



Associate Head of Academy's Message

Whole School Attendance: 96%

Dear Parent/Carer,

Wow! It has been another eventful week at Willow Green. Where do I start?! Firstly, we raised a fantastic £156.30 for Save The Children with our Christmas Jumper Day!

On Tuesday, we started our festivities with a very special pantomime. Oh no we didn't! Oh yes we did! This year, the cast of Cinderella visited us and entertained all our classes with a fun filled and action packed show. They even managed to get our staff performing the macarena! If you haven't seen the video, check out Class Dojo!

On Wednesday, our Year 4 pupils enjoyed a trip to Jorvik to finish their Viking learning journey. The behaviour was impeccable and they were a credit to Willow Green Academy even if the ride did smell really, really bad!

Then on Thursday, it was the turn of our KS1 pupils to complete their very own performance. This year, they performed 'We Three Kings' to a hall full of people. Our Year One pupils formed the choir and sung and danced their hearts out and our Year Two children were kings, camels, servants, stars, angels and of course Mary and Joseph. In front of so many adults, the pupils performed with pride and confidence and we are so proud of the confident young people they are turning into.

Finally, on Friday, our EYFS pupils thoroughly entertained us with their amazing Christmas singing. Their confidence and bravery, standing up in front of so many adults was incredible. We loved their singing and dancing and they were even lucky enough to get a surprise visit from the one and only Father Christmas! Afterwards, they joined their adults for some very delicious biscuits and a lovely drink of hot chocolate.

This week, we are looking forward to one last jam packed week. This week, we are very excited about the KS2 carol concert, the final EYFS performance, our Year 6 celebration event, our house point winner celebration, the wishing tree assembly and of course, last but not least, the class Christmas parties! After all of that, we will have earned a very well deserved Christmas break.

Have a wonderful week.

Miss Walker

🏆 This Week's Number of Children with 100% is 175 🏆

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
175 DAYS 92%	183 DAYS 96%	183 DAYS 96%	183 DAYS 96%	175 DAYS 92%	183 DAYS 96%
Harder to make progress	Off to a flying start	Off to a flying start	Off to a flying start	Harder to make progress	Off to a flying start
91%	98%	100%	97%	92%	99%

★ Dates for your Diary ★

KS2 Christmas Concert
St Andrew's Church
 Wednesday 18th December
 1.30pm and 6pm

Flu Immunisation Mop Up
 Wednesday 18th December

Christmas Dinner Day
 Wednesday 18th December

EYFS Cocoa & Lights
 Thursday 19th December
 9.30 - 10.30am

Year 6 Celebration Event
 Friday 20th December
 9 - 9.20am

Christmas Parties
Non-Uniform Day
 Friday 20th December

School Re-Opens
 Monday 6th January 2025

Inset Day
 Friday 10th January 2025

Online-Safety

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EYFS

Weekly Attendance: 75%

Early years has turned into Santa's workshop with lots of little elves working hard to get their festive jobs done. From baking to designing and practicing their wrapping our children have utilised many skills this week in preparation for our big performance. We are so proud of our children for the show they put on. If you didn't feel festive I bet you do now and you'll never look at a Brussel sprout the same again. The actions and singing were sensational and who knew that Santa was excited to join us for the big event. Don't forget to sign up for a second viewing! Not long now... 🎅

Year 1

Weekly Attendance: 91%

Wow wow wow! What a great week for Year 1. I am so incredibly proud of our class and how hard they have worked for their Christmas performance. As well as Christmas festivities, we are continuing working hard on tens and ones. We are looking at fixed and freely moving axles to help with making our cars next week. Our writing topic is based on instructions - we can't wait to show you what we make next week by following a set of instructions!



Year 2

Weekly Attendance: 98%

Another fantastic week for Year 2. We were treated to an in school pantomime performance of Cinderella which Year 2 really enjoyed! They were fantastic during the interactive bits and had some amazing dance moves. Whilst, as always, we have been working hard in our core subjects, our highlight of the week was our nativity performances. Year 2 worked so hard to remember all their line and the songs and were able to put on two amazing shows. I am very proud of everyone involved.

Year 3

Weekly Attendance: 100%

What an amazing week we have had in Year 3! This week, we have been learning all about our bodies, looking at the role of our skeleton and how we can keep our bodies healthy. We even made a working elbow joint to show how our muscles worked. In reading, we have been linking our whole class text to a non-fiction news report. We have completed a range of test style questions. As well as this, Year 3 were AMAZING for our Christmas Concert rehearsal. They showed exemplary behaviour throughout, put in 100% effort and showed outstanding listening skills. We can't wait for our actual performance! To end the week, we also had our celebration morning, a big thank you to all the parents and carers who came and joined us.





Year 4

Weekly Attendance: 97%

What a week! Year 4 had their long awaited trip to Jorvik in York this week. They enjoyed the ride, the museum and even some extra special story telling and dressing up. They loved learning all things Viking! They also finished some fantastic newspaper articles all about Edward Tulane's fall from the ship. Finally, rehearsals are well on the way for our Christmas carol concert! We can't wait to see you there.

Year 5

Weekly Attendance: 92%

It's been a fun filled week in Year 5 this week, we have had lots of surprises too! Year 5 had their surprise Christmas present in the shape of a Panto and we even saw KSI's dress rehearsal too! In writing, we have been busy innovating instructions. We have even started writing our own about capturing Santa! In geography we have been looking at how Mount Vesuvius' eruption affected Pompeii and have produced some fabulous sketch maps showing our knowledge!



Year 6

Weekly Attendance: 99%

This week in geography, we explored the Antarctic biome, examining its unique physical features such as ice sheets, glaciers, and extreme temperatures. We also discussed how these features create significant challenges for people who venture there, from researchers to explorers. In Jigsaw, our focus was on setting personal goals and breaking them down into smaller, manageable steps to help achieve them. Meanwhile, in writing, we reflected on Christmas, discussing what it means to us personally and sharing the unique family traditions that make the holiday special in our own homes.

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