



Associate Head of Academy's Message

Whole School Attendance: 94%

Dear Parent/Carer,

Willow Green Academy did not slow down in the final week of the autumn term. Across the Academy, classes were finishing their learning journeys in our REC lessons, completing hot writes in writing, continuing to delve further into their whole class reading books and exploring new maths skills. I loved hearing all about London from our Year 2's and Year 3 blew me away with their knowledge of the Stone Age. I also really enjoyed listening to the African drums in Year 4 and the guitars in Year 6. The progress in the pupils music skills is wonderful to see.

This week, I also had the pleasure of spending time with the Year 1's as they painted their own pumpkins. The care and attention they put into this was absolutely wonderful. Following this, I then had the pleasure of judging the pumpkin competition. It was such a tough decision, as everyone had clearly put in a lot of time, effort, care and dedication. Well done Year 1!

Halloween

What fantastic news! Thanks to the amazing donations for Halloween, we have raised £366.10 which is a wonderful achievement and it's great to see everyone coming together for such a fun cause. We loved seeing all the amazing costumes and enjoyed lots of Halloween themed activities throughout the day. Every contribution really does add up and will make a difference for the playground improvements. We are excited to choose our new playground equipment this half term. Congratulations to everyone involved and thank you for your continued support! 🎃 🧛

Don't forget to check out the dates for the diary in the blue box as we have been busy setting dates for our autumn 2 Celebration Events, Parent Consultations and Christmas Events.

We hope you have a wonderful, safe and fun half 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
175 DAYS 92%	175 DAYS 92%	183 DAYS 96%	175 DAYS 92%	179 DAYS 94%	179 DAYS 94%
Harder to make progress	Harder to make progress	Off to a flying start	Harder to make progress	Less chance of success	Less chance of success
93%	93%	96%	93%	95%	95%

★ Dates for your ★ ★ Diary ★

FS1 & FS2 Celebration Event

Thursday 7th November
9.30 – 9.50am

Year Three Celebration Event

Friday 8th November
9 – 9.20am

Year One Celebration Event

Friday 15th November
9 – 9.20

Year Four Celebration Event

Friday 22nd November
9 – 9.20

Year Five Celebration Event

Friday 29th November
9 – 9.20

Children In Need

Friday 15th November
Donation of £1

Parent Consultations

Year One to Year Six

Tuesday 19th November
3.30 – 6pm
Wednesday 20th November
3.30 – 6pm

Parent Consultations

FS2

Tuesday 19th November
3.00 – 4.30pm
Wednesday 20th November
3.00 – 4.30pm
Thursday 21st November
3.00 – 4.30pm



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EYFS

Weekly Attendance: 95%

It's been an Autumnal week in EY this week with the exploration of pumpkins and the opening of our kitchen to make something rather yummy. The FS2 children have the skills to instruct you how to build a nest and have been busy learning all about shapes. Our FS1 children have been getting the grip of tools and continuing their learning all about families and love. The EY unit is buzzing and the children have really enjoyed using natural resources in a range of ways. We are excited to see what you get up to after half term. Don't forget to complete your Autumn challenge.

Year 1

Weekly Attendance: 93%

A fun filled week for Year 1! We started the week finishing our writing topic and creating a halloween character description. We used adjectives and similes to describe different spooky characters. We had a fun behaviour reward where we painted pumpkins showcasing our creativity. We created collages in the style of Jeannie Baker and spent the last day of term celebrating the amazing learning this half term, wearing our best spooky costumes and having a scream of time!



Year 2

Weekly Attendance: 93%

It's been a busy final week for Year 2. We have been using our non-fiction skills to write a recount of our journey based partly on Meerkat Mail and partly on The Tunnel by Anthony Browne. In geography, we have been looking at why London is special, comparing it to other places, spotting famous landmarks and creating a fact file all about King Charles III. To say it has been the final week, the effort from Year 2 has been amazing this week. They have all definitely earned their week off!

Year 3

Weekly Attendance: 96%

What a fantastic final week in Year 3! We've had an amazing first half term filled with fun, challenges and plenty of learning. We've loved diving into the Stone Age, especially exploring Stone Age art and comparing the lives of hunter-gatherers to our own. It's been so interesting to see how they survived and thrived in their time. In reading, we've made a great start with our whole class text This Morning I Met a Whale. This story has led us into exploring non-fiction texts on human influence and how our choices affect the environment. I'm incredibly proud of what all Year 3 have achieved so far and can't wait to see their progress next term. Well done, and enjoy a well-deserved rest!





Year 4

Weekly Attendance: 93%

We have had a busy final week in Year 4! We have been building up our African drumming skills, creating a longer piece using clapping, singing and some very enthusiastic beating of the drum! In Writing, we completed our Hot tasks – telling the reader which character in our story had the biggest impact on Edward Tulane. In reading, we found examples of short, snappy sentences in our class text and discussed why they were used by the author.

Year 5

Weekly Attendance: 95%

What a fabulous last week of term we have had in Year 5! In writing, we have completed our hot write explanation texts about 'What are eggs?'. In maths, we have continued to look at multiplication and division questions. We even had a visit from firefighters who spoke to us about how to keep safe around fire, which is especially important in the run up to bonfire night! The highlight of our week though would have to be our celebration day and Halloween dress up. It was wonderful to let everyone come look behind the door at what we have been up to in Year 5 this term!



Year 6

Weekly Attendance: 95%

This week, we continued developing our websites, building on design and content skills. In writing, students completed assessment pieces discussing whether Lady Jane Grey was a martyr, victim, or an ambitious Tudor, presenting well-rounded arguments. Finally, in PE, we wrapped up our badminton unit with an exciting tournament, where students had the chance to put their skills to the test in friendly competition.

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