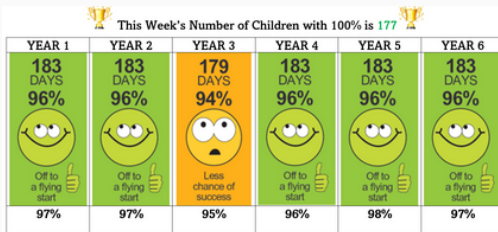




Head of Academy's Message

Whole School Attendance: 97%



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have been focussing on our house points rewards on the theme of "Pride", linked to our ASPIRE ethos. Children have been discussing what it means to take pride and to be proud. Children have been rewarded for exemplifying this through their work, through their behaviour and their attitudes. When talking to the children this week it is clear that they do hold a strong sense of what makes them independent and the reasons they have to be proud - it's wonderful that a lot of our children are also proud of each other.

World Book Day

Thank you to everyone who participated in World Book Day yesterday. We had a wonderful day celebrating the wonder of books and stories. The costumes the children wore were, of course, superb but for me the reading and discussions around reading that took place were much more important. Our children talk really confidently and with enthusiasm about their reading and that is really something worth celebrating.

On-Site Parking Reminder

I would like to kindly remind you about the importance of adhering to our parking regulations within the school grounds during drop-off and pick-up times. As you may be aware, we have implemented a permit system due to a significant increase in vehicles on site, which poses a severe risk to the safety of our children and staff. Moving forwards, the gates will be closed during these times and permits will need to be presented to Mr. Morris for entry. If you have not yet obtained a permit, we encourage you to apply for one by visiting the Main Office. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter. Ensuring the safety of all members of our school community is our top priority, and your support in adhering to these guidelines is invaluable.

Eco-Club Message - Healthy Packed Lunches!

I was visited today by members of the eco-council who are busy working towards this year's Green Flag award. They have been carrying out a survey about the 'healthy eating' aspects of their eco-council work. It was brought to my attention by the eco-council that many of our children who have packed lunches are not complying with our packed lunch policy. They were particularly worried about the amount of chocolate they saw in pupils' packed lunches. They have asked if I could issue a reminder about the packed lunch policy to parents in a view to improving the healthy eating habits of our children. They will also be holding an assembly for the school as a reminder. The packed lunch policy can be found on our website: <https://www.willowgreen.org.uk/knowledge-base/catering>. Thank you to our eco-team for bringing this to my attention.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Parkinson



WGA Golden Stars

- ★ FS1
Erin
- ★ FS2
Ella
- ★ Year 1
Alfie PP
- ★ Year 2
Dexter
- ★ Year 3
Max P
- ★ Year 4
Tiana
- ★ Year 5
Holly
- ★ Year 6
Cherry

English Stars

- ★ Year 1
Isla-May
- ★ Year 2
Oliver B
- ★ Year 3
Logan
- ★ Year 4
Cohan
- ★ Year 5
Alicja
- ★ Year 6
Faye

Maths Champions

- ★ Y1
Farah
- ★ Y2
Talia
- ★ Y3
Harry R
- ★ Y4
Grace E
- ★ Y5
Molly
- ★ Y6
Cody



EYFS

Weekly Attendance: 95%

EY MAKATON SIGNERS OF THE WEEK: FS1 - Havenn FS2 - Roscoe
Children have been exploring the minibeast – drawing pictures of what they can see and labelling it. Children have enjoyed listening to the sounds outside and could explain what was making the noises e.g. the rustling is a fox. We discussed what animals we might see in the night/day and how they are different. Children have been working hard improving their fine and gross motor skills by tracing/cutting along caterpillar and giant pictures – correlating to our stories – which will help us to write and draw. We have really embedded our key texts and know the actions and words for our stories. We have even thought about describing words for the characters. Children in EY have been exploring our new role play area: the garden centre which allows children to dig, plant, water and sell products in their store to customers!

Year 1

Weekly Attendance: 97%

This week, Year One have continued their learning about the seasons. This week, we have learnt about the weather, the animals and the trees in each season. We matched the months of the year to each season and then used our printing skills to paint trees from each season. Alongside this, we have also been learning about trees. We learnt about the parts of a tree and used a tree identification chart to learn about the different types of trees. Then we completed an investigation to find out whether we have more evergreen or deciduous trees in our academy! And, most importantly, we also celebrated world book day with amazing costumes and we loved opening our golden books. We can't wait to enjoy our new stories!

Year 2

Weekly Attendance: 97%

This week we have been tasting the foods of Mexico! We sampled corn tortillas, coriander, limes and avocado as well as having a go at our peeling and slicing skills. In maths, we have been sharing numbers into equal groups and using the multiplication symbol to write number sentences. The highlight of the week was definitely World Book Day! We had some fabulous ideas. Well done Year 2!



