

Learning for Life

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House Points

A fantastic start to the year with the launch of our house point system.

This week's winners were Cornwall with 224 points!

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On Friday we held our first Willand Wonder celebration assembly, children from each class were recognised in assembly and awarded a special certificate for their exemplification of school values. It was lovely to see the different school values being demonstrated in classes this week.



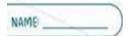
A BIG WELL DONE to Poppy in Year 6 who held the great responsibility of being a flag bearer at the Ireland V France women's

rugby match at Sandy Park last weekend. A very important and special moment for her.



School Uniform Naming

Please can we remind parents/ carers to name all coats, uniform etc to enable us to get belongings back to the



rightful owner and help prevent the piles of lost property we have growing into 'small mountains'.

Meet the Mental Health Support Team for Parents Date: Monday 29th September Time: 15:30-16:00 Location: School Come and meet the Mental Health Support Team and find out how we can support you and your children in school. Please direct any questions to: Hannah Telling (Designated Mental Health Lead)

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, 12th September 2025.

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	98.76	3	99.39
1	98.46	4	98.23
2	94.31	5	96.94
		6	95.78

The Current National figure for comparison is 95.4%

P.E Reminder

Just a reminder that 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.

Thank you for your continued support
Naomi Tottle
Headteacher

SEND Information

We would like to introduce the School Nurse Service, which offers support with:



- **-going to the toilet** or having toileting accidents (bladder and bowel
- **-healthy eating,** exercise or growth or both (including weight)
- -medical condition or worry about health
- -feelings and emotions (wellbeing and anxiety)
- **-feeling** safe or unsafe around family or friends at home or in the community
- -special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)
 -sexual health and relationships (including gender
- and identity)
- -sleep
- -smoking, alcohol or drugs (or both)
- -moving school, changes at school, or not attending school

If Parents and carer feel the team may be able to offer support, they can self-refer by emailing

<u>easternphnhub@devon.gov.uk</u> or calling PHN (Public Health Nursing) Hub. **Tel: 0333 234 1903**

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Online Safety – 'Wake Up Wednesday'

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

'Technology Attachment'

Phones and tablets have become comfort blankets for many children

Whether it's to self-soothe, seek approval or escape boredom, digital devices are taking up a bigger emotional role in young lives. Our latest #WakeUpWednesday guide looks at how tech attachment develops – and how to spot when it's becoming a problem

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With expert advice from digital wellbeing specialist Philippa Wraithmell (3), the guide shares practical ways to build healthier screen habits at home or school (4). From sleep disruption to struggles with self-esteem, it's a helpful resource for supporting children to use tech more mindfully and reconnect with the world beyond the screen.

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

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 23rd September

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

PIFA
Annual General Meeting (AGM)
Monday, 13th October
@ 6:30pm
Willand School Hall
Everyone Welcome!



Being entitled to Free School Meals, not only provides children with free school lunches but also opens doors to several

additional benefits such as:

Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF): Free access to activities during school holidays. All children registered as entitled to Free School Meals receive a HAF code, this gives access to the Holiday Activities and Food programme during each school holiday.

School Holiday Food Vouchers:

All families receive a supermarket voucher from the Free School Meals Holiday Voucher Scheme, currently £15 per child per week during each school holiday. These can be used at Tesco, Aldi, Farmfoods, M&S + more...

My child in <u>Reception</u>, <u>Year 1 and Year 2</u> gets a Universal Infant free meal anyway, do I still need to apply?

Even though all children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a Universal Infant Free Meal, this is not the same as being registered as eligible for Free School Meals. We strongly encourage all families that could be eligible, to complete the online application to secure their Free School Meal entitlement as it will be protected until the end of Year 6, it also entitles them to the benefits mentioned above.

Applying for Free School Meals is Easy!

We encourage you to apply if you think your child might qualify, *here's how:*

Online: The quickest and easiest option for faster results. https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals/

Phone: Call the Education Helpline

at 0345 155 1019.

Important Note: FSM Code. If you are awarded a Free School Meals (FSM) code, please update the school office office@willand.devon.sch.uk.

We understand that financial situations can change, so please don't hesitate to apply even if you haven't qualified in the past.

Diary ES to remember...

Thursday 25 th September	Cullompton CC Open Evening for Yr5/6 parents – 4pm-7pm	
Thursday 2 nd October	Uffculme School Open Eve for Yr5/6 parents – 6pm-8pm	
Thursday 9 th October	Parent Consultations	
Friday 17 th October	Yr 6 Dawlish Warren Visit	
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th October	Schoolastic Book Fayre	
Friday 10 th October	Family & Individual Photos	
Tuesday 14 th October	Parent Consultations	
Thursday 23 rd October	Harvest Festival	
Friday 24 th October	Non-Pupil Day	
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st October	Half Term	

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