



### Individual and Family Photographs

We would like to remind parents that the photographer will be in school tomorrow (Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September).

**If your child has PE tomorrow**, please send them in with a white polo shirt and sweatshirt so that they can wear them for their photo.

If your child has a younger sibling (not attending Willand School) and you would like a family photo taken, then please arrive from 8am. Photos will be in the school hall so entry will be via the Reception class entrance. These are family photos so are for babies and up to starting school age. Siblings currently in school will have both an individual and family photo taken during the school day.

### Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will be taking place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October. You will receive a separate email early next week with the details of how to book.

We are aware that there is a date clash with the open evening for Cullompton Community College. The clash has occurred due to a change of date at their end, they normally do this event the week before our parents evenings. Whilst this may be a frustrating inconvenience, we are unable to provide another night apart from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October to meet the Year 6 teachers. Please do remember that you can email them if you have more immediate concerns.



### Home/School Reading Diaries

The children will come home with their new reading diaries this week, alongside recording reading both at home and school there is a section at the back with useful subject support such as glossaries and maths information. These diaries should last the whole academic year.

### Year 3 Farmwise Visit

The children are very much looking forward to the Farmwise Event on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> October. We would like to thank those parents who have already shown their support. If you have overlooked this, please make a voluntary contribution of £5.09 payment online at [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) or via the school office where we can accept a cash payment.

### 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, 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	94.60	3	92.93
1	94.29	4	96.73
2	96.17	5	93.75
		6	94.35

The Current National figure for comparison is 94.2%

### Reporting Absence

Please can we ask that you report your child's absence before 8:45am via email [absence@willand.devon.sch.uk](mailto:absence@willand.devon.sch.uk), text or phone so that we can record the absence correctly and so avoid spending time sending texts, emails and calling to chase up absence reporting. Failure to do so may result in a welfare check being carried out.

*Thank you for your continued support*

*Naomi Tottle*

*Headteacher*

### SEND Information

**National Autistic Society** | Exeter and District Branch

**We're coming to Mid-Devon**

**NEW CULLOMPTON**

In-person meet-ups Dates for all Autistics Families.

No diagnosis needed

> **Oct 14th** > **Jan 13th**  
> **Nov 11th** > **Feb 10th**  
> **Dec 9th** > **Mar 10th**

**2nd Monday of Month**  
11am - 1pm

**Monthly Meet up.**  
**The Aviary,**  
**St Andrews**  
**primary School,**  
**Cullompton.**  
**EX151HZ**

Donations welcome towards drinks/ biscuits\*

Free Parking around estate, please don't park in the school car park.

\*under 18's must be accompanied, and remain responsibility of parent/ carers at all times.  
\*Donations going to schools PTFA

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## **Autism and Us' Parent Programme (Summer Term 2024)**

Sent on behalf of the Communication and Interaction Team: [Support from the Communication and Interaction Team - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

**"Support for parents/carers resident within the DCC (Devon County Council) footprint of primary or secondary aged children (5-16) who are either on the neurodiversity assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism."**

Our 'Autism & Us' programme and associated themed/topic based workshops have now been adopted as a Devon County Council Core offer, which means the long term sustainable and consistent delivery has been secured for families. They will be delivered each term of the academic year, by members of the SEND Communication & Interaction Team at Devon County Council.

We continue to offer access for parents and carers of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the neurodiversity assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis. Attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives you opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs, whilst also connecting with other parents/carers.

Full programme details and application process below:

### **Autism & Us programmes:**

4 weekly 'live online' sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:

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Summer Term 2024			
No.	Topic	Programme 1	Programme 2
1	Autism overview	Tues 24 Sept - 10 – 12	Thurs 14 Nov - 4.30 – 6.30
2	Sensory	Tues 1 Oct - 10 – 12	Thurs 21 Nov - 4.30 – 6.30
3	Communication	Tues 8 Oct - 10 – 12	Thurs 28 Nov- 4.30 – 6.30
4	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Tues 15 Oct - 10 – 12	Thurs 5 Dec - 4.30 – 6.30

**Apply direct by email to:** [educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk](mailto:educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk) to secure a place on either of the above programmes, or express your interest for forthcoming programmes.

