

MR ROLLIN'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Carers and the Willow Green Community,

There's a real sense of pride and progress at Willow Green right now. Whether it's in the classroom, on the playground, or during wider school events, our pupils continue to impress with their positivity, curiosity, and growing confidence. Our staff remain deeply committed to nurturing each child's potential and the ongoing support from families strengthens the strong sense of togetherness that defines our school.

This week, we also want to celebrate our incredible Year 6 pupils, who have completed their SATs with maturity, focus and determination. We are so proud of the way they approached these assessments — not just in terms of effort, but also the calm, positive attitude they showed throughout. It was a real reflection of their hard work and the dedication of the staff who've supported them every step of the way.

Next week, we'll continue to emphasise the values that help our school community thrive. We'll be focusing on positive attitudes to learning and punctuality. We want every child to come into school each day ready to learn — bringing enthusiasm, resilience and a belief that they can improve. Arriving on time and prepared makes a big difference and helps set the tone for a successful day. These everyday habits shape not only academic progress but also character and independence.

Thank you, once again, for your continued support. The energy and collaboration we see every day make Willow Green such a special place to learn and grow. I look forward to the weeks ahead with great optimism.

Warm regards,

Mr Rollin
Head of Willow Green Academy

PLEASE SEE BELOW FOR KEY MESSAGES:

EYFS - Bee Celebrations

In Early Years, we care deeply about our planet and the natural world around us. Next week, we'll be turning our attention to one of the most important — and often overlooked — heroes of our environment: **bees**! As part of our summer learning, we'll be exploring the vital role bees play as pollinators. Through stories, hands-on activities and nature-based play, children will discover how bees help plants grow, flowers bloom and crops thrive. It's a wonderful way for our young learners to connect with nature and begin to understand how even the smallest creatures make a big difference in the world.

Throughout the week, we have lots of fun and creative tasks planned, from bee-themed crafts to outdoor learning activities that celebrate the buzzing world of these incredible insects. To finish the week in style, **Friday 23rd May** will be our **Bee Dress-Up Day**! Children are welcome to come to school dressed in **yellow and black** — ready to buzz around with their friends all day. Feel free to get creative at home too: **why not have a go at making a bee mask** together? We're really looking forward to a week full of curiosity, creativity and environmental awareness. Thank you for your continued support in helping our children grow into thoughtful, informed little eco-warriors!

Exciting Developments in the EYFS Playground

We're thrilled to share that exciting building work will be underway in the EYFS playground! These improvements — which will last a few days — are designed to enhance children's learning through play and exploration. The updates include a modernised sandpit and new, child-friendly flooring to create a more engaging and stimulating environment. These unique additions will provide even more opportunities for our youngest learners to grow, play and discover.

Leave Personal Belongings at Home

We kindly remind students and parents of the importance of not bringing personal belongings, especially expensive items, into school. Doing so not only poses a risk of loss or damage but also contravenes school policy. Our aim is to maintain a safe and focused learning environment for all students. We appreciate your support in helping us uphold this guideline.

Celebrating Mrs Garbett's Incredible 30+ Years of Service

With mixed emotions, we announce that Mrs Garbett will be retiring at the end of this academic year, after over 30 years of dedicated service to our school community. Her last day will be **Friday 27th June**. Throughout her tenure, Mrs Garbett has been a constant source of support, kindness, and professionalism. She has touched the lives of countless students, parents, and colleagues, always going above and beyond to ensure the smooth running of our school. Her unwavering commitment and warm presence will be deeply missed by all. We are planning a special farewell to celebrate Mrs Garbett's remarkable contribution to our school. Details of the event will be shared soon and we invite all members of our school community to join us in expressing our gratitude and best wishes to Mrs Garbett as she embarks on this well-deserved new chapter. Please join us in thanking Mrs Garbett for her exceptional service and wishing her a happy and fulfilling retirement.

The Importance of a Strong Communication Policy

As always, we encourage open dialogue. If you ever have a concern, question, or idea, please don't hesitate to get in touch using the appropriate channels outlined in our policy. By continuing to work together with mutual respect and understanding, we can ensure Willow Green remains a supportive and thriving environment for every child.

PARENT- SCHOOL COMMUNICATION POLICY

If you have any questions or need to speak to a staff member, please follow the steps below. This ensures your concern is addressed promptly and effectively.

STEP 1: Speak to Class Teacher

If your query is about any of the below, your first port of call is your child's class teacher. Initially, speak with them at the start or end of the day, but more detailed meetings as necessary can be arranged typically within 48 hours.

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| + Progress | + Friendships |
| + Transition | + Concerns |
| + Medical | + SEND adaptations |
| + Class work | + Missed sessions |
| + Dietary updates | + Behaviour |

STEP 2: Contact a Senior Leader

If you have spoken with your child's teacher and you feel the issue remains, please speak to the appropriate Senior Leader, via contacting the office typically the SLT member will contact you for a follow up discussion or meeting within 48 hours:

- + EYFS: Miss Williams
- + Y1 - 6: Miss Walker
- + SENDCO: Miss Boon

STEP 3: Speak to the Head of Academy

If you have spoken with a member of SLT and you feel the issue has not been resolved, please speak to Mr Rollin (Head of Academy).

STEP 4: Escalate to the Chair of AAB

You can escalate to the Chair of the AAB if you are unhappy with the outcome of a concern you have made and you feel the Academy has not dealt with it.

PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL SHOULD YOU WISH TO SPEAK TO THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM

- + Issues within the family that may affect your child's education, for example: housing, separation, social care
- + Attendance issues
- + Safeguarding concerns or queries
- + Circumstances that affect your child's well-being

THE SAFEGUARDING TEAM AT WILLOW GREEN

- + Miss Walker (DSL)
- + Ms Rhodes (DDSL)
- + Mr Rollin (DDSL)
- + Ms Iveson (DDSL)

Contact the School Office for:

- + Reporting absence (this should be done at the earliest point possible)
- + Change of personal details (such as address, phone numbers, passwords)
- + Queries regarding online payment systems
- + Reprint of any hard copies of correspondence
- + Special leave form (planned absence)
- + Change to collection arrangements

ATTENDANCE

Reception:	95%
Year 1:	93%
Year 2:	98%
Year 3:	97%
Year 4:	99%
Year 5:	96%
Year 6:	96%

STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception	Brayden
Year 1:	Alyssia
Year 2:	Ned
Year 3:	Jack
Year 4:	Archie PP
Year 5:	Jacob
Year 6:	Whole Class!

KEY DATES

23.05.25: EYFS - Bee Celebrations
23.05.25: Last day of school for Summer 1
02.06.25: School re-opens for Summer 2
26.06.25: Summer Fayre