



Head of Academy's Message

Whole School Attendance: 92%

This Week's Number of Children with 100% is 156

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
175 DAYS 92%	183 DAYS 96%	179 DAYS 94%	More than 18 days absence less than 90%	179 DAYS 94%	More than 18 days absence less than 90%
Harder to make progress	Off to a flying start	Less chance of success	Persistent Absentee (Not far on your child)	Less chance of success	Persistent Absentee (Not far on your child)
91%	97%	94%	90%	94%	90%

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a very busy week here at Willow Green with lots of fantastic things taking place across the whole academy.

This week our Reception children were visited by Wildlings, who brought some furry friends to come and see us - along with some creepy crawlies too. The children loved learning about all of the different animals and they even got up close with many of them - a superb experience for our younger learners.

We have also had some assessments taking place this week with our Year 1 and Year 4 children involved in phonics screening and multiplication tests. I would like to say how proud and impressed I am with all of the children and how hard they have worked all year - I'm sure they have done brilliantly!

I have had the pleasure of joining our Year 6 pupils on their visit to our Outdoor Educational Centre, Dallowgill. They have had a wonderful time, exploring nature, developing teamwork skills and reflecting on their time with us at Willow Green in preparation for their next step up to Year 8 in September! It has been wonderful to spend this time with them and they have been a credit to themselves and the school.

We would like to kindly remind you that riding scooters within the playground is strictly prohibited. Additionally, we request that children refrain from using the playground equipment before and after school.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Parkinson

WGA Golden Stars

FS1

Poppy and Kasper

FS2

Ollie H

Year 1

Whole Class!

Year 2

Hazel

Year 3

Layla

Year 4

Freddy W

Year 5

Amelia Ro

English Stars

FS2

Elliott

Year 2

Basil

Year 3

Joseph

Year 4

Frankie

Year 5

Flynn

Maths Champions

FS2

Ivy

Y2

Jack

Y3

Jack A

Y4

Imogen

Y5

Kaci



EYFS

Weekly Attendance: 85%

This week, EY have celebrated Healthy Eating Week by trying some exotic fruits such as passion fruit, pineapple, guava, mango and avocado. Children could explain that these fruits are usually grown in countries that are a lot warmer than England and learned about the journey they endure to get to us in the supermarkets. We enjoyed making Father's Day cards for the men in our lives that are special to us and that help us. We have been practising our fine motor skills by cutting out shapes, making sure to be steady and careful to stay on the cutting line. We also met some creatures, we were so kind and caring towards them and really loved listening to the facts of what they eat, where they live and what adaptations they have.

Year 1

Weekly Attendance: 91%

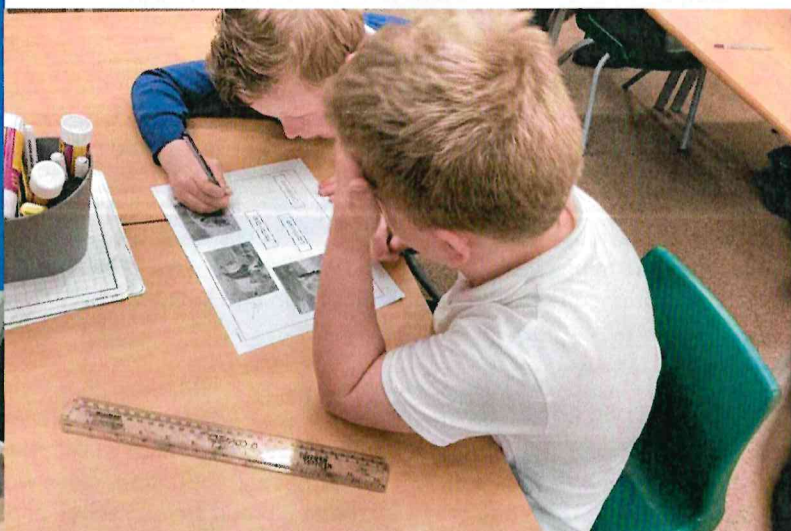
What a week it has been in Year One! We have been learning all about everyday materials in science and have focussed on the term waterproof. As part of this unit, we have investigated which materials were waterproof and which weren't. We then thought about waterproof clothes and investigated whether a macintosh is really waterproof. As a class, we decided the best way to find out was to throw water at Miss Robinson wearing a macintosh to see how wet she got. Thankfully, the waterproof coat saved her! After all this, we then used our knowledge to design enclosures for animals at Chester Zoo so they don't get wet in the British rain. Alongside all this, we have also completed our phonics screening assessments. Everyone has worked so hard to make sure they showed off all their skills and we are so proud of how well they are using their sound knowledge to decode words. Well done Year One!



