

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

This week: 95.8% and 26 lates.

Year to date: 95.1%.

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| Reception 97.3%, 5 lates | Year 1 93.4%, 7 lates | Year 2 100%, 3 lates | Year 3 97.9%, 1 late | Year 4 90.4%, 3 lates | Year 5 94.5%, 5 lates | Year 6 98.1%, 2 lates |
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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.

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| Reception 30/30 | Year 1 29/29 | Year 2 29/30 | Year 3 27/29 | Year 4 27/28 | Year 5 28/29 | Year 6 31/31 |
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'I'm Possible' winners

Reception: Jake Richardson

Reception: Islay Young

Year 1: Rosie Scholes

Year 1: Kaydonlee Sidebottom

Year 1: Bella-Mae Brown

Year 2: Reef Vaughan

Year 3: Jenson Thorpe

Year 3: Scarlett Ackroyd

Year 4: Destiny Allen

Year 4: Katie Cowling

Year 5: Lewis Clark

Year 5: Marlie-Mai Wilson

Year 6: Mia Walker

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.educateagainsthate.com

Parking issues

We have been contacted by a local resident who has become concerned about parking and pedestrian safety on Hampden Close. We understand that parking is always difficult when dropping off or collecting your children from school but we ask you to do so responsibly in respect of the local residents also considering that many, often very young, children are making their way along the footpaths, we ask that you park safely.

We have also had reports of cars leaving the car park and not sufficiently slowing or stopping at the school gates junction where we join Hampden Close. Again, we ask you to consider your speed and the safety of children and adults who may be making their way to and from school.

Should we receive further reports of 'near misses' or observe unsafe driving taking place on leaving school grounds, we may have to consider closing the car park to all non-staff vehicles.

I am sure that you will agree that the safety of all children in and around the school grounds is of paramount importance and thank you in advance for your support with this.

Nursery

What a busy week, we have had five new children start in Nursery having fun exploring and playing with the other children. Our role play has changed into a train station, we have had lots of fun adventures travelling to new places. Our topic this half term is all about Transport so we will be looking at different kinds of vehicles. The letter sound next week is 'f' so if your child would like to bring anything in for the sound table that will be fantastic. Follow us @WGreenNurs.

Reception

Our first week back from the Christmas holidays has been a success. We have begun our new Transport topic and our book The Train Ride. The children have been discussing different types of transport and have even designed their own using some very creative ideas. We have been on a train ride around our school grounds and have seen many interesting things, we even wrote down what we saw on whiteboards! Next week we will continue with this story and will try our best to write words and sentences about it! Follow us @WGreenRec.

Year 1

We have made a great start to the New Year, it was great to see the children eager to become involved in our new learning. In English we read a book called 'Here comes Jack Frost'. From this we were able to gather adjectives to describe frost and are practising using the word 'and' to extend sentences. In Maths we are working on place value, looking at numbers and partitioning into tens and ones. To begin our topic, we looked at features of towns. We named various buildings and gathered together pictures of the places we may find in a town such as Pontefract. We enjoyed using Plastercine to make houses and buildings. Follow us @WGreenY1.



Year 2

In Year 2 we have been reading the story 'The Snow Queen'. The children have been working hard to read in pairs and have been exploring lots of new and interesting vocabulary. This week Willow Green has had an ice and frost theme for our writing and so we decided to use our story to base this on. The children have been writing setting descriptions based on the Snow Queen's ice palace. We have explored adjectives and conjunctions to make our writing longer and more interesting. We look forward to the finished piece next week. Follow us @WGreenY2.

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Year 3

Year 3 have started the New Year by getting stuck into our new topic - Ancient Egypt. The children have been excited to share what they already know about the Ancient Egyptians and thought of lots of questions of things they would like to find out. We have started by looking at everyday life, including the houses they used to live in and how they were designed to suit the climate. Follow us @WGreenY3.

Year 4

In year 4 we have begun our new topic learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We began by thinking about what we wanted to find out and questions we would like to answer. The children cannot wait to find out about mummies and the pyramids! How did they manage to build them? This week we have been investigating Egyptian houses. Did you know the doors were four foot of the floor so that sand could not get into houses and they ate and slept on the roves because it was cooler? We have used our new understanding to build models of Egyptian houses which will help other children understand. Follow us @WGreenY4.

Year 5

A great start to 2018 with children highly motivated and showing creativity in writing setting descriptions based on The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe when Lucy discovers Narnia for the first time. Our curiosity about the past has certainly been fuelled this week as we embark on our discovery of Crime and Punishment through the ages. We've discovered why the Romans were so rotten, how Saxons treated crime and we all agreed we are glad we didn't live in these time periods. Further probing into other eras will continue - what other gruesome discoveries will we unearth?! Follow us @WGreenY5.

Year 6

It's been a busy first week back for Year 6. In English we have been focusing on writing character descriptions. We had to ensure we included lots of adjectives, conjunctions, noun phrases and figurative language. Maths has been all about multiplying and dividing by powers of 10. During Topic lessons we have explored British Values and so now we all understand the Rule of Law and how to show Respect and Tolerance for others. We know it is important to treat people how we would like to be treated. Also in P.E. we were introduced to the Charleston dance, we enjoyed it and everyone had a laugh. By Lily. Follow us @WGreenY6.