



## Associate Head of Academy's Message

### Whole School Attendance: 95%

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week, we turned Willow Green yellow for Mental Health Day! It was lovely to see the whole Academy celebrating, talking about and practising strategies to support their mental health. We practised meditation, yoga and all forms of exercise. We thought about the things we are grateful for and the things that make us unique and amazing and celebrated how special we all are.

We finished the day with the launch of Delta Stars! Through Delta Stars, we aim to provide pupils with a wide range of opportunities, activities and experiences that go above and beyond the academic curriculum. We want to help our pupils to become well rounded and active members of society. The activities are set out across sixteen strands and build from EYFS to Year 6. Completing one of the activities such as, attending an after school club, being an ambassador for school, going on a school trip or helping in the community will earn the children a 'Star Card'. These will be recorded in their personal folders and as they achieve their cards, they will also have the opportunity to gain bronze, silver and even gold cards. Stay tuned on Dojo to see which cards our pupils are achieving each half term.

Next week, on 16th October, we will celebrate World Food Day. In classes, we will think about where our food comes from and the importance of food. To support our community, we will collect donations for the local food bank and then Father Phil will be in school to celebrate harvest festival with us.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Walker



## ★ Dates for your ★ ★ Diary ★

**Year Three Celebration Event**  
TBC

**Year Four Celebration Event**  
Friday 18th October  
9 - 9.20

**Year Five Celebration Event**  
Friday 25th October  
9 - 9.20

**Year Six Celebration Event**  
Thursday 24th October  
9 - 9.20

**FS1 & FS2 Celebration Event**  
Wednesday 23rd October  
9.30 - 9.50

**Harvest Festival Donations**  
**World Food Day**  
Monday 14th October

**Whole Class Photographs**  
Wednesday 23rd October

**Halloween Dress Up Day**  
Friday 25th October



This Week's Number of Children with 100% is 179



YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
183 DAYS 96%	183 DAYS 96%	175 DAYS 92%	179 DAYS 94%	179 DAYS 94%	179 DAYS 94%
Off to a flying start	Off to a flying start	Harder to make progress	Less chance of success	Less chance of success	Less chance of success
97%	99%	92%	95%	94%	95%



## Online-Safety

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## EYFS

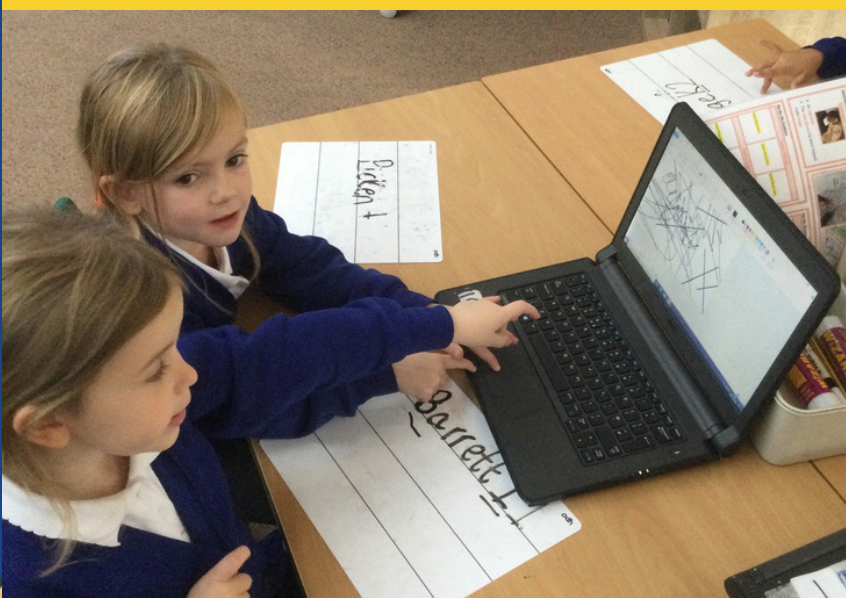
**Weekly Attendance: 93%**

Our little Learners have had a busy week being very creative exploring how to use pattern rollers to make future masterpieces. This then sparked them to get creative on their own using these skills in the provision. This translated into our maths for FS2 who first used their body to make sound patterns then moved onto using natural objects and then to make lovely pieces of jewellery. In FS1 they have been matching and sorting which really helps us in our daily routine to tidy up. In FS2 our children have retold their stories to their peers and in FS1 they are exploring the many ways to show love in our families. We have been very impressed with the use of key vocabulary.