Year 2

Weekly Attendance: 97%

In Science, we have been exploring food chains this week and discussing the impact it might have if something were to be removed from a food chain. In writing, we learned actions for the story 'Pirate Tom' and thought about how we might use some of the techniques used by the author to inspire our own writing. In Maths, we began our statistics unit, using tally charts to record information.



Year 3

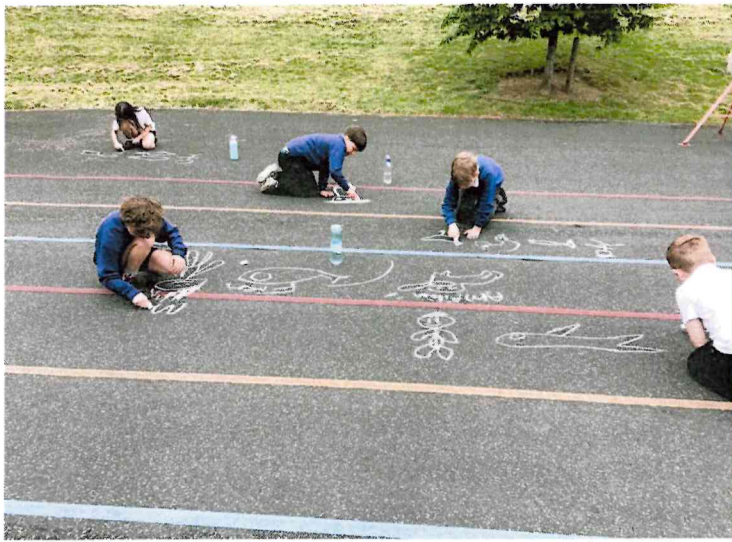
Weekly Attendance: 94%

Week 2 of this half term has been another success in Year 3. In writing we began to box up and plan our shared innovation write which will be a fact file information text on a particular mythical creature. In maths, we have begun to look at time and telling time to 5 minutes. Year 3 have blown me away with this. In PE, we have returned to using our ball skills and teamwork with cricket and basketball. The highlight of our week, however, was definitely our lesson on mummification with Mrs Moreton, where we followed all the correct procedures and mummified a fish!! What a great week and I can certainly tell that Year 3 are getting Year 4 ready.

Online-Safety

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Year 5

Weekly Attendance: 94%

This week, Year 5 have had another incredible week! In reading, we've continued with "Who Let the Gods Out," focusing on enhancing our retrieval skills. In writing, we've been gathering ideas for our journey stories and honing our ability to craft captivating openings.

In maths, our work on angles progressed as we learned to find missing angles around a point and on a straight line. We've also resumed our swimming sessions, continued our guitar lessons, and worked hard in history by examining historical evidence. Well done Year 5 on another fantastic week!



Year 4

Weekly Attendance: 90%

This week in Reading we have explored how vocabulary and description of a setting can affect the mood and atmosphere of a story. We spent time analysing the vocabulary used in paragraphs and changing certain words to alter the mood, creating some excellent descriptions in the process. Maths this week has been rather different in the run up to our multiplication check, we have spent lots of time practicing our instant recall of times tables with time spent on TT Rockstars and completing multiplication worksheets as quick as possible, which led to many dojos being earnt. We have all done extremely well and we are proud of what we have been able to achieve in our official MTC test. In writing, we have continued to look at how dialogue can support the action of a scene using our drama skills to aid us too! In geography, we have spent time looking at the difference between counties and states and where famous physical features are in Canada, USA, Mexico and Guatemala. In science, we learnt about classification keys and how they are used by scientists to identify creatures they don't know the name of. Year 4 had a go at classifying different animals using a classification key with great success! In DT, we spent time creating structures that support themselves and hold other objects, a lot of fun was had by all. Enjoy your weekend year 4, you have earnt it!



Year 6

Weekly Attendance: 90%

This week, our students participated in a residential trip where they demonstrated remarkable independence and teamwork. They engaged in activities such as walking and hiking, made their own beds, cooked their own meals, and worked together in teams. This experience not only fostered their self-reliance but also strengthened their collaborative skills, making it a memorable!

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.

The website can be found at www.educateagainsthate.com

