



WILLOW
BROOK
PRIMARY

Could this be the
perfect school for me?



yes

... Willow Brook Primary school is a happy, vibrant, energetic, inspirational and highly aspirational school. We welcome challenge because we know that striving makes us better people, more able to succeed in the world and more able to be the best we can be. That is why our school motto is ***Ad Altiora Tendo*** – we strive for higher things.



Welcome to Willow Brook Primary School.

Willow Brook Primary school is different; everyone who visits tells us this. Visitors say the welcome from all staff and pupils is exceptional. Our building is a beautiful mix of Victorian and modern, creating a light and bright space for the children to feel comfortable and inspired. All of the rooms are enhanced by the artworks created by the pupils and visiting artists.

Our Leyton school has a proud history and we are passionate about working with the whole community. We take pride in the many cultural differences to be enjoyed in our area and celebrate our rich diversity. We are proud of our pupils who come from countries all over the world, bringing their experiences to be shared with us all.

We are a city school in one of the greenest boroughs of London, Waltham Forest. Situated on the edge of Jubilee Park, the Olympic Park, Lee Valley and Hackney Marshes, you will often find our pupils exploring outside spaces and visiting places of cultural interest.

“The lively atmosphere and the buzz of activity in the school reflect the pupils’ **real enthusiasm for learning**. Pupils enjoy coming to a school where they are encouraged to aim high.”

Ofsted, June 2017



and music



Art is at our heart.

We believe that the highest educational standards can be achieved through exposure to, and understanding of the arts in all their forms.


We believe self-expression is an essential element in developing self-confidence and social skills. Art is celebrated everywhere in our school and the quality of the work produced by pupils is breathtaking.

Commitment to the Arts underpins our creative curriculum. Events such as The Big Draw and our International Evenings further promote the arts in school and in the community. Each year we host the Griffin Arts Festival, an exceptional opportunity for children to access the best artistic and cultural events in London and develop outstanding skills.

Our specialist music teachers ensure that all children have a well-rounded knowledge of old and new music and each child will learn an instrument while at Willow Brook.

Each class at Willow Brook is named after a London landmark or institution. We offer incredible London based partnerships and trips so that the pupils can be inspired by the wonderfully rich culture and experiences that London has to offer and that they can aspire to for their future.





Our environment is extremely important to us. We are passionate about ensuring every child is happy and healthy, that they understand their impact on our planet and how they have the power to make the world happy and healthy.

We ensure all children at Willow Brook Primary make excellent progress from whatever their starting point. This is guaranteed by the innovative ways in which we are organised and run. We are proud members of The Griffin Schools Trust, a unique and dedicated family of schools, which understands children and how to unlock their potential through exposure to the best learning opportunities with a supportive network of educational expertise.



Science and ICT are extremely important to us as they shape our future and offer rich opportunities for children to engage with the world.

By having specialist teachers to impart their knowledge, children gain confidence in this ever-changing field, programming and coding in real-life situations.

This commitment is reflected in the yearly Griffin Schools Trust Science Symposium which sees children from our many schools converge to hear from academics and specialists from the cutting edge of scientific innovation.

Science
and computing



Put some letters together and you have a word. Put some words together and you have a sentence. Put some sentences together and you have a story. Now you can communicate with the world...

it's all write.

We ensure that pupils at Willow Brook Primary don't just achieve above the national averages in English and maths, we inspire a love of these subjects because we embed them in real life situations, choose the most exciting books to spark imaginations and enjoy our practical number lessons and open-ended challenges.

Our pupils learn how to debate and think philosophical thoughts from Reception up; every year, all year groups learn about Shakespeare and use drama to share their understanding.



Being good at maths really adds up.

We are creating learning that inspires, and creates both understanding and excitement, nurturing children to support them on their wider educational journey.

Maths

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At Willow Brook Primary, we will encourage children to be global in their outlook. This is why we teach French, Spanish and Mandarin. Our specialist teachers use immersive and fun teaching strategies to embed a love of languages.



History and geography

Creating a sense of where we are in the world gives the pupils a sense of wonder. Trips to London museums give the children an opportunity to experience the past in a hands on way and the classroom teaching covers topics from The Celts to World war II with visits to The Tower of London and Monument allowing the children to understand their place in living history.

We harness our pupils' natural wonder of the world, and their links and experiences of other countries, to learn together about where we are, and where we would like to visit.

Every year, our Year 5 pupils experience a fully-funded international trip to the Alps, not only learning how to ski, but seeing with their own eyes the wonder of mountains and understanding how the lives of others are impacted by their environment.



Here at Willow Brook Primary, we are very lucky to have an exhilarating outdoor space which includes:

Sports, health and

a football pitch, a pirate ship, an English Garden, a Zen garden, a greenhouse and multiple planters, climbing bars, astro turf and benches and seating areas around trees.

Our Early Years area has a climbing frame, slide, mud kitchen, outside library, planting area and sand pit.



Health and wellbeing

The children have access to bikes and cycling lessons, part of our offer to pupils at Willow Brook Primary is that they will all leave Year 6 knowing how to cycle, and having achieved Bikeability Level 2. We also commit to ensuring all children can swim, or are supported to become better swimmers, taking our lessons at the Olympic pool.

Our specialist PE teachers deliver a creative and strategically based sports curriculum which nurtures and develops fitness, creative and strategic thinking, sportsmanship and a commitment to niche sports. Every year, pupils engage in a wide variety of intra and inter-sports events, culminating in the Griffin Schools Trust Sport Festival.



We have the space for nature to thrive.

Bugs bulbs and a love of nature grow in our garden...

Explore



We have designed our curriculum to reflect our beliefs for bio-diversity, sustainability and an awareness of how science can help us achieve a brighter, cleaner, healthier future. Our wide variety of partnerships includes OrganicLea, a local charity that trains parents and children together to maintain our green spaces and grow produce in our greenhouse.



Each child receives a healthy nutritious meal cooked freshly on our premises each day by our chef to ensure that they have energy to take on the day. Willow Brook is an accredited Healthy School, and hub school for the borough in Healthy Living.

All children also learn Philosophy for children (P4C) so that they can debate and think philosophically about the world. This opens up their minds to greater possibilities and allows them to question how society works, giving them the tools they require to be creative, caring, high achieving individuals.

We pride ourselves on our rich offer of after school learning opportunities which includes: chess, computer science and coding, film club, knitting, netball, football, ukulele, Mandarin, dance and many more. We also have breakfast and teatime clubs so that working parents can have peace of mind that their children are looked after and inspired, before the school day starts and after it ends.

Willow Brook Primary School has an active and creative Parent Teacher Association (PTA) who organise events such as the spring and summer

fairs, pamper evenings and discos to help fundraise for the school and engage parents and children in fun activities, truly celebrating our wonderful community.

We love showing prospective parents and children around our school because it allows you to feel the wonderful atmosphere that we have created, so rather than just read about us please call and book a visit.



Will I enjoy being at
Willow Brook school ?

yes

It's a fantastic environment with brilliant teachers who will inspire you, encourage you and make sure that every day is filled with exciting things to learn and do.



“Staff are **excellent role models for their pupils**. They strongly promote respect for others whatever their background or beliefs and pupils respond well to this. Relationships at all levels are excellent. ”

Ofsted, June 2017

“Pupils respond to skilful teaching with enthusiasm and show that they increasingly take responsibility for their learning. They work hard because they want to, not just because it is expected of them.”

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