

Headteacher's Newsletter 2025-26 Issue 1 14/09/25



Welcome back to school

What a fantastic and positive start we've had to the year! The children have settled in beautifully and we are looking forward to a fabulous year with them. A very warm welcome to our school community to our new families across the school. We have a full cohort of 30 in EYFS and 12 new starters across Years 1-3. All of these children have walked through our doors ready to embrace our ethos of 'Be Creative. Be Authentic. Be Your Best.' and have settled quickly in to their new setting. Our existing pupils have shown the kindness that we expect of our pupils and done everything they can to make them feel instantly at home. Please do get in touch with the school office if you need any information or advice.

Time Capsule

We would like to arrange for a time capsule to be buried in the school grounds to celebrate the end of our first full year in operation!

If you have any items that you would like us to include - this could be photographs, written notes or personal items that remind you of the opening year, please drop these in to the school office by Friday 3rd October. We would love for our families to contribute to this project. We may never see it opened, but I'm sure you will share my excitement about the joy and learning opportunity that this may bring in 50 or 100 years time to school children opening the capsule!



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Email Communication

Please remember that we have changed the way that we are asking parents to email class teachers. Please email admin@willowgrove.school and any emails will be forwarded on. This will help to protect our staff's wellbeing throughout the year and avoid late night / weekend emails arriving in teachers' inboxes. You are free to send emails to the admin email at any time that suits but it will only be monitored during office hours. Please also respect that school is a busy place and we cannot guarantee an instant reply - your query will be dealt with as soon as possible but it may be a few working days before you receive a reply. If your email is urgent, please call the school office on 01234 581150.

Homework Books

At Willow Grove, we do not set homework - research and evidence suggests that for young children, the impact on progress is minimal and it can cause an unnecessary stress in the family home.

However, we also know that some children enjoy the extra practice and some parents feel that they would like work that supports their child's learning available at home. A link will be sent shortly for you to purchase these at a 50% discount from rrp. Families entitled to Pupil Premium funding will have these books provided free of charge.

Save the Date...

Tuesday 30th October - we invite parents/ carers in to the classroom at the end of the school day for a presentation about the learning in your child's year group. It is important that you have this information so that you can best support your child! We look forward to seeing you all there!

Contact 01234 581150 admin@willowgrove.school www.willowgrove.school

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