

# Headteacher's Newsletter 2025-26 Issue 8 16/11/25



## School Councillors

Our school council elections are complete and we are proud to announce our new councillors. As we had a bit of a false start with this last year, we felt that last year's councillors should also remain in post this year (usually we will re-elect each year) but we did also give the opportunity for some new councillors to join! The children are delighted to have been voted in by their peers and all gave excellent speeches.

We know that there will be a lot of disappointed children but this is an important lesson in democracy and British Values. We will be looking at other leadership opportunities within school and welcome any ideas from parents if you have suggestions about this - please email us at [admin@willowgrove.school](mailto:admin@willowgrove.school).



## Initial Ideas from School Council:

The School Council would like to support a charity through the year.

They would like to make more sports clubs available as part of our extra-curricular offer.

They would like to ask their classmates about their opinions for how we could make school even better!

Great ideas from their first meeting!

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## Road Safety Week 2025

We are learning about Road Safety in school this week. Whilst the children will learn about crossing the road safely and buckling up when travelling in a vehicle, please can I remind parents about keeping their vehicles safe:

### What is a safe vehicle?

Safe vehicles are designed to prevent road crashes and protect people inside and outside the vehicle if a crash does happen

### Safe vehicles...

- Prevent crashes - Automated driver assistance systems keep vehicles in the right lane and below speed limits, detect hazards and brake in an emergency.
- Protect people inside and outside the vehicle - Seatbelts, airbags and 'forgiving' vehicle parts protect people inside and outside the vehicle in a crash. Vehicles must pass stringent crash tests.
- Manage driver safety - Vehicle technology detects unsafe driving behaviour (e.g. due to tiredness) and informs authorities.
- Are roadworthy - Vehicles are maintained to the highest standards and drivers carry out checks before every journey.
- Record crashes - Event data recorders record what happens in a crash and notify emergency services immediately.

Safe vehicles are an important part of the safe systems approach to road safety - a shared approach to prevent death and serious injury from road crashes.

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