

WEEKLY NEWS

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2026

EVERGREEN EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

We have had the most fabulous but busy half term at Willoughby Road! Pupils across the academy have enjoyed: a residential visit to Rand Farm; visitors from the Carbon Monoxide Safety team; a visit to Eden Camp; witnessing the transformation of caterpillars into butterflies; The Big Sing; design competitions and so much more!

Alongside wonderful learning opportunities, so many pupils have demonstrated that they can make consistent 'Green Choices' and this week, they were rewarded with an Easter Extravaganza for our Evergreen Reward! Over 200 Easter Eggs were hidden around the academy site for pupils to find. A big well done to all of our Evergreen pupils!



HAPPY
Easter

Spotlight on... Attendance

A big well done to every pupil who received awards and prizes on Thursday for having great attendance, punctuality or improvement! Keep up the great work - there are more attendance competitions coming next half term

Attendance Champions

Year 2 - 96.9%
Year 3 - 96.0%
Nursery - 95.0%
Year 4 - 93.4%
Year 1 - 92.4%
Year 6 - 90.3%
Year 5 - 88.4%
Reception - 86.2%

Sneak Peek in the Classroom



There has been lots of exciting learning in our classrooms this week!

Reception

Reception have loved focusing on Easter this week! They have learnt all about Easter and the Easter story. The children have had fun creating their own Easter egg collages and were especially excited to take part in the Evergreen reward—an Easter egg hunt, which they thoroughly enjoyed.



Year 3 and Year 4

Year 3 and 4 had a fascinating lesson this week about how seeds are dispersed. We found out that this can happen in many different ways: water and wind can carry the seeds to other places, seeds might just fall and grow where they land, animals might eat them and then deposit them somewhere else.

We have also finished learning about the Easter story, and now know why we enjoy hot cross buns and Easter eggs.



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Year 1 and Year 2

What an amazing half term year 1 and 2 have had! We are so impressed with all the green choices the children have made this half term.

This week the children have been completing their assessments in their afternoon subjects. In geography, the children became tour guides for Mexico explaining to others what they should visit in Mexico and why! In art they completed their final art piece on printed bunting.

Year 5

Year 5 have worked practically this week with science and design and technology challenges.

We have all created a pulley system which successfully hoisted cotton bobbins from the floor to classroom tables.

We have also enjoyed drawing labelled diagrams of the designs to accompany this work.

We have all worked especially hard this short week and are looking forward to an evergreen Easter treat.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 had an unforgettable visit to Eden Camp, where they stepped back in time to learn about life during World War II. The children explored a range of immersive huts, each telling a different story—from life on the home front to the experiences of soldiers during the war. They showed great curiosity, asked thoughtful questions, and demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout the trip. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring their history learning to life, and the children represented the school brilliantly!



SAVE THE DATE

Monday 20th April

INSET Day - School Closed to pupils

Tuesday 21st April

School reopens for pupils

Wednesday 22nd April

EYFS Stay and Read

Y6 Managing Emotions Workshop (WMIM)

Y6 Boosters 3:15pm - 3:45pm

Thursday 23rd April

Reception Class - Hearing and Vision Screening

Friday 24th April

Celebration Assembly at 2:40pm

Monday 27th April

Chicks arrive in Reception!

Wednesday 29th April

Y1/2 Stay and Read

Y6 Boosters 3:15pm - 3:45pm

Friday 1st May

Celebration Assembly at 2:40pm

Monday 4th May

BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED

Wednesday 6th May

Y3/4 Stay and Read

Y6 Boosters 3:15pm - 3:45pm (LAST SESSION)

Monday 11th May

Y6 SATs Week: GPS

Tuesday 12th May

Y6 SATs Week: Reading

Wednesday 13th May

NO STAY AND READ FOR Y5/6 THIS WEEK

Y6 SATs Week: Maths Paper 1 and 2

Thursday 14th May

Y6 SATs Week: Maths Paper 3

Friday 15th May

Y6 SATs Reward Lunch

Wednesday 20th May

Y5/6 Stay and Read

Friday 22nd May

Y6 Booster Reward - Airkings

Last Day of Term - School Closes for Half Term

Monday 1st June

School Reopens to Pupils for Summer Term 2

Thursday 4th June

Mini Life Coaches Celebration Event

Y5/6 Keeping Safe Conference

Monday 8th June

Y1 Phonics Screening Week

Thursday 11th June

Quad Kids at Quibell Park

Monday 15th June

Ninja Run

Friday 26th June

Sports Festival and Colour Run

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THIS WEEK



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