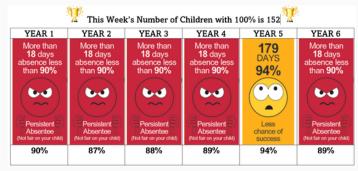
28TH JUNE 2024 WILLOW GREEN ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



Head of Academy's Message Whole School Attendance: 89%



Dear Parent/Carer,

What a busy week it has been here at Willow Green. We started the week with KS1 Sports Day and then continued with KS2 Sports Day on Wednesday. On both occasions, the sportsmanship shown by all the pupils as they competed in their races and supported their friends and team members was a credit to the Academy. We would also like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers that came along to support and especially those that participated in the parent's race. It was definitely a highlight of the day!

Summer Fayre

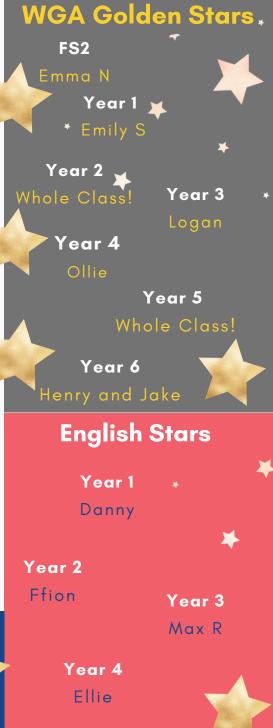
On Thursday, we enjoyed our annual Summer Fayre. Each class developed their own stall and competed to see who would raise the most money. Competition was fierce between staff and pupils and there was true dedication to making each stall a success. I saw lots of teddy bears going to well deserved homes and enjoyed nerf gun wars and beat the goaly! But my personal highlight, has to be throwing sponges at Mr Swift and Mrs Moreton! What good sports they were! Thank you again for all your support. It wouldn't have been a success without you!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone for making our Summer Fayre a tremendous success! So far, we have raised an impressive £1,087.50! A special thank you also goes to Farmfoods, Green Olive Mortgage Solutions, Shake, Rattle & Roll, LG Luxs Hair, Whistlestop Valley, Lazerzone, KP Snacks and Refresco for their amazing donations.

Have a restful weekend.

Miss Walker







Year 1 Weekly Attendance: 90%

Year One, have had a wonderful week. After the excitement of sports day, we have thrown ourselves into our new project by learning to make silhouettes and starting to explore soft pastels. We enjoyed investigating how soft pastels can make thick and think lines, straight, wavy m, zig zag and curved lines and dark and light tones. Next week, we are going to learn to layer soft pastels and then will use our skills to make an African sunset. Alongside this, we have also been learning to count and make numbers between 50 and 100 and most importantly to tell the time. This week, we have started to practise making and telling the times o'clock and now we are practising half past. Have you got a clock at home? Over the weekend, why not see if the children can tell the time on a clock at home?



EYFS Weekly Attendance: 81%

This week, we have been practising for sports day by working in teams to throw and catch the beanbags into the hoops to gain points, we found the hoops further away were very tricky to land in! After this, we counted up our points and could explain which team won due to them having the bigger number. Children wrote their scores on the board and practised finding one more and one less than that number. We have also been busy innovating our stories, implementing our own main characters and people we see along the way into the stories that we already know.

Year 2 Weekly Attendance: 87%

We have had a busy week in the sunshine this week! Monday kicked off with Sports Day – everyone took part and showed some excellent sportsmanship by cheering on their houses. In art, we continued our work with oil pastels, using smudging and colour mixing to alter the colours. In writing, we began our pirate innovate stories, using the techniques from our toolkit to boost our writing.



Year 3 Weekly Attendance: 88%

It has been a very busy, but great week in Year 3 this week. In maths, we have continued our time topic and looked at the order of the months as well as how many days are in each month. We learnt a rhyme to help us remember and used the knuckle method to work it out too. In English, we wrote our final piece of information as some of wrote about giant spiders and some were challenged to try and write about humans as if we were scary beasts! But the highlight of our week has to be sports day. I've got to say I was so proud of everyone who took part and gave each event their all. It was an amazing afternoon for Year 3.







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Year 5 Weekly Attendance: 94%

What an AWESOME week we have had! Year 5 have truly outdone themselves. From supporting the running of KS1 sports day to participating in their own, Year 5 have shown what kind, responsible, respectful, helpful, and all-around superstars they are! They have also worked excellently alongside Year 6 to plan and organize their summer fayre activities. A huge well done to all the children in the Academy for their efforts and participation during sports day. It has been an extremely warm week, but this hasn't stopped us from having a phenomenal time! Well done to all who raced, and thank you to all parents, carers, family, and friends who took time out of their days to come and cheer them on!



Year 4 Weekly Attendance: 89%

It has been an absolutely fabulous week in Year 4! In reading, we have continued to develop our understanding of characters and started to predict what they might do in order to defeat both the Purple and Green Dragons of Death! In writing, we have started the innovation of our defeating the monster story and have had great fun linking this to our reading text 'How to Train Your Dragon'. In maths, we have started a new unit looking at shapes and had fun finding angle and shapes in the real world. The highlight this week for Year 4 was most definitely sports day! Each and every Year 4 that competed did their houses proud, the atmosphere was fantastic and the children certainly enjoyed it



Year 6 Weekly Attendance: 89%

This week, our students have delved into the intricacies of supply chains in geography, gaining a better understanding of how goods move from producers to consumers. They also enjoyed an exciting sports day, showcasing their athletic skills and team spirit. In addition, they engaged in creative writing and illustrating, combining their imaginative ideas with artistic expression to create compelling stories and beautiful illustrations.

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.