



Head of Academy's Message

Whole School Attendance: 96%

🏆 This Week's Number of Children with 100% is 180 🏆

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

We began this week with our ASPIRE assembly linked to Internet Safety. The children talked about the fundamentals of keeping themselves and others safe while using the internet and social media. They impressed me with how they could relate these skills to our ASPIRE strands of Safety, Responsibility and Independence – it is wonderful to hear them talk in such a confident and mature way about these things.

NSPCC Number Day

What fantastic news! Raising £177.50 for the NSPCC Number Day is a wonderful achievement. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, makes a difference in supporting such a worthy cause. Congratulations to everyone involved for their hard work and dedication. It's heart-warming to see such generosity and community spirit in action.

Safer Internet Day

Children have been thinking about internet safety this week and completing activities which have helped them to embed their understanding and skills around keeping themselves safe. There has also been a huge focus on the benefits of the internet as this is something that can be overlooked during internet safety week. The message we want to give our pupils is that the internet is a wonderful tool, provided we use it correctly. As always, there is a QR link for parents on our newsletter. If you would like more information to help you as parents to support your children in keeping safe online then lots of tips can be found at : <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers> .

I hope you have a safe and restful half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 20th February**.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mr Parkinson
Head of Academy

Willow Green Children of Achievement Spring 1 2024

Year 1
Isaac

Year 2
Ethan

Year 3
Lyla

Year 4
Rosie

Year 5
Skyla

Year 6
Sophie



EYFS

Weekly Attendance: 94%

FS1 CoA: George FS2 CoA: Ivy

In EY, we have had a super creative week making Valentine's hearts out of card and discussing which piece is the shortest and longest and discussing what colours we would like to use to plan it before we make it. To celebrate Chinese New Year, we have been making some spring rolls and learning about the biggest holiday in Asian culture. We learned that there are many traditions such as wearing red which came from a legend about a monster. We know that red envelopes are sometimes given out which is a symbol of good luck. Within the unit, we have explored sizes such as biggest and smallest and compared the two and found objects within the provision to show this. We have enjoyed innovating our stories and writing/drawing our own ideas of what we would like to happen next.

Year 1

Weekly Attendance: 95%

This week, Year One have been completing their learning journey about animals, food and dinosaurs! We started by bringing together all our learning about healthy eating to create our own delicious fruit salads. We learnt to cut safely and chose the appropriate equipment to prepare and mix our salads. Then, we became mini palaeontologists as we used our knowledge of dinosaurs to inspect fossils and identify which dinosaurs they had come from. We found fossils of claws, teeth, skulls, and plates which all helped us to look for specific features. In our groups, we identified a stegosaurus, a triceratops, a diplodocus, and the mighty T- Rex! After this, we asked the all-important question, would you like a dinosaur's life? The vote was split some of us are very brave and feel we could survive in the wild, but some feel our homes are safe and that's a much better option!



Year 2

Weekly Attendance: 97%

The final week has flown by! The class have been getting crafty in their weaving project, using the paper plates they designed as a base and threading coloured wool. In writing, we completed our Peter Pan innovate stories. In Maths, we looked at money and how to calculate change. We are very much looking forward to our trip to Pontefract Castle on Friday!



Year 3

Weekly Attendance: 95%

A great end to the half term this week! We've completed our hot writes about different portals. I've had great fun reading through them all. In history, we have written a diary entry as if we were a Victorian miner. In science, we discussed the harmful effects of the sun and which materials reflect light. Finally, in DT, we have designed a helmet with electrical circuits which a miner could use to help him see in the dark. It's been very busy and Year 3 have definitely earned their week off!

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: 95%

What a brilliant last week to the half term! We've completed our science unit looking at states of matter and the water cycle and not one but two units of Geography, plus the eagerly anticipated day of snow! In writing, we have been busy editing and improving our warning stories ready for them to be published in our class book. In maths, we have finished our unit looking at multiplication and division and we are excited to start our next unit looking at length and perimeter. Year 4 have had lots of fun this week, learning numbers 10 to ten in mandarin, learning to write their names in Chinese and making their very own Chinese New Year Dragons in celebration of the Chinese New Year this week!

Year 5

Weekly Attendance: 97%

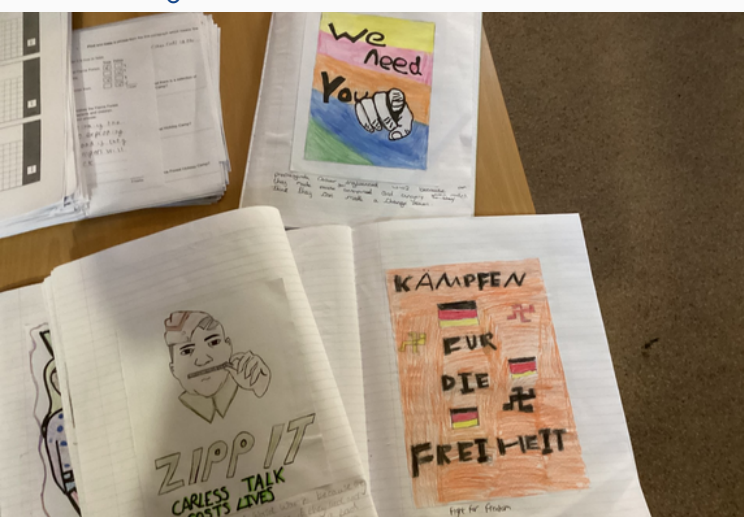
In Year 5, our journey through Earth and Space reached a thrilling conclusion with a visit to the Space Centre. Immersed in various exhibits, we delighted in expanding our understanding and exploring different aspects of space science. However, the highlight of our excursion was undoubtedly the mesmerizing experience of the Planetarium, where we were transported on a breathtaking journey through the cosmos, leaving us inspired and awestruck. Additionally, we wrapped up our unit on instructional writing, meticulously crafting and publishing our final pieces. In maths, we tackled the complexities of multiplying fractions, making significant strides in our understanding. Furthermore, our reading sessions saw remarkable progress as we honed our prediction skills. It's been an incredible half term for Year 5, and as we embark on a well-deserved break, we reflect on the enriching experiences and look forward to more exciting adventures in the future!



Year 6

Weekly Attendance: 98%

In writing this week, students have focused on crafting newspaper reports, honing their skills in formal and informative writing. By applying the principles of journalism, they've learned to structure their reports effectively, presenting information in a clear and engaging manner. This exercise not only enhances their writing abilities but also emphasises the importance of accurate and concise communication. In history, the exploration into the origins of World War II has provided students with a deeper understanding of the complex factors that led to the conflict. Additionally, they've delved into the impact of propaganda posters and how these visual tools were used to influence public opinion during the war. This study not only enriches their historical knowledge but also develops critical thinking skills as they analyse the role of media in shaping perspectives. In maths, students have tackled tricky coordinate questions, which likely involve a combination of algebraic and geometric concepts. These types of questions often require careful problem-solving and a solid understanding of coordinate geometry. Engaging with such challenges helps students strengthen their mathematical reasoning and analytical skills.



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.