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Message from Mrs Branton

I hope you all had a restful half term. The children have settled well back into school and have had a busy week.

Don Rae Workshop – Year 5 & 6

Before half term Whitebeam and Chestnut class took part in a workshop with Don Rae, a visiting music consultant and teacher. The children explored African beats and rhythms, incorporating elements of the Windrush generation and the arrival of the *Empire Windrush* in Britain. They enthusiastically practised their dance moves before showcasing their fantastic performance in front of the whole school. It was a wonderful celebration of music, movement, history and culture!






Holly Class Towers and Turrets Workshop

Holly class had a fantastic time at the Tower and Turrets workshop today on Monday. The children stepped back in time to discover what life would have been like living in a castle. The day ended with a grand feast in the Great Hall, where the children provided the entertainment! We enjoyed some fantastic performances, with children taking on the roles of jesters and even having a go with jousting.







Whitebeam Class – A lovely visit to the library

On Wednesday, Whitebeam class enjoyed a wonderful and productive visit to the local library! The children learned how to use the library catalogue, explored how books are organised and discovered the children's section. There was great excitement as the children browsed the shelves and chose books to borrow. Everyone returned to school happy, cheerful and eager to get reading!
Of course, the walk back up the hill was a little less exciting — especially with all those books to carry! Who knew reading could be such good exercise? A fantastic outing filled with learning, laughter and a renewed love of books. Well done, Whitebeam! 📚😊




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Maple Class Trip to the V&A Museum

Maple class had a wonderful day at the Young V&A Museum. First, we had a 'Hero Arm Design' workshop, where the children learnt about how things need adapting for people that have a disability. The children designed their own playground and adapted it so that it would be disability friendly. There are some real budding designers in Maple class for sure! We spent the rest of the day exploring the 'Play Gallery' and the 'Imagine' Gallery, where they were able to be hands on, from building with large blocks, creating a large marble run, exploring old video games and even performing on stage. Maple class very much enjoyed themselves! A huge thank you to all the parent helpers that came along.







Beech Class Assembly

Thank you to all parents that came into school today for the Beech class assembly. The children performed their assembly based on their topic 'The Romans'. They acted, sung and read out lots of different facts about the Roman Empire, Boudica and Roman daily life. Did you know they used to eat flamingo! We hope you enjoyed the assembly as much as the children did.







Coats

As the weather has turned much colder now, can you please ensure your child comes to school with a warm and waterproof coat. Our lost property box seems to be getting very full so please ensure all items are clearly named so we can easily return them to your child. Thank you for your continued support.

Chickens

We are looking at rehoming our chicken. We used to have a flock of chickens but sadly they have died one by one and now poor Willow is on her own! If you, or someone you know would like to offer Willow a home, please let us know.

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PGL Adventures!

What an amazing week our children have had at PGL! From exciting activities to overcoming challenges and trying new things, the children have made some fantastic memories. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow, friendships strengthen and smiles all around! We are incredibly proud of everyone for showing courage, teamwork and enthusiasm throughout the week. What a fantastic adventure!



Sporting News

Our Year 5 boys had a friendly match this week at Larchwood Primary School, great team performance and a 4-1 win, well done boys! They all looked super smart in the new kit provided by Mr Ward too. 😊



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-OWvI1rlqQjMdKMuKr3Qig/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.
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Words of the week

'Wonderful words of the week'

Key Stage 1

Year 1 Maple – dazzling

Year 2 Holly – plural

Key Stage 2

Year 3 Elm – exhilarating

Year 4 Beech – meticulously

Year 5 Whitebeam – stirred

Core value pupil





Well done to the core value pupil from Whitebeam 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
10th November 2026	Beech class visit to Shenfield Library
10th November 2026	Whitebeam One Plan meetings- AM / PM
11th November 2026	Chestnut class visit to Shenfield Library
11th November 2026	Maple One Plan meetings - AM
12th November 2026	Michael Rosen Day 2026 'Huge Poetry Party'! Live Assembly
12th November 2026	Year 6 Online Safety session provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
13th 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
13th November 2026	Maple Class Assembly. 09:05am. Parents invited
13th November 2026	Whitebeam Class year 6 residential parent meeting via TEAMS 4:45pm
16th November 2026	Reception Height and Weight checks
16th November 2026	Anti-Bullying Week
16th 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.
16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th November 2026	Year 6 Bikeability course
17th November 2026	Beech One Plan Meetings – AM/ PM
17th November 2026	Maple class visit to Shenfield Library
18th November 2026	Cherry class visit to Shenfield Library
18th November 2026	Elm One Plan Meetings - AM
18th November 2026	Beech One Plan Meetings - PM
19th November 2026	Elm class Stone Age School
19th November 2026	Chestnut One Plan Meetings - AM
19th November 2026	Cherry One Plan Meetings -AM
19th November 2026	PTFA Winter Disco
20th November 2026	Catch-up for those who missed the flu immunisation
20th November 2026	Whitebeam Class Assembly. 09:05am. Parents invited.
24th November 2026	Elm class visit to Shenfield Library
24th 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.
25th November 2026	Holly class visit to Shenfield Library
25th November 2026	Year 6 cyber bullying session provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
26th November 2026	Holly Class Assembly. 09:05am. Parents invited.
26th November 2026	Year 6 Online exploitation session provided by Essex Fire and Rescue
27th November 2026	Christmas House Morning
1st December 2026	Last swimming lesson for Whitebeam and top-up swimming for selected Chestnut pupils.
1st December 2026	Year 3 & 4 Show for parents at 2:15pm
2nd December 2026	Whole school Panto Trip
3rd December 2026	Prospective Parent Tour 1:30pm till 2:30pm

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4th December 2026	Year 5 & 6 Show for parents at 2:15 pm
7th December 2026	Last week of clubs
10th December 2026	EYFS & KS1 Nativity for parents at 2pm
11th December 2026	EYFS & KS1 Nativity for parents at 9:20am
14th December 2026	RockSteady Concert for parents at 2:20pm
15th December 2026	Elm class Darkness to Light workshop for children
16th December 2026	Christingle Workshop for all classes
17th December 2026	Children's Christmas Bazaar
18th December 2026	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
18th December 2026	Last day of term