



## Associate Head of Academy's Message

### Whole School Attendance: 96%

Dear Parent/Carer,

Willow Green have made a fantastic start to our second half term. I have seen some amazing science from Year 1 and great understanding of materials, Year 2 wowed me with their knowledge of Samuel Pepys, Year 3 found some very special eggs and Year 4 investigated digestion this week and impressed me with their recall, Year 5 enjoyed their first swimming lesson for the new term and Year 6 showed their responsible behaviour in their first forest schools lesson.

This week, our attendance has been fantastic and at Willow Green, we feel like we need to celebrate this so from Friday 15th November, we are launching a brand new attendance system with a special reward for all classes that reach over 96%. Stay tuned to see what the children get up to, to celebrate their attendance.

This week, EYFS parents and Year 3 parents had their first celebration events. The children had a wonderful time sharing their learning with their adults from home. The Year 3 children could not stop talking about the art they created with their adults. Once again, thank you for all your support and we can't wait to see you for our Autumn 2 celebration events. The dates are in the blue box next door.

This half term will also see our Christmas events. EYFS will enjoy cocoa and lights on 13th December, Year 1 and 2 will celebrate Christmas with their nativity on 12th December and we will all join them for our annual Christmas Jumper Day and our KS2 pupils will visit the church for their Christmas concert on 18th December. We hope to see you all there to celebrate Christmas and the children's hard work.

Also, don't forget we will hold our Christmas Fayre on 5th December.

Have a great week.

Miss Walker



This Week's Number of Children with 100% is 185



YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
179 DAYS 94%	175 DAYS 92%	183 DAYS 96%	183 DAYS 96%	183 DAYS 96%	183 DAYS 96%
Less chance of success	Harder to make progress	Off to a flying start	Off to a flying start	Off to a flying start	Off to a flying start
95%	93%	97%	96%	97%	96%

## ★ Dates for your Diary ★

### 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

### Non-Uniform Day

Friday 29th November  
Christmas Fayre Donations



## Online-Safety

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## EYFS

**Weekly Attendance: 99%**

An exciting week back in the classroom as FS1 begin their new book 'Brown Bear' and get excited as they discover the gift left for them. In FS2, we've been busy finding out about Rosie's Walk and all the positional language used and making up our own journey through school. We even learnt to sign them using Makaton. Two events explored this week, bonfire night and Diwali. The children have talked about how to keep safe. We launched the Boromi bags during our celebration morning which was just great to have you all there. Lots more fun coming our way this term.

## Year 1

**Weekly Attendance: 95%**

Year 1 have settled back in brilliantly. We have had a great start to our new topic 'transport' where we began learning about what cars, boats and planes looked like in the past. We also completed a materials hunt where we looked around school for materials such as metal, plastic and wood (maybe you could play this game at home?). In our writing hook, we went on a big bad mouse hunt and found all the characters from the Gruffalo's child...ask your child what they were!



## Year 2

**Weekly Attendance: 93%**

Year 2 have had a great start back after the October half term break. In history, we have started our new topic all around The Great Fire Of London. We have learnt about how the fire started and who our important person 'Samuel Pepys' was. This has linked brilliantly to our writing which is based off the story 'The Baker's Mistake'. To get engaged, Year 2 tried different baked breads and used our fantastic adjectives to describe each one and decide on their favourites. It has been a great first week and I'm sure next week will be just as good.

## Year 3

**Weekly Attendance: 97%**

We have had an incredible first week back at school. During writing, we have been looking at character description and even found some unknown golden eggs outside...we wonder what could be inside, a dragon possibly? This week has been a special week for us in Year 3, we welcomed our parents and carers in for our celebration morning. We shared our knowledge of Stone Age art and even got to create a Stone Age inspired picture with our family members.





## Year 4

### Weekly Attendance: 96%

We have had a great first week back in Year 4! We continued our work on Animals Including Humans in Science, completing an exciting experiment around digestion which involved using a pretend mouth full of food and recreating its journey through the body. We also began our new writing unit, learning our model text *The Adventure at Sandy Cove* off by heart with some accompanying actions. In art, we looked at famous sculptor George Segal and recreated some of his work in groups using toilet roll!

## Year 5

### Weekly Attendance: 97%

It has been a brilliant first week back after half term for Year five! We have been busy creating suspense sorters based on a short clip from a video and have even written our own suspense poems about snakes in the night. In maths, we have been looking at common multiples and factors, which has lead to us completing some practical lessons. Geography has seen us delve into tectonic plates and how they can cause mountains, earthquakes, and volcanoes! The highlight of our week was most definitely our first mood booster session, where we got creative, made fortune tellers which gave us helpful hints to help us brighten our mood!



## Year 6

### Weekly Attendance: 96%

This week, we began our geography unit by exploring how different places vary in terms of culture, landscape, and climate. In RE, we examined artwork across Christianity, discussing the similarities and differences in how faith and religious stories are represented through various artistic styles. In maths, we started a new unit on fractions, beginning by consolidating key Year 5 objectives to ensure a strong foundation before moving on to more advanced concepts.

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)