

Attendance and Lates – Our Attendance Target for the year is 96.5%

This week: 96.8% and 9 lates.

Year to date: 95.3%.

Reception 88.0%, 2 lates	Year 1 94.3%, 1 late	Year 2 98.3%, 1 late	Year 3 96.9%, 2 lates	Year 4 97.1%, 1 late	Year 5 95.5%, 1 late	Year 6 98.7%, 1 late
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Behaviour

Our recent Parent View questionnaire highlighted that some parents were unaware of the standard of behaviour in classrooms. We will be sharing each week how many children in each class are consistently in the right place, at the right time and doing the right thing.

Reception 30/30	Year 1 30/30	Year 2 26/30	Year 3 28/29	Year 4 27/28	Year 5 29/29	Year 6 31/31
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Up and Coming Key Dates

Tuesday 12/12/17 Rec & KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm.

Wednesday 13/12/17 Rec & KS1 Christmas Performance 9.30am

'I'm Possible' winners

Reception: Mia Pickett

Reception: Angelica Hewitt

Reception: Jack Scott

Year 1: Kaydonlee Sidebottom

Year 1: Laney Smith

Year 1: Grace Riley

Year 2: Logan Gregg

Year 3: Asher Tyler-Booth

Year 3: Heidi Clayton

Year 4: Lottie-Lou Horton

Year 4: Annalise Hall

Year 5: Brandon Swan

Year 5: Eva Tyler-Booth

Year 5: Keira Clough

Year 5: Marlie-Mai Wilson

Year 6: Lily Hobson

Willow Green Academy considers the welfare of all our pupils to be of great importance and we hope that parents are confident about their children's health and safety whilst in our academy. We will always try to share any concerns we have with parents. However, there are times when we are legally obliged to share our concerns with other agencies, without first speaking to parents, or without the consent of parents. The safety and protection of our pupils is our most important concern and we wish to reassure you that any sharing of information is done with the children's best interest at heart. If you have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any child in our school, the Designated Child Protection Officer is Mrs Jill O'Gara. In his absence, you should contact Mr. Stuart Wynn. They can all be contacted through the main office. The academy has a duty to inform parents that there is a prohibition on reporting or publishing details (including on social media) that could identify anyone who is subject to an allegation.

The Government have launched a new website aimed at parents, teachers and school leaders to give practical advice on protecting young people from extremism and radicalisation. This was launched by the Education Secretary and contains information which address many questions / issues faced by parents and children. The website can be found at www.educateagainsthe.com

Nursery

It's that time of year again in Nursery the Christmas post office has opened and Santa's grotto is really busy wrapping presents for the children. The children have been writing letters to Santa and colour mixing different shades of green for their Christmas trees. Our letter sound for next week is 'd' if your child wants to bring in any items for our sound table of things beginning with 'd', that would be fantastic. Follow us @WGreenNurs.



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Year 3

This week we have been doing tests to see how much we have learnt so far in Year 3. There have been a lot of tests, but the children have shown focus and perseverance and have tried their hardest even when some of the questions have been tricky. In science we got the measuring tapes out and found out how long some of the bones in our skeletons are, and talked about how important calcium is to make sure these bones keep growing strong. We have also started writing a story about Moz the monster. I was impressed by the descriptive words and phrases which were thought up, including lots of similes. Well done! Follow us @WillowGreenYr3.

Reception

It's finally Christmas time! Our post office and Santa's Grotto are in action and we have been able to wrap parcels, write letters to Santa and act out Christmas day in our home corner. We have written labels to add to presents and have even been in charge of sorting out the school Christmas cards and delivering them to different classrooms! We have continued to work on our number recognition to 20 and are showing big improvements! Next week we are very excited for you to see us in the Christmas Play! Follow us @WGreenRec.

Year 1

A busy week once again, the children are continuing to try their best and show us the new skills they are learning. We discussed Advent at the beginning of the week and have started making our own versions of advent calendars which we will be using in the countdown to Christmas. We have had some great discussions about a picture in our whole class reading book. Some great responses to the picture of a fancy dress parade- making inferences from pictures. In Science we have been testing materials to see which are waterproof and which are not. We then made umbrellas using the waterproof materials, the testing is still to come! Follow us @WGreenY1.



Year 4

This half term we have been learning about solids, liquids and gases. Why not ask the children to describe the particles in solids, liquids and gases? This week we have planned a science investigation to find out what would happen to solids if they were heated. We found that ice, butter and chocolate melted and turned into a liquid. From this we wondered why they didn't all melt at the same time, the chocolate took much longer than the butter and the ice so we are now planning to investigate the melting points of different materials. We have also started our new R.E topic about Christmas around the world. We can't wait to find out more about how different countries celebrate. Follow us @WGreenY4.

Year 5

Such a busy week for Year five as they demonstrated their fabulous skills and knowledge encompassing everything they've learnt so far at Willow Green - their little grey cells have been pushed into over drive. Great positivity and effort. In a more relaxing activity teamwork and rehearsals of their cheerleading skills is beginning to come to fruition - well done to all the class for learning many moves, positions and count. It's harder than it looks! Follow us @WGreenY5.

Year 2

We have had another busy week. This week we have practised our 6 SATs tests. The children have worked incredibly hard and have applied what they have learnt in their daily lessons very well. We have also been practising for our nativity performance as much as we can. We can't believe it is next week already! Well done Year 2 - Keep up the hard work. Follow us @WGreenY2.

Year 6

This week we really enjoyed learning about adaptation and evolution of bird's beaks in response to their environment. We were experimented with scientific instruments to test which beak would survive any changes to the food sources and was most efficient at collecting food. See Twitter for photos of our investigation. In topic, we have researched Gods and Goddesses from the Viking era. Did you know the Vikings have a god of mischief named Loki? By Edward, Dalton and Finlay. Follow us @WGreenY6.