We will confirm your booking request and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered online 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMS platform.

Additionally, we will also be offering the following very popular themed/topic based workshops, which lead on from the above programmes for themes/topics that may be a priority area for you against your child's presenting needs:


Topic	Date/Time
Introduction to DIAS (Devon Information & Advice Service + the Ambassador Volunteer Programme	Thurs 17 Oct 10-12
Autism – Sensory processing + integration	Tues 5 Nov 9.30-12.30
Autism and Girls	Wed 23 Oct 9.30 - 12
Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA	Wed 20 Nov 10 - 12
Autism – Communication (Speaking children – support strategies)	Tues 10 Dec 10-12
Autism – Managing stress + anxiety	Thurs 7 Nov 10-12
Autism – Vulnerability + online safety	Thurs 14 Nov 10-12
Autism – Communication (Non/Limited Speaking children – support strategies)	Thurs 21 Nov 10-12

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



Last Friday was the first **Comic Drawing Club** meeting, and it was so much fun! We created awesome characters using photos of leaves. Their shapes and patterns gave us great ideas for our drawings. It was all about using nature to inspire cool, creative characters and stories!

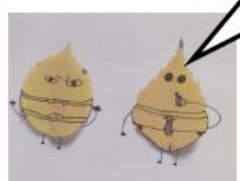


Milo from Year 2 created these funny characters!

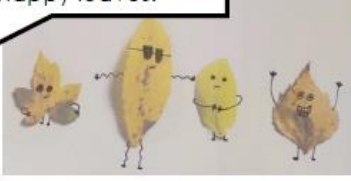


And he created us!

Meanwhile ....



Sophia from Year 6 created us six cool, happy leaves!



To be continued ....

## Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Westcountry beef burger in a plain bap	Chicken Fajitas	Roast beef	Chicken curry Naan bread and rice	Harry Ramsden's Fish
Vegetarian burger in a plain bap	Quorn Fajitas	Quorn sausage	Macaroni cheese	Homemade Cheese Wheel
Potato wedges/ pasta Baked beans/ peas Salad Bar	Rice/pasta Mixed vegetables Salad Bar	Roast/mashed Potatoes Yorkshire pudding Fresh Carrots Gravy Salad Bar	Green Beans Salad Bar Crisps	Chips / Pasta Seasonal vegetables Tomato Sauce Salad Bar
Ice cream and peaches Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Syrup sponge and custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	American Pancake and cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Strawberry jelly and fruit cocktail Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Iced Sponge Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
PASTA POTS with Italian tomato sauce or cheese JACKET POTATO with cheese, beans or tuna WRAPSWITH FILLINGS: Ham, Chicken or Cheese				

## Diary to remember...

Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual and Family Photographs
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Flu immunisations
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Uffculme School Open Evening for Yr5/6 parents – 6pm-8pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Cullompton CC Open Evening for Yr5/6 parents – 4:00pm-7pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival

### PTFA NEWS

*Hi Everyone!*

Our first event this school year will be a bake sale. This is happening on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. We are asking that the bakes will be brought into school on that Monday, which allows you the weekend to get cooking. Please can you ensure that any allergens are recorded and that the containers used are labelled so they can be returned. Please remember we are a nut free school. These will then be sold hopefully weather dependent in the park after school.

A few other dates for you to remember this term are as follows Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November is a non-uniform day in exchange for raffle prizes for our winner chicken dinner bingo Xmas event on the 8<sup>th</sup> December and lastly a favourite of the children's a disco which is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. There will be more details to follow about these events the closer they get.

Don't forget our next meeting will be our AGM which is 18<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm at the school. If anyone wishes to become part of the PTFA please email us on [willandschoolptfa@gmail.com](mailto:willandschoolptfa@gmail.com) or come along. Thank you for your ongoing support.

*Your PTFA Team*

**Willand School PTFA Bake Sale**  
**14th October 330pm**

We would love your donations of cakes for this event. Either homemade or bought baked goods accepted. Just bring them to school in the morning.

Please don't forget the school is a nut free site. Please label any home baked goods with any allergens used as it's not just nuts that affect some of our students. Don't forget to label your container so it can be returned to you.

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