



Associate Head of Academy's Message

Whole School Attendance: 95%

Dear Parent/Carer,

What a fantastic week, we have had at Willow Green. Our classes have carried on with their weekly learning journeys. I have seen Year One, making dinosaur printing blocks, Year 2 learning all about castles, Year 3 delving into the tricky world of fractions and Year 4 thoroughly immersed in the story of the Iron Man. At the top end of school, I saw Year 5 investigating Martian soil and Year 6 pulled together all their learning to have a go at reading, maths and SPaG assessments. Sitting an assessment is not easy, and I was so impressed with their dedication, resilience and determination to show all their skills.

Alongside all of this, this week, was National Story Telling Week and we had a whole host of surprise visitors in school to help make it special. All our classes enjoyed visits from adults from our school community to share a whole host of wonderful stories. The children loved hearing stories from so many different people and had the opportunity to engage with some new stories and new authors. Every story helped to show the children the joy of books and helped to encourage their love of books and reading. We would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who bravely volunteered and we hope that at home, everyone also enjoyed sharing stories with each other. Don't forget each week, the children bring home a library book which is perfect for sharing together after a busy day at school.

Finally, we also celebrated NSPCC Number Day and raised a fantastic £128! Thank you to everyone who contributed. We loved seeing the children in their numbers themed dress up and all the classes engaged in a whole host of number related challenges and problems. In Year One and Two, I saw some excellent use of Rekenreks to solve some very complex mathematical problems. Their understanding of how to visualise and make numbers on a Rekenrek was wonderful to see. I can't wait to see how good they are at maths when they get to Year 6!

Have a lovely week.

Miss Walker

Dates for your Diary

School Closes
14th February 2025

School Reopens
24th February 2025

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

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
183 DAYS 96%	175 DAYS 92%	179 DAYS 94%	179 DAYS 94%	179 DAYS 94%	183 DAYS 96%
Off to a flying start	Harder to make progress	Less chance of success	Less chance of success	Less chance of success	Off to a flying start
97%	93%	94%	94%	95%	98%



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EYFS

Weekly Attendance: 94%

Special visitors were just a super duper treat this storytelling week. Across EY we already love stories especially with our reading enhanced curriculum but our visitors showed a special love of reading. We've been busy exploring clay inspired by Henry Moore and Barbara Hepworth. We've been working our muscles in our hand gym and trying some 'tangy' pineapple. FS2 had a practical literacy working out the steps to make gingerbread and FS1 were looking at their new T4W book 'The three little pigs!'

Year 1

Weekly Attendance: 97%

Busy busy this week in Year 1! We have continued our multiplication topic this week focusing on doubling. In our writing, we finished our journey story. Miss Rochnia was blown away by the amazing stories she read! Our science lesson taught us all about carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. Why not ask us what we are? We also hosted a fruit salad café for the Year 6 children. We chopped and served a variety of fruit during our story time.



Year 2

Weekly Attendance: 93%

This week we have completed our fantasy tales based off Peter Pan in writing. We have created our own fantasy settings and next week, we will use poems to help us create our own fantasy creatures. In maths, we have continued with tricky fractions. Year 2 can now recognise that $\frac{2}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ are the same. Finally, in science, we looked at how easily germs spread by shaking hands around the class and got absolutely covered in glitter. It definitely made year 2 remember to wash their hands!!!



Year 3

Weekly Attendance: 94%

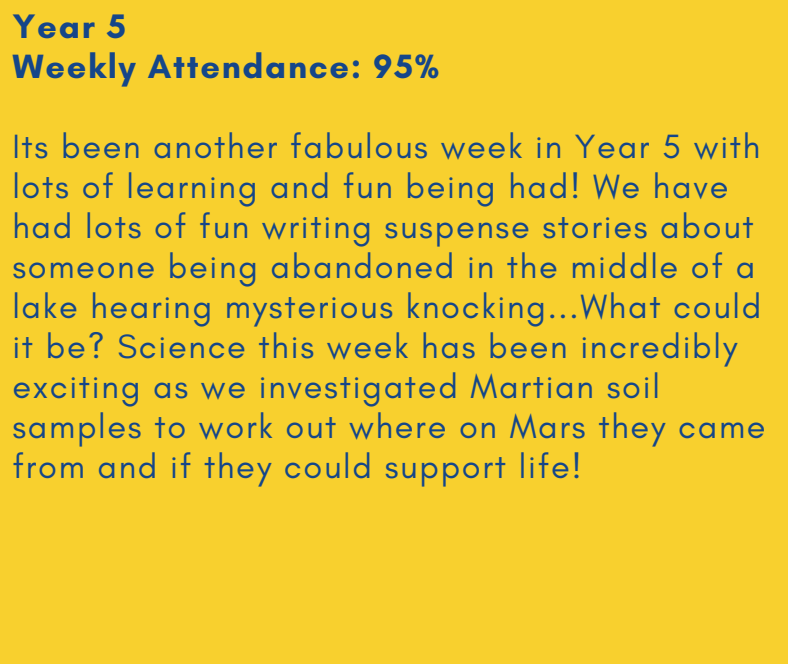
This week we have completed our quest stories in talk for writing and we continue to be excited by the events in The Firework Maker's Daughter. In maths, the children are getting to grips with fractions, using language such as 'equivalent, denominator and numerator'. We learnt about the Oaks Colliery disaster in history and we experimented with different materials and surfaces to help us understand about reflective materials in science. Thank you to our lovely parent readers who came in to read with the children as part of National story-telling week.





Year 4 Weekly Attendance: 94%

This week Year 4 has had some special visitors! Some very kind parent volunteers have given up their time to come and read with the class during our end of day story time. We have loved listening to more of Varjak Paw and some of our Year 4 top reads. In maths, we looked at some calculations involving fractions, learning how to find equivalents.



Year 5 Weekly Attendance: 95%

Its been another fabulous week in Year 5 with lots of learning and fun being had! We have had lots of fun writing suspense stories about someone being abandoned in the middle of a lake hearing mysterious knocking...What could it be? Science this week has been incredibly exciting as we investigated Martian soil samples to work out where on Mars they came from and if they could support life!



Year 6 Weekly Attendance: 98%

This week has been slightly different in Year 6 as we have been off our usual timetable. Instead, we have completed practice SATS papers in preparation for our tests in May. Overall, I have been incredibly impressed with their attitude and determination towards the papers. We did manage to blow some steam off in PE, with our usual hockey session, this week we looked at defence skills whilst playing a match.



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.