



## Learning for Life

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### Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to have all the children back this week and see their smiling faces in and around school.

A huge THANK YOU to you all for your patience and efforts with drop offs and pickups this week as we adjust to our new normal. I know there are some concerns about the current set up, which we are working to address. We are still tweaking the systems to improve them each day.

Please can I remind you that with so many children to get in the school gates it will really help if you can say a brief goodbye, drop and go so the paths are clear for the next class.

If you have alternative arrangements for picking up, for example due to a different parent collecting, please can you make sure that your child knows this too.

### Willand Word

Welcome to the first issue of the Willand Word for the new school year. Willand Word normally comes out every **Wednesday**. We use it to let you know what is going on in the school. It is an important method of communication and will let you know, for example, if clubs are starting or if there are any changes to planned activities. The Willand Word will be sent out electronically via the school gateway system. If you would like it emailed to another contact, please let the office know.

### P.E Information

Just a reminder that children are required to wear their P.E kit to school on the days they have P.E or sports club. Their uniform is

- P.E shirt with school logo or a plain white t-shirt.
- Black shorts.
- Black plimsolls.
- White or black socks.
- Additional sweatshirt and black leggings or tracksuit for winter.
- Trainers for Key stage 2 outside P.E.
- For safety reasons,
  - All long hair must be tied back.
  - Children who have their ears pierced should only wear plain studs and these must be covered for P.E. Please do this before your child comes to school or supply them with micropore tape for them to cover them themselves.
  - All watches, including Fitbits and other sports watches must be removed for P.E lessons.
  - Children who need glasses for P.E must have a strap to secure them in place.

### Welcome New Parents and Children

We welcome to Willand School the parents and children who have joined us at the start of this term. I hope that you will enjoy being part of the Willand School community and we look forward to getting to know you. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know through the office or speak to your child's class teacher.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Bere who are delighted to announce that they are expecting their second baby. Once arrangements have been made to cover Mrs Bere's maternity leave at the end of the autumn term we will let you know.

### Medicine Administered during the School Day

If you wish for your child to have medicine in school, including inhalers, would you please complete a Medical Form which can be downloaded from the Information Section of the website, or a copy can be obtained from the school office. We are unable to administer any medication that is not prescribed by a doctor. If your child requires medication such as antibiotics, you will need to bring this into the school office each morning and collect it from the office at the end of the day. Please provide a medicine spoon. A reminder to those parents of children whose medication is still in school from before the holidays – this may need renewing and please complete a new form for this year and bring the medicine(s) into the school office.

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### Family Support Advisor

As we welcome your children back to school this term this is a time of change for both children and parents/carers leading to a wide range of emotions for everyone.

If you would like someone to talk to please contact me via the school number, or on 07752396527 or via email [crose@willand.devon.sch.uk](mailto:crose@willand.devon.sch.uk)

Clare Rose

Family Support Advisor.

### Nuts

Please can we ask that you do not give nuts as a snack or in lunches due to some of our children having a severe nut allergy.

### Swimming Helpers

Swimming lessons for the year start again next week, and we need helpers who can come with us, no matter which class is swimming. This is on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. If you would be able to help on either or both afternoons, please contact the school office.

### SIMS Lite and other Electronic Communication

You can use the SIMs Lite app to view and change details that we hold about your child and the Parents Evening system to book parents evening appointments, reserve places for older children at after school clubs and book places at parent workshops.

We also have a school Facebook page.

If you have any questions about any of these systems, please contact the school office.

### Free fruit for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

W/C	05/09/22	12/09/22	19/09/22	26/09/22	03/10/22
Mon	Pear	Pear	Pear	Pear	Pear
Tue	Apple	Apple	Apple	Apple	Apple
Wed	Carrot	Carrot	Carrot	Carrot	Easy Peel
Thu	Banana	Banana	Banana	Banana	Banana
Fri	Tomato	Tomato	Tomato	Tomato	Carrot
W/C	10/10/22	31/10/22	07/11/22	14/11/22	21/11/22
Mon	Apple	Apple	Apple	Apple	Pear
Tues	Tomato	Tomato	Tomato	Tomato	Apple
Wed	Easy Peel	Easy Peel	Easy Peel	Easy Peel	Easy Peel
Thurs	Banana	Banana	Banana	Banana	Banana
Fri	Carrot	Carrot	Carrot	Carrot	Carrot

### SchoolGateway

You can also use the SchoolGateway system to pay for items online, for example uniform, lunches and educational visits. Register for this at <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login> and download the SchoolGateway app from the app store or Google Play.

### Spellings

This year, we are adapting the way in which we teach and test spellings in Years 2-6. Each week, the children will continue to have discrete spelling lessons to help them to learn a spelling pattern or rule. They will also be given a list of spellings to learn which mostly follow the rule or pattern. In addition they will have short lessons which focus on root words (their meanings, their history and the words in which they feature) and on vocabulary. On a Friday, there will no longer be a spelling test which tests just the words that feature on that week's spelling list. Instead, they will be given activities which asks them to retrieve previously taught words, which may also include the spellings of that week's words. This could be in the form of a quiz, a game, using picture clues or may be a more traditional test.

One of the reasons for this change is linked to research and evidence linked to memory conducted by the Education Endowment Foundation (2021). There are two types of memory: working memory and long-term memory. Information that you are given is processed through the working memory however, the working memory has a small capacity and can be easily overloaded. For learning to occur, information needs to be committed to the long-term memory. It is thought that by checking for knowledge of previously learnt content, this retrieval practice encourages pupils to strengthen their memory on key concepts or information.

Another reason for this change is linked to the children's application of their spellings in their independent writing. Often, we find that the children will learn their spellings for that week and get many or all of them correct in their test but then not apply them in their writing. This was also noted in our OFSTED report.

Please continue to support your child to learn the spellings they are given each week, as well as recapping previous week's spellings. Teachers will still be collecting a score for each week and will be able to discuss your child's progress and attainment in spelling as well as their application in writing with you at parent's evening.

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*Keep safe and keep well*  
*Anne Hawkins*  
*Headteacher*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Homemade Pasty pie with gravy Or Pork meatballs	Homemade chicken curry Naan and rice	Roast beef	Homemade Italian Bolognese	Harry Ramsdens fish
<i>Vegan Balls</i>	<i>Macaroni cheese</i>	<i>Vegan Sausage</i>	<i>Quorn chicken in mushroom sauce</i>	<i>Homemade cheese wheel</i>
Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Mixed Vegetables Salad Bar	Roast/Mash Potatoes Yorkshire Pudding Fresh Carrots Gravy Salad Bar	Spaghetti/garlic bread Green beans Salad bar	Chips or Pasta Garden Peas/Sweetcorn Tomato sauce Salad Bar
Fruit Smoothie Cheese & crackers Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Ice cream and peaches Fresh fruit Yoghurt	American pancake and ice cream Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Homemade sticky toffee pudding and caramel sauce Fresh fruit Yoghurt	Homemade vanilla shortbread Fresh fruit Yoghurt
PASTA POTS with Italian tomato sauce, cheese, beans or tuna JACKET POTATO with cheese, beans or tuna Wrap Filling Ham, Chicken or Cheese Salad Bar				

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**Safeguarding - From time to time the school may need to make referrals to Children and Young People's Services**