all our KS2 runners, well done!



On Wednesday, some of our Year 5 and 6 children attended a table tennis event. Great hand eye co-ordination and accuracy were required for this event and the children played really well against strong opposition. Well done everyone!





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Parents Evening Reminder

Our parent evening meetings are scheduled for next week. Please refer to the table below to find out the specific dates for your child's class appointments. These will be face to face appointments at school, allowing you the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and to look through your child's books. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please book via MCAS.

Remember, if your child is on the Inclusion register, you will be invited to attend a one-plan meeting in place of a parents evening appointment. The dates for these are on this newsletter under the diary of events. You will not receive an invite to book a parents evening slot.

Our school Book Fair will also run alongside our parents' evenings.

Monday 12 th October	Tuesday 13 th October	Wednesday 14 th October	Thursday 15 th October	Friday 16 th October
No parents evening	All year groups	EYFS only	All year groups	No parents evening

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-OWVl1rlqQjMdKMuKr3Qig/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!

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

Science in the News

Find below what Beech and Maple class learnt in Science this week. Well done, everyone! Mrs Cırdei - Science Co-ordinator



*As part of their science topic on **States of Matter**, Beech Class investigated the effect of heat on the rate of evaporation. They set up two beakers containing the same amount of water: one was placed at the back of the classroom, while the other was positioned in direct sunlight. At the end of the day, the children measured the amount of water remaining in each beaker to compare the effects of the different conditions. They observed that the water in the sunny location had evaporated more quickly and used scientific vocabulary to explain how heat increases the rate of evaporation.*



Maple Class have been sorting objects by the materials they are made from. The children explored different materials, discussed their properties, and explained why certain materials are used for different objects. They enjoyed investigating the classroom and recording their findings, developing their understanding of materials through practical learning.



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PTFA FEATURE NEWS

Want to
help make
a real
difference?

We would love to welcome a parent who'd like to get involved and take on the Chair role.

Interested in finding out more?
Email PTA@willowbrook.essex.sch.uk

We'd love to hear from you!

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PTFA EVENTS SCHEDULE

2026/27

16 FRI OCTOBER TRICK OR TREAT POP UP	19 THU NOVEMBER WINTER DISCO	19 FRI MARCH ST. PATRICKS DAY QUIZ
28 FRI MAY COLOUR RUN	24 THU JUNE SUMMER DISCO	3 SAT JULY SUMMER FAYRE

MORE EVENTS STILL TO BE CONFIRMED...

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HALLOWEEN

TRICK OR TREAT

LUCKY DIP

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER FROM 3.15PM

Join us in the playground after school
for spooktacular fun,
will you get a trick or a treat?

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*This week's Headteacher superstars are:
Verity B, Rocco W, Oscar H and Teddy M*



Words of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Year 1 Maple – scattered

Year 2 Holly – ferocious

Key Stage 2

Year 3 Elm – bewildered

Year 4 Beech – adventurous

Year 5 Whitebeam – retribution

Year 6 Chestnut - emerge

Core value pupil

 Willowbrook Primary School
Each Working For All



Happiness
Independence
Respect
Teamwork
Caring
Honesty



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



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Celebration Assembly



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DIARY DATES

	AUTUMN TERM 2026
1st October to 31st October 2026	Black History Month
12 th October 2026	Whole School Firework and Halloween Safety assembly provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
12 th October to 16 th October 2026	Book Fair will run alongside parents' evenings – dates and times to be follow
13 th October 2026	Parents Evening (All year groups)
14 th October 2026	Parents Evening (EYFS only)
15 th October 2026	Parents Evening (All year groups)
16 th October 2026	Cherry Class Assembly. 09:05am. Parents invited.
19 th October 2026	Don-Rae Drama workshop with Chestnut and Whitebeam Class
20 th October 2026	Whole school flu immunisation
20 th October 2026	Last day of term
21 st -23 rd October 2026	INSET DAYS
2 nd November 2026	Towers and Turrets Holly Class Workshop- letter to follow
2 nd November 2026	Holly Class Towers and Turrets Workshop
2 nd to the 6 th November 2026	Year 6 residential trip
5 th November 2026	Maple Class Trip to the V&A Museum
6 th November 2026	Beech Class Assembly. 09:05am. Parents invited.
6 th November 2026	Prospective Parent Tour 10am till 11am
10 th November 2026	Whitebeam One Plan meetings- AM / PM
11 th November 2026	Maple One Plan meetings - AM
12 th November 2026	Year 6 Online Safety session provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
13 th November 2026	BBC Children in need day – wear non-uniform with a Pudsey theme (eg something yellow; something spotty; or both!) Collection buckets will be at the school gates for anyone wanting to make a voluntary donation
13 th November 2026	Maple Class Assembly. 09:05am. Parents invited.
13 th November 2026	Whitebeam Class year 6 residential parent meeting via TEAMS 4:45pm
16 th November 2026	Reception Height and Weight checks
16 th November 2026	Anti-Bullying Week
16 th November 2026	Odd Socks Day - All you need to do is wear odd socks! Odd Socks Day is all about embracing and celebrating people's differences and helps to launch Anti-Bullying Week.
16 th , 17 th , 18 th , 19 th , 20 th November 2026	Year 6 Bikeability course
17 th November 2026	Beech One Plan Meetings – AM/ PM
18 th November 2026	Elm One Plan Meetings - AM
18 th November 2026	Beech One Plan Meetings - PM
19 th November 2026	Chestnut One Plan Meetings - AM
19 th November 2026	Cherry One Plan Meetings -AM
19 th November 2026	PTFA Winter Disco
20 th November 2026	Catch-up for those who missed the flu immunisation
20 th November 2026	Whitebeam Class Assembly. 09:05am. Parents invited.

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24 th November 2026	Parent Coffee Afternoon 2:40pm start in the school hall- Find out more about our PTFA, governors and parent council. Performances from school choir and Chestnut class.
25 th November 2026	Year 6 cyber bullying session provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
26 th November 2026	Holly Class Assembly. 09:05am. Parents invited.
26 th November 2026	Year 6 Online exploitation session provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
27 th November 2026	Christmas House Morning
1 st December 2026	Last swimming lesson for Whitebeam and top-up swimming for selected Chestnut pupils.
1 st December 2026	Year 3 & 4 Show for parents at 2:15pm
2 nd December 2026	Whole school Panto Trip
3 rd December 2026	Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm
4 th December 2026	Year 5 & 6 Show for parents at 2:15 pm
7 th December 2026	Last week of clubs
10 th December 2026	EYFS & KS1 Nativity for parents at 2pm
11 th December 2026	EYFS & KS1 Nativity for parents at 9:20am
14 th December 2026	RockSteady Concert for parents at 2:20pm
16 th December 2026	Christingle Workshop for all classes
17 th December 2026	Children's Christmas Bazaar
18 th December 2026	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
18 th December 2026	Last day of term