



Associate Head of Academy's Message

Whole School Attendance: 95%

Dear Parent/Carer,

We may be nearing the end of term but we have not stopped at Willow Green. It has been a very busy week. Starting with Year Four's visit to the Lifepath event. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities on offer and all adults involved shared how respectful, polite and kind the pupils were throughout the day.

On Wednesday, we then went on to celebrate National Food Day with our harvest festival celebration. We met Father Phil for the first time and enjoyed a harvest assembly with him. During the week, we have collected in all your kind donations and were blown away by your generosity. These have been shared with our local foodbank. I know that every item donated will make a very important contribution to the local community so thank you for your support. For information, the total weight of the donation was 110.92kg. For context, the average weight of a food parcel for a single person is 9kg and for a family (2 adults 2 children) it is 20kg, so (if my maths is correct) your donation will provide 12.3 individual parcels or 5.5 family parcels.

Next week, is our final week of the half term and I know the children are very excited to celebrate Halloween. All week, the children have been talking to me about the costumes they will be wearing. Across the Academy, I have been talking to the children about playtimes and lunch times and how we could improve these. The children have asked for benches and tables so they have somewhere to sit and read or draw when they want some quiet time. We also have ideas like Giant Jenga, chess, draughts, bowling, frisbees, tennis rackets, plus of course more footballs! Based on all this feedback, we have agreed that all donations from the Halloween dress up day will go to purchasing this equipment and to make it fair, the children will have the opportunity to vote for the items that we buy. Watch this space to find out what we decide to buy.

Have a wonderful last week of term.

Miss Walker



This Week's Number of Children with 100% is 173



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

★ Dates for your Diary ★

Year Three Celebration Event

Friday 8th November
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

Whole Class Photographs

Wednesday 23rd October

Halloween Dress Up Day

Friday 25th October
For a donation of £1.

All money will go towards purchasing playground equipment for all classes.

Half Term

28th October - 1 November

Inset Day

Monday 4 November

Children In Need

Friday 15th November
Donation of £1



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EYFS

Weekly Attendance: 94%

Imagination and team work has been the name of the game in EY this week. Our little learners have had a super time using resources to make landscapes and create stories through play and exploration. Some of the children have found things that help them regulate and settle which has been wonderful. The FS2 children have explored numbers and using a range of vocabulary in the correct context. Our FS1 friends have explored love in the family and colour mixing in the creative area. We are excited for our baking next week.

Year 1

Weekly Attendance: 96%

Another great week for Year 1! Our geography lesson, saw us guiding Year 6 children around the school and telling them all about human and physical features of our school. In art, we continued to explore materials in preparation for our collage lesson next week. We have focused on number bonds to 10 in maths. Ask your children if they can remember any! We ended our week with some reading from the Year 6 children.



Year 2

Weekly Attendance: 94%

Year 2 have had another great week this week. In writing, we have been recounting events by creating postcards based on our reading text 'The Tunnel'. In maths, we have started our multiplication and division topic. We have looked at recognising, making and adding equal groups. This can be really tricky but Year 2 have given it all their effort. Finally, in Jigsaw, we have been creating our own classroom Jigsaw learning charter. This will help us with our learning and behaviour decisions throughout the year.

Year 3

Weekly Attendance: 92%

Another incredible week in Year 3! The children worked hard to complete their writing unit, crafting their own independent warning stories. In maths, we continued our addition and subtraction unit, focusing on subtracting through 10. For reading, we explored non-fiction texts, linking them to the theme of pollution from our whole class book. In addition, we had a great time with our science investigation on erosion and we wrapped up our phonics unit in French. So much fantastic learning has taken place this week — well done Year 3!





Year 4

Weekly Attendance: 94%

This week Year 4 had a very exciting trip to the Lifepath Event! Through the course of the day, we talked about peace, respect and how to show our support to both the community around us and the wider environment. We painted rocks with messages of love, we planted seeds of hope and even sang some songs along the way! We learned lots and lots about John Wesley and his legacy. To top it all off, we showed parents some of our fantastic learning in our class celebration morning.

Year 5

Weekly Attendance: 96%

Another very busy week in Year 5! This week we have boxed up and planned our shared write for our explanation text 'What was life like for Victorian children in workhouses?'. In maths, we completed our addition and subtraction unit. We have finished our time looking at the Romans by completing drama activities and creating some fabulous posters about everything we have learnt! In science, we have set up our very own experiment to see if we can make vegetables reproduce asexually.



Year 6

Weekly Attendance: 97%

This week, we focused on writing a discussion text, where students explored the pros and cons of having extended breaks. They practiced using formal writing and fronted adverbials to make their arguments more cohesive and structured. In maths, we tackled the challenging concept of long division and I've been especially impressed with the students' resilience and determination as they worked through it. During our library session, we had a special activity where the Year 1 students joined us and Year 6 students had the chance to buddy up with them, demonstrating fluent and expressive reading to their younger peers.

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