



# Willow Grove Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

*We will enjoy learning  
and have fun together!*



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We have had another busy week in school this week. The children have been celebrating Chinese new year, with 2025 being the year of the Snake. The children have enjoyed lots of activities relating to Chinese culture, they have also experienced tasting Chinese food, which was a new and interesting experience for some of our pupils. In addition to this, the children have created some fantastic Chinese art work, including a cherry blossom tree, everyone in school added a blossom to the branches of the tree creating a colourful and collaborative piece. Thank you to Miss Frost for organising the activities this week.

We are pleased to inform you all that we have invested a significant amount of school funds into the purchase of a new set of laptops and a second, class set of iPads, for the children to use in school. We have also purchased an iPad charging trolley to ensure that all of the devices can be charged quickly and safely so that they are ready for the children to use in their learning, as and when needed. In an ever changing world, which relies heavily on technology, it is important that our children are able to use the internet and technology, safely and with supervision, to enhance their education. Thank you to Miss Smith for setting up all of the new ICT equipment up for the children.

Next week, you will receive a link, via your 'phone or email address, inviting you to join Class DoJo. Please follow the simple instructions on the link to quickly set yourself up on DoJo, this will mean that you will receive helpful information from the staff team to share information about your child's class and about general school life. DoJo is a great place to get to know more about what is going on at school. We hope that you will all join us!

Gong hei fat choy (wishing you happiness and prosperity) to all of our school community.

*Miss Glover*

**Happy birthday to Mrs Watson and Mr Whelan!**



### Dates for your diary

3rd-9th February-Children's Mental Health Week.

14th February-Non uniform day

17th-21st February-Half term week.

3rd March-Animals Take Over, visit to school for children.

5th March-School photograph day, photographer visiting school for individual photographs.



Next week the children will be learning more about their own emotions and how to embrace self-awareness.

The focus of Children's Mental Health Week is "Know yourself, Grow yourself."

You can find out more at [childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk](http://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk)



*"Learning is a treasure that will follow  
its owner everywhere"*  
**Chinese Proverb**

**Thank you to all of the parents who have warmly welcomed me to Willow Grove, chatted to me over the past few weeks and attended the "meet and greet event" last week.**

**I will be holding another one after half term!**

# 新年快樂

Happy Chinese New Year

# 2025

YEAR OF THE  
SNAKE



The cherry blossom tree created by our school community. The children loved working together to create this colourful tree, to show that the coming of spring promises new life, the blooming of the cherry blossoms brings a sense of vitality and vibrancy.

If you are born in the year of the Snake (years 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013 and 2025) in Chinese culture, you will be associated with intelligence, resilience and love.

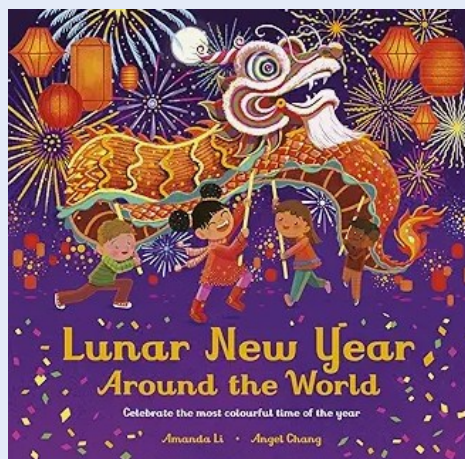
Dragons in Chinese culture symbolise great power, good luck, health and strength. Below you can see our Chinese dragon which is made using the outline of the hands of children and staff at Willow Grove.



## Miss Glover recommends...

If you would like to find out more about different cultures, books are a great starting point to give you insights and information into the traditions of other cultures.

**This book is a great starting point to find out all about Lunar New Year and how it is celebrated in different communities across the world!**



This book is the perfect introduction for younger children to Lunar New Year celebrations. The most colourful time of the year is celebrated in communities around the world and you can now discover how it's celebrated through the eyes of the children who live there.

Meet families in China, Vietnam, Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia, as well as in bustling cities like San Francisco, London, Sydney and Toronto and join them in their celebrations at home and on the streets in parades, lantern festivals and in temples. Packed with fascinating facts, young readers will love finding out all about different Lunar New Year traditions in this illustrated picture book.

**Willow Grove  
is a reading school!**