

Year 3 Newsletter

September 2025



Welcome back!

To all new children and families, welcome to Willow Grove.

To all children and families who were here last year, welcome back.

It was lovely to see everyone's smiling faces walking back through the classroom door this week.

Mrs Kennedy's Whole School Reminders

Birthdays - We love to celebrate birthdays! Each child will be celebrated in a birthday assembly around the time of their special day. Please note, however, that we kindly ask families not to send in sweets, cakes, or other treats for the class. Anything sent in will be sent back home in order to be fair to all children.

Fruit Snacks and Water - Now in Year 3, Florence Price class no longer receive free fruit in school. Children can bring a piece of fruit/veg to have as a healthy snack in the morning. Please also make sure that it is only water in their named water bottles.

Email and Phone Communication - To streamline communication and protect teacher wellbeing, all emails should now be sent to our admin email address, clearly marked FAO [Teacher's Name]. These will then be forwarded on. Please don't expect an instant reply—teachers will respond when they are able, but this may sometimes take a few working days. If anything is urgent, please call or email the school office directly.

Morning Routine - Our school gates open at 8:20am, and it would be fantastic to see all children arriving promptly at this time. Morning challenges run from 8:20–8:30am, and assemblies will begin promptly after the register at 8:30am. From next week, EYFS and Y1 will continue with this routine and Y2 and Y3 can be dropped at the gate where staff will be on duty to support. Parents continue to be invited in to classrooms on a Monday morning to read with their child. This will start on Monday 8th September for Years 1-3.

Be Creative - Be Authentic - Be Your Best



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Collection Arrangements - Parents / carers should continue to collect from classroom doors at home time. For safeguarding, please ensure that anyone collecting your child is on your pickup list with the school office. Alternatively, they must know the agreed password and we must be aware of who is collecting. Without this information, teachers cannot release children and will need to contact you for confirmation.

Autumn 1 Topic Overview

Art and Design - Gestural Drawing with Charcoal

Computing - Connecting Computers

Geography - Spatial Sense

History - The Stone Age to The Iron Age

PSHE - How can we be a good friend?

PE - Handball and Fitness

RE - What kind of world did Jesus want?

Science - The Human Body



Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots

New children will receive their login details for these platforms this week. Children who already have a log in can continue to use that one.

Even though we don't formally set homework, we do ask children to practice their times tables and number bonds regularly at home to support the work that we do in school. We remind the children that a little bit every day is better than doing lots on one day!

Things to Remember

PE Days - Tuesday and Friday. Please make sure children attend school wearing their PE kits. PE lessons will begin the week beginning 8th of September.

Outdoor Learning - Wednesday afternoon. If you are able to, please bring in a pair of wellies for your child to wear during these sessions. We will plan to still go outside in the more undesirable weather.

Library - The children will visit the library every Friday morning. They have already chosen a book to kick start their reading again and we will change it every Friday starting net week, Friday 12th September.

Reading Books - Children will be allocated a phonics/reading comprehension group as of next week. Children in a phonics group will bring home books that link to their group and children in reading comprehension groups will bring home a book from the class reading corner.

Coats - With the weather becoming colder and more unreliable, please start sending children in with a coat to wear. They will still go out for break and lunchtime when it is cold or slightly drizzling and we don't want children to be inappropriately dressed for the weather.

