



Associate Head of Academy's Message

Whole School Attendance: 94%

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week, Willow Green have started the new term as we mean to go on, with the start of our new learning journeys. In Year One, the children have begun exploring the weather and seasons and this week explored the different types of weather that we see. In Year Two, the children began to learn about Mexico and enjoyed exploring maps to find out where Mexico is compared to England. In Year Three, the children have begun exploring mining communities and the physical and human features of these locations. In Year Four, the pupils began finding out about Ancient Greece and having studied the geography of Greece, are looking forward to finding out about what it was like to live in Greece in the past. In Year Five, the pupils are continuing their unit about space and are looking forward to their visit to the space dome next week.

While all this fantastic learning was taking place at school, Year 6 took part in this year's residential visit with an adventure at Dallowgill. The children enjoyed star gazing, walking in the fresh air, paddling in the local stream, sitting around the fire pit, den building and of course making their own meals. I heard the pizza was delicious! The children's behaviour was truly outstanding and everyone who went with them, sung their praises for their impeccable manners and mature behaviour.

Eat Them to Defeat Them

This year, Willow Green will be taking part in the Eat Them to Defeat Them campaign. This campaign has been transforming the way children eat. The feedback from families is clear: consistent involvement leads to a sustained increase in vegetable consumption - over half of participating parents reporting positive lasting change. With a staggering 29% of children consuming less than one portion of vegetables daily, their program is a vital tool in improving the nation's health, one delicious vegetable at a time. Your child will be bringing home a reward chart and sticker pack so please join us and continue this at home.

Finally, don't forget this Friday is World Book Day! All our pupils, are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We would love the pupils to bring the book with them so we can enjoy seeing some of their favourite books.

Have a lovely week!

Miss Walker

🏆 This Week's Number of Children with 100% is 176 🏆

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
175 DAYS 92%	183 DAYS 96%	179 DAYS 94%	More than 18 days absence less than 90%	More than 18 days absence less than 90%	183 DAYS 96%
Harder to make progress	Off to a flying start	Less chance of success	Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child)	Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child)	Off to a flying start
93%	99%	95%	91%	90%	97%

Dates for your Diary

World Book Day
Friday 7th March

Eat Them to Defeat Them
10th March - 14th March



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EYFS

Weekly Attendance: 96%

What a super week across EY. Children in the unit have started their new books. In FS1, they've looked at "The Enormous Turnip" and in FS2 "Oliver's Vegetables". FS1 have been building sculptures inside and out whilst learning about Antony Gormley. Our FS2 children have been learning about things more locally such as the changes to Pontefract Castle and our local area over time. We are excited for next week and the crawling visitors we will be meeting. We will also be getting some little creepy crawly pets.

Year 1
Weekly Attendance: 93%

It has been a fabulous first week back for the Year 1. We have come back ready and willing to work hard and try our best! In maths, we have continued our work on numbers to 100. Our new writing topic is all about Queen Elizabeth - Why not ask your child when she became Queen? Our topic on an afternoon focuses on weather and the seasons. As a class we are tracking the weather each morning and talking about the temperature in Spring. The children are learning all about primary colours in Art. I wonder if they can tell you any...



Year 2

Weekly Attendance: 99%

What a great first week back! In writing, we have started a new unit, all about Fae Folk. We have had lots of interesting talks about fairies, goblins and sprites. In maths, we have continued with our money topic, focussing on making different amounts using different coins and notes. We have been very lucky this half term as we have both forest schools and Elite for PE! In PE, we have worked hard on our gymnastics and stretching skills. It was so much fun!

Year 3
Weekly Attendance: 95%

We've begun the maths unit on money this week, where the children have been counting up coins and adding amounts in £ and p. In writing, we have started to learn an information text about Stone Trolls with a view to innovating and inventing our own. In science, we are learning more about plants and the different parts and in geography, our learning this week is all about towns and cities in the UK and using a compass with 8 points to read a map, finding places compared to where we live.





Year 4

Weekly Attendance: 91%

We have had a great first week back in Year 4! In maths, we moved on to our decimals unit, applying our previous work on fractions to work out equivalents. In writing, we made some everyday objects into a brand new inventions! We thought about the features we might like it to have and how we might persuade shoppers to buy them. Finally, in art, we completed an artist study around Naum Gabo - we are going to be using his work to inspire our print making this half term.

Year 5

Weekly Attendance: 90%

What a busy week it has been in Year 5! In design and technology we have experimented with weights and pulleys, both building them practically and sketching them in our sketch books. We have also spent time in RE researching the Roman Catholics, compiling fact files that will aid us in our future lessons. We had great fun creating news reports about supernatural sightings and performing them to the rest of the class.



Year 6

Weekly Attendance: 97%

We had an amazing time at Dallowgill. We spent the three days exploring, being independent, cooking, paddling and playing board games. We spent the evenings playing bingo, roasting marshmallows and playing more board games. I was so impressed with the resilience, determination and positivity of Year 6, they were genuinely a pleasure to take on the trip.



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 Mrs Atkinson or Miss Rhodes. 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.