



# Willow Grove Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter

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**Newsletter 01**  
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*We will enjoy learning  
and have fun together!*

I am delighted to welcome you to our first weekly Willow Grove newsletter and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Headteacher. It is a great privilege to join such a vibrant and welcoming school community. I look forward to working closely with you all to ensure that every child's time here is filled with exciting opportunities.

It was lovely to meet some parents and carers during the fantastic Community Christmas event which was held at school in December. I have also arranged a "meet and greet" at St. Luke's Church at 11.00am on Tuesday the 28th of January, it would be fantastic to meet some more of you in person so that you can ask questions and have an informal chat. I will be arranging more events over the course of the term, and will share the details of these on future newsletters.

I would also like to take a moment to address the recent bad weather and the school closure on Thursday and Friday. I apologise for any disruption and inconvenience that this may have caused. We understand how challenging school closures can be for families, particularly when they are at short notice. However, we must do everything we can to ensure the safety of our children and staff. Hopefully we can look forward to some warmer temperatures as we move through January. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming weeks and months. Together, we will ensure that Willow Grove continues to be a wonderful place for our children to learn and grow.

*Miss Glover*

**Happy birthday to Roman!**



### Dates for your diary

11th-18th January-Extra Flu Vaccines, please see details on the next page.

21st January-CAMHS process and Q&A. 11am at St.Lukes Church with Mrs Latham. Flyer to follow.

28th January-Meet and Greet with Miss Glover, 11.am at St.Lukes Church.

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

17th-21st February-Half term week



### Flood Appeal

Over the Christmas holidays, some of our families were significantly impacted by local floods. If you have any items that you would like to donate, household items/unwanted Christmas gifts please contact Mrs Latham.

*Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.'*

*Malcom X*

If you would like to purchase any new items of school uniform, we have stock available at school. Please contact Mrs Green at the school office.

This year, children's Mental Health Week will take place from 3rd-9th of February 2025.

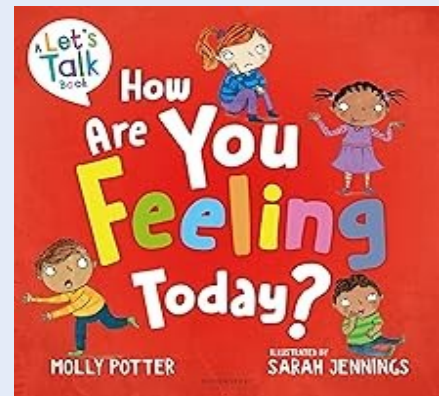
Place2Be launched the first-ever Children's Mental Health Week in back in 2015 to empower, equip and give a voice to every child in the UK.

Children and staff at Willow Grove will be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week and the theme for 2025 its focus is Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.

The aim is to equip and empower children and young people across the UK to embrace self-awareness and explore what it means to them. We want children and young people to discover how getting to know who they are can help them build resilience, grow and develop. Children will be taking part in some activities at school and nearer the time we will put some activities on Purple Mash for you to work on with your children at home, if you would like to get involved.



### Miss Glover recommends...



*How Are You Feeling Today?* is packed with fun, imaginative ways to help children understand and cope with a whole range of different emotions.

This book explores 12 common emotions, including happy, angry, excited, bored and embarrassed, and offers ideas for what children could do when they feel this way.

There is also a notes section at the back of the book for parents and carers explaining more about emotional literacy, and a Feelings Tracker for children to map out their emotions.

**Willow Grove  
is a reading school!**

## **EXTRA FLU VACCINE CLINICS for school aged children**

**NHS**  
Greater Manchester

- Children in reception to year 11
- Locations across Greater Manchester
- 11 - 18 January 2025



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