## Year 1

**Weekly Attendance: 97%**

We have had a great week in Year 1 this week! In our geography lesson, we created our own map of the school. In art, we explored lots of different materials and described how they felt. In computing we are learning how to turn on and log into laptops. If you have access to a laptop at home, it would be great if the children could practice typing their name! Thank you for continued support with reading and phonics!



## Year 2

**Weekly Attendance: 99%**

We have had a great week this week! In science, we have looked at different materials used to make drinking straws. We decided which one was our favourite and I can't wait for us to design our own. In art, we have looked at overlapping and overlaying. We used different techniques to see which colours we could create using paints and cellophane. We have also completed our journey tales in writing. We have amazing characters such as Shelly the crab who lives on the beach and Nutty the squirrel who lives in the forest.

## Year 3

**Weekly Attendance: 92%**

Another amazing week in Year 3! We thoroughly enjoyed ending the week learning all about the importance of mental health. We looked at ways we can ask for help if needed, we shared our ideas of the positive things we have achieved or offer to our friends/family and we even spoke positively about each other. As well as this, we also worked hard to finish our warning stories in writing. Have mastered using column method of addition in maths (it has been tricky at times) and have continued our artwork liking to the Stone Age.







## Year 4

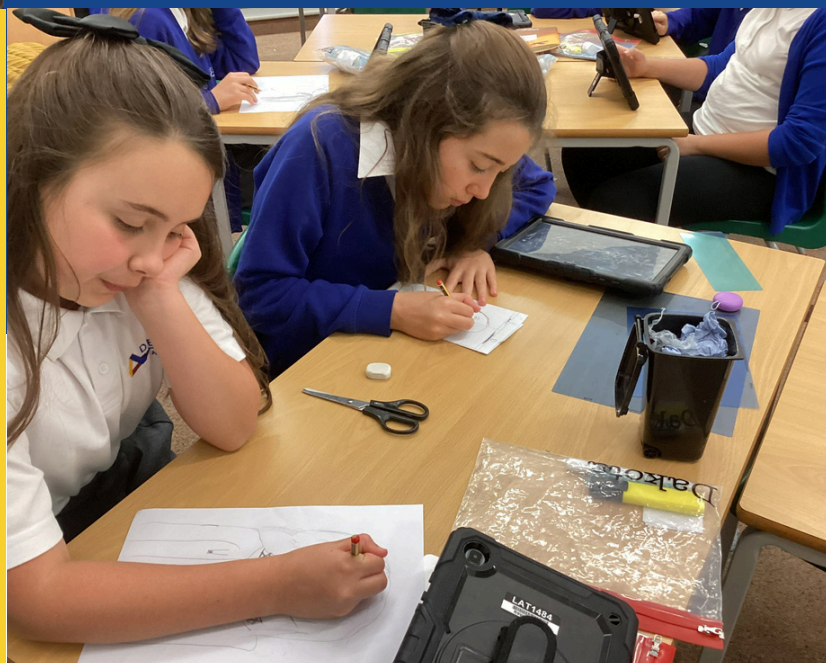
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During our reading lesson this week, we took a closer look at how our main character, Edward, might be feeling. We created a conscience alley where the crows from our story picked at Edward, making him feel worse and worse. On Thursday afternoon, we had a visit from Lifepath, the group who will be leading our school trip next Tuesday! We learned lots about the trip and even had a go at a song. We can't wait!

## Year 5

**Weekly Attendance: 94%**

Year 5 has had a really busy week this week. In writing, we have started a brand new unit looking at explanation texts and have started to learn a song which not only helps us understand and remember key facts to do with our history unit but information we will need for our own explanation texts. In reading, we are sat at the edge of our seats waiting to find out what happens next to Jim. This has lead to some brilliant discussions and predictions! Science has seen us learn all about how flowers reproduce and we have spent time drawing and labelling the different parts of a flower!



## Year 6

**Weekly Attendance: 95%**

This week, our Year 6 students participated in an assessment week, practicing a previous SATs paper to help them prepare for their upcoming exams. Additionally, it was Bikeability week, where students were tested on their cycling skills and road safety knowledge, learning how to navigate safely and responsibly while riding their bikes. Both activities were aimed at building confidence and essential skills.

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](http://www.educateagainsthate.com)