

Message from Mrs Branton

Cherry Class Assembly

Thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who joined us for **Cherry Class's very first assembly** today. The children were incredibly excited to perform and were so proud to share their learning with you. They thoroughly enjoyed dressing up as superheroes and embraced the opportunity to showcase their confidence, creativity and teamwork.

As this was their first assembly, the children worked extremely hard to learn their lines, songs and actions, and we were delighted with how well they performed. We hope you enjoyed watching them shine on stage and celebrating this special milestone with us. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement, which helps our children grow in confidence and achieve their very best. We are sure this will be the first of many memorable performances to come!



Dogs on the school grounds

We understand that some children may feel nervous around dogs, particularly when they are tied up near the school gates. As a reminder, **dogs are not permitted on school property** unless they are assistance dogs. For families who walk their dogs to school, if a dog is left outside the school entrance, please ensure it is secured safely and not blocking access to the gates. We also kindly ask parents and carers to remind children **not to approach or interact with any dog unless a responsible adult is present and has given permission to do so.**

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and comfortable environment for all members of our school community.

School Uniform Donations

Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated unwanted school uniform. We are extremely grateful for your support. The PTFA have been working hard to sort, organise and prepare these items for our pre-loved uniform stock, which provides a valuable resource for many families within our school community.

Due to the overwhelming generosity of recent donations, we now have a plentiful supply of non-logo clothing. Therefore, we kindly ask that any future uniform donations are limited to **items with the school logo only**, including:

- School jumpers and cardigans
- PE jumpers
- PE T-shirts

This will help us make the best use of our storage space and ensure we can continue to offer the items that are most in demand. Thank you once again for your continued support and generosity. It is very much appreciated. 😊

Book Fair

Thank you to all parents that came along to the book fair and purchased books for your child. The children enjoyed looking through the books in school and were excited to look with you after school too.



Sporting News

Our Year 5&6 girls football team got to experience and play in the primary cup competition hosted at Brentwood Town Football Club. Our girls improved in each match played and most importantly had fun – well done girls.



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

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

This week Cherry Class have been exploring the properties of materials to save Humpty Dumpty from breaking when he falls off the wall. We discussed what materials are and learnt that different materials are best for different uses. The class thought about what materials they could think of and then discussed why they were used for different things. We then predicted what would happen when Humpty Dumpty fell off the wall and landed on each material and then tested these. The children found out that the plastic and fabric were best and that Humpty Dumpty did not appreciate a metal landing!





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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!

Willowbrook PTFA Registered Charity: 1046576





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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Get ready
for the...

WINTER DISCO

THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2026

INFANTS - 4:45PM - 5:45PM - £4 EACH

JUNIORS - 6.00PM - 7.15PM - £5 EACH

COST INCLUDES DJ, DRINK AND SNACK

The poster features a black background with glowing neon-style graphics. At the top left is a purple musical note. In the top right is a crest with 'PTFA' and 'WPS' and a basketball. The text 'Get ready for the...' is in a white cursive font. Below it, 'WINTER DISCO' is in large, bold, white block letters with a blue glow. At the bottom left are three pink chevrons. At the bottom right are blue musical notes and two sets of concentric circles resembling a target or a record.

*This week's Headteacher superstars are:
Olivia H and Ollie G*



Words of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Year 1 Maple – crinkly

Year 2 Holly – ferocious

Key Stage 2

Year 3 Elm – stumble

Year 4 Beech – catastrophic

Year 5 Whitebeam – chronological

Year 6 Chestnut - existence

Core value pupil



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



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Celebration Assembly



Our Core Values: **INDEPENDENCE** - HAPPINESS – **TEAM WORK** - CARING - **RESPECT** – HONESTY
Join us on Twitter for the latest results and news: [@Willowbrk](https://twitter.com/Willowbrk)

DIARY DATES

	AUTUMN TERM 2026
1st October to 31st October 2026	Black History Month
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	Holly Class Towers and Turrets Workshop
4 th November 2026	Whitebeam class visit to Shenfield Library
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	Beech class visit to Shenfield Library
10 th November 2026	Whitebeam One Plan meetings- AM / PM
11 th November 2026	Chestnut class visit to Shenfield Library
11 th November 2026	Maple One Plan meetings - AM
12 th November 2026	Michael Rosen Day 2026 'Huge Poetry Party'! Live Assembly
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
17 th November 2026	Maple class visit to Shenfield Library
18 th November 2026	Cherry class visit to Shenfield Library
18 th November 2026	Elm One Plan Meetings - AM
18 th November 2026	Beech One Plan Meetings - PM
19 th November 2026	Elm class Stone Age School
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.
24 th November 2026	Elm class visit to Shenfield Library



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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	Holly class visit to Shenfield Library
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
15 th December 2026	Elm class Darkness to Light workshop for children
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