Year 3

Weekly Attendance: 95%

Another busy week halfway through the half term. In English, we have thought about what different conjunctions we can use to write a brilliant paragraph to do with a mining disaster we have studied in history. In maths, we have moved into fractions and I have got to say, Year 3 have blown me away with it so far. We have looked at different OS maps in geography and analysed different shapes and patterns in art. But of course, the highlight of the week has been World Book Day. Some epic costumes and even better contributions to our reading sessions. I'm very proud of Year 3 this week!



Online-Safety

This week's topic is all around mobile phones and what you can do to support your children in using them safely. Scan the QR code for the article and resources or visit: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/>
Parents' Guide to Technology | Safer Internet Centre





Year 4

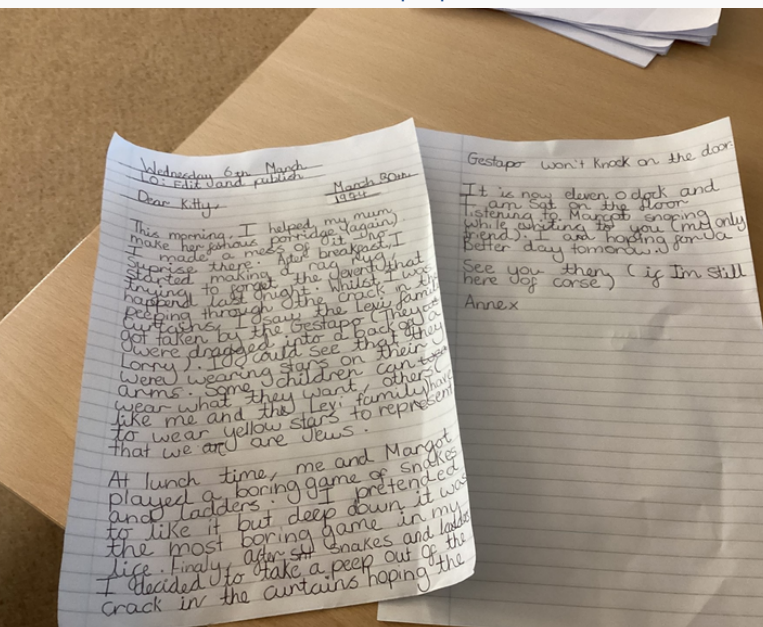
Weekly Attendance: 96%

It has been a very busy but fun week in Year 4! Not only have we completed our normal lessons, but we have also spent time celebrating World Book Day and have been introduced to our new golden books which will be Year 4's new end of day reads. In the spirit of books, Year 4 have started their new entries for the writing competition 'crazy creatures' we will continue to work on these in the last week of term, where they will be in with a chance of being published again. Science has been a blast this week! We have all carried out independent investigations into which materials are conductors or insulators. We analysed our findings to see a pattern and concluded metal is most definitely a conductor! Art has seen us experiment with Naum Gabo's printing style; we were even able to recreate his artwork! We have also completed our classroom kitchen, making lentil soup which turned out to be like marmite some loved it other strongly disliked it. Well done on another fabulous week Year 4!

Year 5

Weekly Attendance: 98%

Year 5 have demonstrated exceptional diligence across all subjects this week. We celebrated World Book Day with enthusiasm, dedicating a full day to indulging in our passion for reading. In maths, we've embarked on an exciting journey into fractions, decimals, and percentages, with a strong focus on understanding decimals and their correlation with fractions. Our writing sessions have been immersed in suspense stories, where we've been creatively utilising our magpie books to gather ideas for future use. Beyond the classroom, PE sessions brought the thrill of dodgeball, while guitar lessons continued to enrich our musical skills. In science, our exploration of forces extended to studying pulley systems, fostering hands-on learning experiences. It's been another remarkable week of learning and growth in Year 5, with each student showing commendable dedication. Keep up the fantastic work!



Year 6

Weekly Attendance: 97%

Students have consolidated their understanding of equivalent fractions, decimals, and percentages in our recent maths sessions. This skill sets the foundations for more advanced mathematical concepts like problem solving with money and measurement. In writing, students are continuing Anne Frank's Diary with a creative touch humour. This unique approach not only sparks creativity but also adds a light hearted perspective to historical narratives. In Jigsaw, we have looked at how to prioritise/look after our health and wellbeing. Through an activity, we pretended to be 'agony aunts' and gave advice to adults and children who had a concern about their lifestyle. We will continue fostering a positive environment that encourages students to apply this advice to their own lifestyle.

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.