

Willow Green Academy

Dear Parents and Carers,
 We are now at the end of Week 2 and we have so much to celebrate in terms of our return to school. We have talked a great deal about the new procedures and how well everyone has adapted to them. However, that is only a small part of what is happening in school. The children have settled well into their learning routines and we are definitely seeing an improvement in their resilience and focus in lessons. As you will see below, there have been some really exciting things happening in classrooms and we are really proud of the learning that is taking place across the academy. Have a great weekend and thank you for your continued support.
Mr Parkinson.

Safety Procedures

The children in school continue to make me proud with the way in which they are conducting themselves around school. My thanks also extend to parents, carers and family members coming on site at the start and end of the day and your patience, and cooperation with our safety procedures. Please do be mindful of the following:

- Only one adult to drop off/collect children attending school
- Please maintain a safe distance from others whilst on the school site.

Testing for symptomatic children and young people.

It is very important that **only** children and young people with Covid-19 symptoms attend for a test. These are:

- **A high temperature over 37.8 degrees**
- **A continuous cough**
- **Loss of smell or taste**

If you have any questions please contact info@willowgreen.org.uk

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 21st September**
 Last day to hand in Flu vaccination forms
- Tuesday 13th October**
 INSET Day. School closed for pupils
- Tuesday 20th October**
 Flu vaccinations taking place at school

Golden Awards	
Year 1	Isabelle
Year 2	Oliver / Bailey
Year 3	Angelica
Year 4	Riley B
Year 5	Evie
Year 6	Aaron

Attendance and Lates – Our Attendance Target for the year is 97%

This week: 95.3% and 8 late. Year to date: 96.8%.

Reception 94.7%, 1 late	Year 1 96.4%, 0 late	Year 2 99.2%, 2 late	Year 3 92.3%, 4 late	Year 4 94.1%, 1 late	Year 5 98.3%, 0 late	Year 6 91.9%, 0 late
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This week's Dojo points

Reception
177

Year 1
200

Year 2
128

Year 3
115

Year 4
189

Year 5
130

Year 6
176

EYFS

We have had a fantastic week in our Reception Class, we have all settled in really well and have been busy exploring our new class room. Our book this week is Elmer and we have been making our own collage Elmer Elephants, they are so colourful and bright. All of our Reception children received a certificate this week, for having a fantastic first full week in school. Well Done to everyone!



Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been working super hard to create a story map of the traditional tale, Jack and The Beanstalk. We have begun to rehearse it and will ebb and flow our learning with Talk for Writing games next week. In Maths we have been counting forwards and backwards to 10. We have worked super hard this week and are increasing our confidence and independence in provision, trying challenges independently! In Science we planted beans and now we must wait for them to grow!



Year 2

It has been a very busy week in year two! We have been working on counting backwards and place value in maths. We had a really exciting P.E lesson on Wednesday with Elite, have started our new science topic learning about animals and their habitats and found out about the countries and capital cities of the UK! In English, we have been using adjectives to describe characters and have discovered some new vocabulary, such as bulbous, gnarled and timeworn! Check out Class Dojo to see some of our amazing celebrations this week!

Year 3

This week we have had a fantastic introduction to Science and French. In Science we have been learning about plants. We learnt all about the parts of the plants and their functions. We have lots of investigations coming up this half term such as; What do plants need in order to grow? How does water move around the plant? What happens if a plant doesn't have everything it needs to grow? In French with Mrs Moreton, we have been learning numbers – We have absolutely loved it and we can't wait for our lessons every Thursday afternoon. Well done for another great week Year 3. 😊

Year 4

We've had a wonderful second week in Year 4. The children have settled in well and are back in the mindset of working hard and learning. We have been working on Place Value in maths to understand the value of each digit in a number, what it represents and how it can be manipulated. In writing, we have been writing about a dragon coming to visit a boy in his castle, the children were given an image and then used their imaginations to create their own story. In reading, we have been working on our retrieval skills and found out lots of information about Greta Thunberg and climate change. We've looked at our local area in science to think about all the living things around us, we listed characteristics of different organisms and used the information to create classification models in the form of Venn Diagrams. In computing we have started the term by thinking about the internet and e-safety, as you can imagine the class already know lots about the internet, online gaming and social media but it was very impressive that they know how to be safe online, something we will continue to focus on this half term.

Year 5

We have had a busy week in Year 5. We have learnt about Queen Victoria and why she was such a popular royal. Did you know she introduced the Easter egg? We have also started our topic in science and conducted our first experiment, which was observing the changes in materials. On top of this, we have started our new lesson outside with Forest Schools, where children built a shelter from a parachute!

Year 6

This week, we have been building upon our great start to maths by comparing and ordering numbers. We have also been working hard on our arithmetic and times tables, looking at the 6 times tables but using this to help with 0.6, 60 and 600 facts too. In reading we have loved the start of our class book, 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' and hope to find out where Bruno and his family are moving to. In science, we investigated light and measured the length of shadows based on where a light source was placed.

Safeguarding

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 his absence, you should contact Mr C Parkinson or Mrs J Haigh. They can all 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.educateagainsgate.com