



Merry Christmas And Happy New Year

Head of Academy's Message

Whole School Attendance: 92%

This Week's Number of Children with 100% is 162

YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
179 DAYS 94%	183 DAYS 96%	175 DAYS 92%	More than 18 days absence less than 90%	179 DAYS 94%	More than 18 days absence less than 90%
Less chance of success	Off to a flying start	Harder to make progress	Persistent Absentee (that has on your child)	Less chance of success	Persistent Absentee (that has on your child)
95%	96%	91%	88%	95%	87%

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we bring this year to a close, I would just like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to a fantastic and successful year here at Willow Green Academy. 2023 has seen some wonderful achievements for the school, including our superb learning outcomes and an extremely positive Ofsted Inspection. We are also really proud of the developments in our curriculum, our outdoor learning spaces and the extra-curricular opportunities we have been able to provide for our pupils.

As we look forward to 2024, we have so many exciting things planned as we continue to develop and improve at Willow Green. Of course, all of these amazing things don't just happen by chance. Therefore, I would like to take the opportunity to thank the amazing staff at Willow Green for all of their hard work and dedication over the year - they have all certainly earned a wonderful Christmas break. I would also like to say a big thank you to all of the parents and carers for their support and commitment - the strong and special parent partnerships we have here at Willow Green are real assets for our school and our pupils.

Preparations for 2024

In readiness for the Spring term, I will be outlining our key policies and procedures. Please can parents take note of these so that we have consistency across the Academy when we return in 2024.

It has been a very long and exciting term and the children have worked incredibly hard - they certainly deserve a holiday. Well done to everyone. I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

I look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Mr Parkinson

Willow Green Children of Achievement Autumn 2 2023

Year 1

Koby

Year 2

Dexter

Year 3

Isla T

Year 4

Jacob

Year 5

Hannah

Year 6

Faye



EYFS

Weekly Attendance: 93%

FS1 Star: Ella FS2 Star: Alyssia

Makaton Signer: FS1: Freya FS2: Ella

In the last week of term, we have really enjoyed making salt dough decorations for our families to admire. We discussed the properties of the shapes we created- how many sides and corners- as well as the colours and adjectives to describe the sequins we chose. We have had a very fun filled day yesterday at our Christmas party, we ate lots of yummy food our grown ups had donated (thank you for your generous donations) and we played party games and did lots of dancing! In Maths, FS2 have recapped subitising up to 10, orally communicating the number sentences for physical situations they see and practising our one-to-one correspondence (making sure we count one item at a time). FS1 have recapped repeating patterns and made their own Christmas decorations using this technique!

Year 1

Weekly Attendance: 95%

Year One, have had a wonderful Christmas week. We have baked and decorated gingerbread Christmas trees, made beautiful Christmas cards using our printing skills, gobbled up all our Christmas dinner and had a wonderful time at the Christmas party! And, despite all the Christmas fun we have still managed to practise our subtraction skills in maths, write character descriptions of Santa and most importantly learn how to make free moving and fixed axles ready to design our own moving vehicles after the holidays! It turns out moving axles seem to be much stronger than fixed axles when you are using cardboard and wooden wheels! Stay tuned for the big race of 2024 to see which car wins the final race!



Year 2

Weekly Attendance: 96%

Our final week before Santa comes!

This week we completed our learning around the Great Fire of London and as a final treat, we had a special visit from the fire station. They told us all about the fire-proof clothing they wear, the equipment they use and how to stay safe if there is a fire. We even got to go in the fire engine! We also completed a science experiment, investigating which material was the most effective at stopping an ice cube from melting.



Year 3

Weekly Attendance: 91%

What a way to finish our Christmas half term. In English we have completed our hot writes for our overcoming the monster tale. Some brilliant reading for me this time, I've enjoyed every one of them. In maths we have finished the first part of our multiplication and division topic. I can tell Year 3 are taking this topic seriously and are relentlessly practising their timestables on TTRS, keep it up guys! In DT we built models of Iron Age round houses using hidden joints and buttresses. It wasn't easy but everyone gave it their maximum effort and they turned out great. Even though we have been winding down for Christmas, the effort from Year 3 this week has been great. I hope you all have a lovely and restful Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all back in 2024!!

