

MR ROLLIN'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Carers and the Willow Green Community,

It has been another uplifting and inspiring week here at Willow Green Academy. The positive energy flowing through our classrooms, corridors and playgrounds continues to be a joy to witness. From creative classroom projects to meaningful conversations during assemblies, our children are thriving—and it shows!

We are incredibly proud to share that our pupils have now collectively earned **over 250 Aspire Gems!** This is a fantastic achievement and we are thrilled to have reached our next milestone. The children's ongoing commitment to our school values, their encouragement of one another and their determination to always do their best continues to shine through each day. Well done to everyone!

In celebration of their hard work, children will either enjoy a well-deserved crafting afternoon next week. It will be a wonderful opportunity to see their creativity, collaboration and decision-making skills in action—further demonstrating their growing sense of responsibility and community.

Further to this, our Gem focus next week will be: **Engagement**. We'll be encouraging pupils to reflect on what it means to take ownership of their learning, their behaviour and their actions within our school community. This focus fits perfectly with our Harvest Festival Collection, which is already off to a fantastic start.

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed—we are so grateful for the generosity shown so far. Donations of non-perishable food items and essential goods are continuing to come in and we are excited to share these with local community organisations who support families in need. This important initiative gives our children a chance to see how small acts of kindness can have a big impact.

We warmly invite all families to continue supporting the Harvest Collection in the week ahead and thank you in advance for any contributions you can make. As always, thank you for your continued support in helping us make Willow Green a place where children are not only educated, but empowered to be thoughtful, responsible and compassionate members of society.

Wishing you a peaceful weekend and a purposeful week ahead.

Warm regards,

Mr. Rollin
Head of Willow Green Academy

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR KEY MESSAGES:

THE IMPORTANCE OF UNIFORM

Our school uniform is an important part of Willow Green's identity. It not only reinforces who we are as a community but also helps pupils feel pride in their school. From Reception to Year 6, children are expected to wear the correct uniform every day, with Nursery pupils encouraged to join in if they wish. To recognise and encourage this, pupils will receive **Dojo points for wearing the correct uniform**, showing that they are proud members of our academy. We kindly ask that all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name and class to avoid lost property. By working together to uphold high standards, we ensure our children look smart, feel part of our community and are ready to learn.

COLDER WEATHER CLOTHING

As the colder months begin to settle in, we kindly remind all families of the importance of ensuring children come to school dressed in **appropriate clothing**. A warm coat, hat, gloves and suitable footwear are essential for keeping children comfortable and healthy during outdoor play and learning. We want all our pupils to enjoy breaktimes and outdoor activities safely, regardless of the weather. Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone warm dry, and ready to learn throughout the winter season.

THE NEED FOR GOOD ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is vital to every child's success in school. Every day of learning builds on the last and even a small amount of missed time can have an impact on a child's progress, confidence and sense of routine. Being in school every day helps children develop strong friendships, maintain positive habits and make the most of every learning opportunity. Of course, we understand that illness is sometimes unavoidable, but we encourage all families to prioritise attendance whenever possible and to work with us to support a strong and consistent routine. Let's work together to help every child achieve their full potential.

YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY

Over the course of three exciting days, our Year 6 pupils took part in the Bikeability training programme, developing essential cycling skills and road safety awareness. With the guidance of qualified instructors, the children learned how to ride confidently, signal clearly and navigate roads safely. The sessions were both educational and fun, encouraging independence and responsibility. At the end of the training, each pupil who had passed was awarded a Bikeability certificate, recognising their progress and achievement. Well done to all our young cyclists for their enthusiasm and effort!



ATTENDANCE

Reception:	88%
Year 1:	90%
Year 2:	98%
Year 3:	99%
Year 4:	85%
Year 5:	94%
Year 6:	95%

KEY DATES

AUTUMN 1

- 16.10.25 - Harvest Donation and assembly
- 24.10.25 - Halloween Celebrations
- 24.10.25 - School closes for the end of autumn 1 half term

AUTUMN 2

- 03.11.25 - School re-opens for the autumn 2 term
- 13.11.25 - Individual children's photos
- 14.11.25 - Children in Need Day
- 11.12.25 - Christmas Fayre – after-school events
- 19.12.25 - School closes for end of autumn 2 term