

### MR ROLLIN'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Carers and the Willow Green Community,

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We have had another fantastic week at the academy. Pupils have settled brilliantly into the term, forming strong relationships with both staff and peers. Across all year groups, children are demonstrating enthusiasm, curiosity and an impressive readiness to participate fully in lessons. It has been wonderful to see such high levels of engagement, teamwork and care reflected in classrooms and shared spaces across the academy.

We are also delighted to share that pupils have reached another **GEM milestone—over 750 GEMs earned in total**. This reflects their brilliant attitudes, teamwork, kindness and commitment to our school values. To celebrate their achievement, children enjoyed a **movie afternoon** across classes. It was a well-deserved reward and a lovely opportunity for pupils to relax together and reflect on how their positive choices contribute to the school community.

This week, our GEM focus was **Responsibility**, encouraging pupils to take ownership of their choices, actions and learning. This has been evident in the thoughtful way children have supported one another, met expectations and contributed positively to our school community. Looking ahead, next week's GEM focus will be **Engagement**. Pupils will be encouraged to participate actively in lessons, contribute ideas, ask questions and immerse themselves in their learning. Engagement develops curiosity, confidence and resilience – helping pupils get the very best from every learning opportunity.

#### **Quote of the Week:**

*"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."*

— **B.B. King**

We are also pleased to share that enrichment opportunities continue to enhance children's learning across the academy. Pupils have shown great excitement as they take on new challenges and explore new experiences and we look forward to updating you on further activities as the term progresses. A special highlight this week was **NSPCC Number Day**, where pupils absolutely loved dressing up to celebrate the occasion. From clever number-themed costumes to creative mathematical outfits, the excitement across the academy was infectious. The children engaged enthusiastically in a range of activities while raising awareness for an important cause. Thank you to families for your wonderful support. So far, we have raised **£173.20!** Donations can still be made via MCAS or cash.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another engaging, purposeful and productive week at the academy.

**Warmest wishes,  
Mr. Rollin**

#### **KEY MESSAGES:**

#### **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4<sup>th</sup> COFFEE EVENING - WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS OF THE PTA**

Thank you to all the parents, carers and friends of the school who attended our PTA coffee evening. It was wonderful to see such positive engagement and enthusiasm, with families enjoying the opportunity to meet one another, learn more about the PTA and share ideas for supporting the school.

**HAMPDEN CLOSE – ROAD RESURFACING REMINDER**

Wakefield Council as the Highway Authority propose to undertake essential maintenance work to Hampden Close. This work will be carried out between the hours of 8:00am and 6:00pm, from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026. Whilst the works are underway, the road will be closed to through traffic.

**STAR OF THE WEEK**

<b>Reception:</b>	Arlo
<b>Year 1:</b>	Kiran
<b>Year 2:</b>	Emma N
<b>Year 3:</b>	Betsy
<b>Year 4:</b>	Maks
<b>Year 5:</b>	Max
<b>Year 6:</b>	Colton

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Reception:</b>	91%
<b>Year 1:</b>	97%
<b>Year 2:</b>	94%
<b>Year 3:</b>	95%
<b>Year 4:</b>	96%
<b>Year 5:</b>	94%
<b>Year 6:</b>	90%

**KEY DATES**

**SPRING 1**

- 13.02.26 - EYFS Stay and play
- 13.02.26 - School closes for end of spring 1 term
- 23.02.26 - School opens for start of spring 2 term

**SPRING 2**

- 06.03.26 - World Book Day (see Class Dojo for further details)
- 20.03.26 - Red Nose Day (details to follow)
- 26.03.26 – 3:30pm – 4:00pm FS2 Parents Phonics Workshop