Online Safety Weekly update for parents and carers

This week: CEOP Home Safety activities

Useful videos around: Social media, Online gaming, sharing information
Please scan the code to find useful support and advice for helping children use technology: **CEOP website**





Year 4

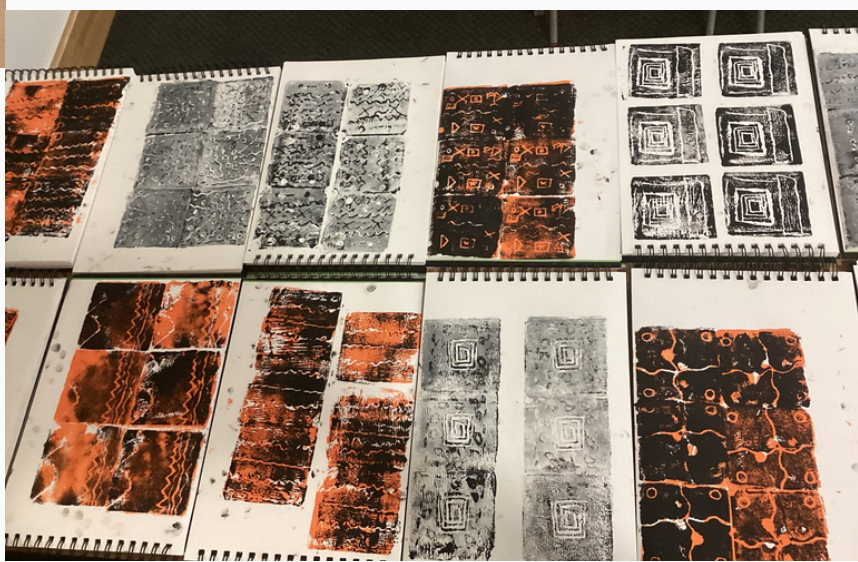
Weekly Attendance: 88%

What a fantastic, final week of the term Year 4 have had! We've completed our newspaper recounts of Year 4's trip to Jorvik Viking centre, completed our first unit of multiplication and division in maths and written book reviews on Iron Man! In art we learnt how to carry out research, focusing on Viking gods and goddesses, to aid our sculpture design. We then created our armatures and made them 3-D self-supporting structures using mod-roc which we then painted in a colour that reflects the different god and goddess. It has been great fun this week as we embraced Christmas, the class have adopted a penguin which we have named 'Siggy' after our favourite book character Siggy the Viking, had their Christmas party with all the party games (Christmas themed of course) and a movie to finish the week off! Have a wonderful Christmas Year 4, you have most definitely earned the rest!

Year 5

Weekly Attendance: 95%

In our last week of the Autumn term, Year 5 continued with boundless energy and enthusiasm. Our focus on Roman art projects was a highlight as we learned the intricate art of Poly block printing and mastered sewing techniques to add beads, culminating in impressive creations. In writing, our independent portal stories shone brightly, marking the completion of our writing unit. The end of our fractions unit in math was a significant achievement, reflecting our dedication and progress throughout this learning journey. Additionally, the thrilling conclusion of our book club text left us captivated until the very end. I'm incredibly proud of Year 5 for their hard work and determination throughout this term. To all our children and families, I wish a joyful festive season and a happy New Year ahead!



Year 6

Weekly Attendance: 87%

In writing class this week, the focus has been on creating atmosphere through detailed descriptions of settings and characters. Students have honed their descriptive writing skills by painting vivid pictures of environments and individuals, emphasising the impact of sensory details and evocative language. Through various writing exercises, they learned how to set the tone and mood within a narrative, fostering a deeper connection between readers and the fictional worlds they create. In mathematics, the week has involved exploring geometric concepts, specifically working with angles on a straight line and around a point. Students have tackled problems and engaged in activities that enhance their understanding of angle measurements, both in linear and circular contexts. This mathematical exploration contributes to their spatial reasoning skills and lays a foundation for more advanced geometry concepts. The school week concluded with a festive celebration during the Christmas party, where students had the opportunity to join in team games with their peers from Year 5. The festivities not only provided a joyful break from routine but also fostered a sense of teamwork among students, creating lasting memories and promoting a positive school community.



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.