

MR ROLLIN'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Carers and the Willow Green Community,

As we close the chapter on our first half term of the academic year, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone across our Willow Green community. It has been a wonderful start to the year—filled with learning, laughter and a shared sense of purpose that continues to make our school such a special place.

This final week before the break was a fantastic celebration of all we've achieved together. From creative classroom projects to our seasonal Halloween activities, the children have demonstrated enthusiasm, kindness and teamwork in abundance. It's been a joy to see their confidence grow and their curiosity thrive.

Our **Halloween celebrations** on Friday were a huge success! It was fantastic to see so many children dressed up, enjoying the music, games, and spooky fun. A big thank you to all the staff and families who helped make the event such an enjoyable and memorable way to end the half term.

Looking ahead to the first week back, our Gem focus will be **Achievement**. We'll be encouraging pupils to take pride in their efforts, persevere through challenges and recognise how hard work helps them grow. We're also excited to share that our current whole-school total stands at **327 gems**, with our next milestone set at **500 gems**! When we reach this, classes will enjoy a special **Games Afternoon**—a celebration of teamwork and learning through play. Children will take part in a range of board games and challenges designed to strengthen their maths, English, turn-taking, and speaking and listening skills.

As we move into the half-term break, we hope our pupils, staff and families take the opportunity to rest, recharge and enjoy time together. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for an exciting Autumn 2 term 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.

PARENTAL CONDUCT AROUND SCHOOL

At our school, we believe that children thrive best when the whole community works together in a spirit of respect and kindness. The way we as adults interact with one another — and with teaching staff — sets a powerful example for our children, showing them how to handle challenges calmly and positively. We therefore ask all parents, carers and pupils to support us by ensuring that all interactions with staff and other members of the school community remain polite, respectful, and considerate, even when issues arise. On the rare occasions when behaviour from either adults or children falls short of these expectations, the school will take appropriate steps to keep everyone safe and ensure our values are upheld. By working in partnership, we can continue to create a welcoming environment where every child feels secure, valued, and ready to learn.

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.

HALLOWEEN CLASS CELEBRATIONS

Across the school, pupils enjoyed a range of exciting Halloween-themed activities in their classes. From creative writing inspired by spooky stories to themed maths challenges, craft making, and art projects, the children fully embraced the fun of the day. Our fancy dress parade was a real highlight—filled with imaginative costumes, laughter and plenty of smiles. The effort that pupils and families put into their outfits was amazing and helped make the day feel

ATTENDANCE

Reception:	88%
Year 1:	90%
Year 2:	93%
Year 3:	95%
Year 4:	96%
Year 5:	68%
Year 6:	83%

STAR OF THE WEEK

Reception:	Bertie
Year 1:	Nevaeh
Year 2:	Emma F
Year 3:	Ryan
Year 4:	Ethan
Year 5:	Wilmaya
Year 6:	Poppy

KEY DATES

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
- 09.12.25 - Year 6 – Murton Park WW2 Trip
- 11.12.25 - Christmas Fayre – after-school events
- 19.12.25 - School closes for end of autumn 2 term