



Head of Academy's Message

Whole School Attendance: 94%

Dear Parents / Carers,

We're at the end of another busy week here at Willow Green. The children have been working really hard this week in terms of their contributions to the wider life of the school. They children have been rejuvenating our forest schools areas and have demonstrated fabulous teamwork and problem-solving skills - it is beginning to look fabulous.

Attendance

🏆 This Week's Number of Children with 100% is 167 🏆

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
183 DAYS 96%	183 DAYS 96%	175 DAYS 92%	183 DAYS 96%	179 DAYS 94%	More than 18 days absence less than 90%
Off to a flying start 🍀	Off to a flying start 🍀	Harder to make progress 🍀	Off to a flying start 🍀	Less chance of success 🍀	Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child) 🍀
96%	96%	91%	96%	95%	89%

I have also been working with some of our playground pals around strategies which are useful for them when they are supporting some of our younger members of the school during lunchtimes. We have some incredibly helpful and sensible members of our school carrying out these really important jobs.

Today we also marked the beginning of the festive period with our traditional 'Willow Green' carol service at St Andrew's Church. I have just arrived back after the first performance and was absolutely amazed by the service itself. The children were an absolute credit to themselves, the school and their families and they were in fine voice. They sang a mix of traditional and contemporary Christmas songs along with a range of readings, poems and even some Christmas jokes (straight out of last year's Christmas crackers I think!).

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you have a great weekend.

Mr Parkinson

WGA Golden Stars

- FS1
Riley
- FS2
Jacob
- Year 1
Alfie S
- Year 2
Zach
- Year 3
Max P
- Year 4
Sophie
- Year 5
Iyla
- Year 6
Izzy

English Stars

- Year 1
Amelia
- Year 2
Hazel
- Year 3
Layla
- Year 4
Grace W
- Year 5
Skyla
- Year 6
Jack

Maths Champions

- Y1
Isla-May
- Y2
Archie
- Y3
Archie N
- Y4
Eleanor
- Y5
Dylan
- Y6
Kassie



Year 1
Weekly Attendance: 96%
This week, Year One have been working on subtractions in our maths lessons. We have learnt to write subtraction number sentences and calculate them on our Rekenreks. We have then applied this to write and solve subtraction number sentences. We have also started innovating our defeat the monster stories. We have stories about snowmen, ducks, princesses and fairies and some very scary wolves, ogres, trolls and aliens who try and eat everything in the gardens. Ask the children how their character defeats the monster. You won't believe some of the ideas we have! Alongside this in science, we have been learning about the words bendy, stiff and stretchy. Can you find anything at home with these properties?



EYFS
Weekly Attendance: 96%
EY MAKATON SIGNERS OF THE WEEK: FS1 - Olivia FS2 - Layla
In FS1, in pre phonics our focus has been compound words. With the support of picture cards we practised putting two words together to make the compound word. In Maths, children have been learning about patterns in the environment and what shapes and colours they can see. Next week, they will be learning about repeating patterns! In FS2, children have been creating their own stories and thinking about the parts of the story, such as: opening, build up, problem, resolution and ending. They have made some incredible pieces of work which are so imaginative! In Maths, we have been learning all about shapes. We know the similarities about rectangles and squares, ask us about how many sides a rectangle has and why this is different to a square! Both FS1 & FS2 have enjoyed making pizza this week, chopping, dicing and weighing the healthy ingredients and kneading the dough to make sure it is tasty!

Year 2
Weekly Attendance: 96%
This week, we have been writing our innovate pieces on the Great Fire of London. To support this learning, we used our drama skills to create freeze frames - re-enacting the people of London attempting to put out the fire using buckets and fire hooks. In Art, we compared charcoal drawings by William Kentridge and Frank Auerbach.



Year 3
Weekly Attendance: 91%
Another packed week in Year 3. In English we have started our new topic. We are looking at describing characters in an 'overcoming the monster' tale. We have based our first descriptions off Bilbo, The Hobbit and Smaug, the dragon. We have also had our classroom kitchen this week where we made crispy fish fingers. It did unfortunately make the school smell of fish but they tasted lovely! The biggest thing this week has definitely been our carol concert rehearsals. I'm so proud of all the children giving it their all, it will be a lovely show.





Year 4

Weekly Attendance: 96%

It's been another busy week in Year 4. In writing not only have we completed our hot write for our suspense stories we have also started our new non-fiction unit looking at recounts. In maths we have continued to work on our skills of multiplication and division with great success in both our 6- and 9-times tables. Reading has seen us be introduced to a new character the space bat angle dragon! Time has been spent analysing what has been said about the new character to understand who and what he is.

This week in Art we have, been busy recreation George Segal's sculpture process, we evaluated its strength and weaknesses, from both the sculptors and models perspective. Great fun was had during the process as we wrapped each other up on toilet roll! Year 4 have been putting a lot of effort into their Christmas Carol concert with a lot of time being spent during the afternoons rehearsing and revising the songs. It most definitely paid off with two fabulous performances at church.

Year 5

Weekly Attendance: 95%

It's been a bustling week in Year 5! We dedicated our efforts to crafting original portal stories in our writing sessions, igniting our creativity and storytelling skills. In maths, we persisted through the challenges of fractions, determined to enhance our understanding of this complex concept.

Our focus also extended to preparing for our much-anticipated carol concert, where we practiced diligently to ensure an impressive performance. To culminate the week, we had the pleasure of showcasing our hard work and festive spirit in an outstanding performance for our supportive parents and carers. A huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended, your presence made the event even more special!



Year 6

Weekly Attendance: 89%

Our budding artists have been continuing with watercolours, exploring ways to add texture to their artworks. Techniques including experimenting with different brush strokes for varied textures, flicking the paintbrush and using sponges to create different textures. In the realm of mathematics, we've been navigating the landscape of fractions. Specifically, our focus has been on comparing fractions. Students have engaged in hands-on activities, using visuals like fraction bars and pie charts to deepen their understanding of fraction relationships. Our young writers have been honing their skills in crafting discussion texts. After weeks of exploring various topics, organizing arguments, and refining their writing, they've embarked on their final pieces. The writing process has emphasized the importance of persuasive language, strong supporting evidence, and respectful discourse. These skills extend beyond the classroom, preparing our students for effective communication in various contexts.



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 Miss L Walker. In her absence, you should contact Mr C Parkinson. They can 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.