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### World Book Day

Don't forget that tomorrow is World Book Day. We will be celebrating with lots of exciting book-related activities and invite all the children to dress up as a book character.

*Children who usually have PE on Thursdays do not need to wear PE kits, but they should wear suitable footwear.*

### Year 3 Swimming

We are pleased to be able to offer Year 3 an additional swimming session this term, increasing their total number of sessions to 7. Thank you to all parents who have already made a voluntary contribution towards this ongoing activity. If you have overlooked this, contributions can still be accepted online at [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) or cash / cheque payments can be made via the school office. The total cost is £16.45 for all 7 sessions (or £2.35 per session). Cheques to be made payable to Devon County Council. Please help us to provide this activity by continuing to support the school.

### Comic Relief

The School Council have plans to celebrate this year's Comic Relief Day by fundraising in the following ways:

-**Be an 'Odd Bod' for the day.** For a donation, children are asked to wear something odd and colourful. Remember the Comic Relief moto is:

***'Do something funny for money!'***

-**Guess how many red M&Ms.** For 20p per guess, from Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March, children will have the opportunity to guess how many red M&Ms are in a jar. The winner will be announced at the end of the week.



### Football Freestyle Workshop

Please can all children wear their PE kits to school on **Friday**, to celebrate Jamie Knight, World Class Freestyle Footballer visiting Willand School.

### Attendance

As part of Devon County Council's drive to improve school attendance, we will be sharing our attendance statistics with you for the week ending Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	89.14
1	96.28
2	96.85
3	95.85
4	94.55
5	94.03
6	96.49

The Current National figure for comparison is 94.6%



### Willand Sports News

**Cage Football Finals** - Well done to the Year 5 and 6 boys who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the football finals. We won 5

out of 6 games in a tough competition.

Our MVP was Elliot Smith for his fantastic sportsmanship and encouragement of his team.

### Late Arrivals Ordering Lunch

If your child has an early morning appointment or is running late, please always phone the school office before 9:30am to place their lunch order to avoid any disappointments.

Can we also remind you that meals must be purchased in advance at reception or online at

<https://login.schoolgateway.com> Many thanks.

*Thank you for your  
continued support  
Naomi Tottle  
Headteacher*

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## Online Safety – 'Wake Up Wednesday'

Attached are the latest top tips from the National College.  
This week's theme is ...

### 'Supporting Children Who Are Experiencing Bullying'

*This week's theme is supporting your child if they are experiencing bullying. Bullying can of course happen online as well as in person, so it links very much with our online safety curriculum. There are steps we can take as trusted adults to lend support, comfort and reassurance to children who are going through this deeply upsetting experience.*

*If your child needs support with bullying within school, then please contact their class teacher in the first instance.*

As always, if you have any questions relating to online safety, please contact Mrs Maynard (Online safety Lead)

## SEND Information...



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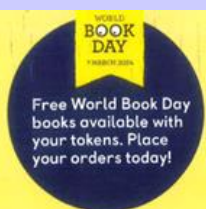
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*Please note that we are unable to check on the validity of the companies or the people running the schemes, and if those working with children have the correct police checks.*



## PTFA News...

We are very much looking forward to our used book sale on Thursday after school on World Book Day. All donated books will be sold for 50p each.

Once we have completed our World Book Day sale we will be launching our "Eggceptional" Easter egg giveaway...

Our tuck shop takes place on the 22nd of this month and will be Easter themed.

We will be holding an EGM on Friday at the school.... the meeting will start promptly at 7pm. If you have any interest in our co-treasurer role or social media and marketing role, we ask that you attend. Even if you don't want to take on a committee role the PTFA is an excellent way to get involved in fun activities for your child.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Your PTFA Team

**Kids Holiday Heroes** are back for Easter with some exciting guests and a range of brand-new activities.

New Activities: Romans Workshops ♦ Making Salt Dough ♦ Tie Dye T-Shirts ♦ Painting Story Stones ♦ Making plant pots and planting sunflowers ♦ Making Slime ♦ Slacklining ♦ Making boats out of recycled material ♦ Designing and creating friendship bracelets ♦ Science Day - making volcanoes and getting messy!

Please book using this link:

<https://bookwhen.com/kidsholidayheroes>

**Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 11th April**  
 Willand School  
 8:30am - 14:00pm  
 £25



## Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> March

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pork meatballs	Turkey Dinosaur	Gammon and pineapple	Sausages	Salmon Fingers
Vegan balls	Quorn Dippers	Cheese & Broccoli bake	Quorn sausages	Vegetarian Pizza
Spaghetti Green beans Crisps Salad Bar	Pasta/waffles Sweetcorn Tomato sauce Salad Bar	Roast/Mashed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy Salad Bar	Pasta or mash Baked beans/peas Salad Bar	Chips or Pasta Seasonal vegetables Tomato Sauce Salad Bar
Jam sponge and custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Chocolate cracknel Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Orange Jelly and mandarins Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Sticky Toffee Pudding and caramel sauce. Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Homemade Cookie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
PASTA POTS with Italian tomato sauce, cheese, beans or tuna JACKET POTATO with cheese, beans or tuna WRAPSWITH FILLINGS: Ham, Chicken or Cheese				

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# Diary

SPRING TERM 2024	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA EGM
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	PTFA Tuck Shop
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	2S Class Assembly
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Homework club finishes End of Spring Term

## EVENTS

Please see the noticeboard outside the school office for the following events:

**SENsationals Support Group** for parents with children who have additional needs. This confidential, non-judgmental group meet fortnightly on Thursday mornings between 10am-12noon at St Mary's Church Hall Willand. For further details see parent noticeboard or telephone Sam: 07890429062 or Kim 07721610785.

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SUMMER TERM 2024	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer Term Homework club starts
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	3WA Assembly
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	3P Assembly
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 KS2 SATS
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	2R Assembly
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Non-pupil day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Return to school
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Willand Welcome
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Both Reception Classes
W/C Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Dartmoor Residential week
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	1HB Assembly
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	1MP Assembly
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day /Homework Club Finishes
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports out
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Teachers available for parents
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	UKS2 Play Dress rehearsal
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	UKS2 Play
TBC	Certificate Assembly
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers Party
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Leavers' Assembly
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Summer Term

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