

The
Willand
Learning for Life

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Parent Consultations

You will have received an email earlier this week with the details of how to book for the Parent consultations taking place on Thursday 12th October and Tuesday 17th October. The bookings system will be open from 7pm this evening. Unfortunately, Mrs Talbot will not now be available on Thursday the 12th. We will inform parents of children in 5T when a further date has been arranged.

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Make a difference, become a school governor

Being a school governor is a challenging but hugely rewarding role. It will give you the chance to make a real difference to young people, give something back to your local community and use and develop your skills in a board-level environment. You will also be joining the largest volunteer force in the country.

Willand School Governing Board are currently looking for individuals who have knowledge, skills and experience in these areas of **Human Resources, Finance and Information Technology**.

If you are willing to make a difference and are able to commit to at least eight meetings a year, please contact the clerk to governors srose@willand.devon.sch.uk for further information.

Training and a DBS check will be required for this role.

Assessments

Assessments play an important role in supporting positive outcomes for our children by giving feedback and enabling teachers to extend their knowledge, skills and achievements. With this in mind, we would like to remind parents of the importance for KS2 children to be in school for **Y6 SATS week: Monday, 13th – Friday, 17th May 2024**.

Other dates to be aware of are as follows:

-Phonics screening check

Monday, 10th – Friday, 14th June 2024

-Multiplication tables check

Monday, 3rd – Friday, 14th June 2024

Jewellery

Please can we remind you that jewellery should not be worn in school. Children who have pierced ears should only wear plain studs, which must be covered for P.E.

NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. programme

Please see attached information regarding the **NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. Programme** we are participating in this term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a child friendly programme aimed to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. It is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate assemblies and classroom based activities.

Year 3 Visit

The children are very much looking forward to their trips on the 17th (3WA) and 19th October (3P), where they will be visiting the Wildside Experience in the Blackdown Hills. We would like to thank those parents who have already shown their support but if you have overlooked this, please make a voluntary contribution of £6.12 payment online at www.schoolgateway.com or via the school office where we can accept a cash payment.

Y6 Dawlish Warren

The children in Year 6 are looking forward to the visit to Dawlish Warren tomorrow. We will be leaving school at 9.15am and returning at 3.00pm. Children should be collected from school as normal.

Children need to bring/wear: -

- Appropriate waterproof clothing as the whole day will be based outside.
- Sensible boots or shoes to wear (wellies can be brought to wear on the beach).
- Adequate home clothing to suit the weather conditions.
- a packed lunch and drink in a suitable, non-breakable container.

Road Works from Monday, 16th October

We have received notification there will be road works in Silver Street, adjacent to Willand Football Ground for approximately 7 days. There will be temporary traffic lights to enable the road to remain open but please be prepared for possible delays. This may impact on ability to park on Silver Street.

Keep safe and keep well

Anne Hawkins

Headteacher

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'Autism and Us' Parent Programme (Summer and Autumn Terms 2023)

Sent on behalf of the Communication and Interaction Team: <https://www.devon.gov.uk/education-and-families/send-local-offer/about-send-and-the-local-offer/areas-of-need/speech-language-and-communication-needs/support-from-the-communication-and-interaction-team/>

"Support for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary children who are either on the autism assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.

Our 'Autism & Us' programme delivered this academic year will once again be offered during the forthcoming Autumn term for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary school children, pre or post diagnosis. We are delighted to announce that we are offering access for families of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis. Attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives you an 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:

Autumn Term				
No.	Topic	Programme 1	Programme 2	Trainer
1	Autism overview	Thurs 14 September 10am to midday	Tues 31 October 4.30pm to 6.30pm	Paul Lamanna
2	Communication	Wed 20 September 10am to midday	Tues 7 November 4.30pm to 6.30pm	Laura O'Shea + Melissa New

Apply direct by email to:

educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk to secure a place on any 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	Trainer
Autism – vulnerability + online safety	Wed 1 November 10am to midday	Paul Lamanna
Autism and girls	Wed 8 November 9.30am to midday	Robert Good
Autism – managing stress + anxiety	Wed 15 November 10am to midday	Alison Cann
Autism – sensory processing + integration	Thurs 16 November 10am to midday	Kevin Jones
Autism – communication (pre or non-verbal – support strategies)	Wed 22 November 10am to midday	Laura Matthews
Autism – demand avoidance and pathological demand avoidance	Wed 6 December 10am to midday	Robert Good
Autism – communication (verbal – support strategies)	Tues 12 December 10am to midday	Laura O'Shea and Melissa New

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PTFA NEWS

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTFA AGM last week. It was great to see some new faces who brought some great ideas and enthusiasm!

There have been some slight changes in the committee with Hayley Hillier stepping down as chair. We would like to thank her for her hard work and are pleased to say she will be staying on the committee but taking the role of secretary.

With that in mind we welcome Laura-Jane Alford as the new chair. Laura-Jane has two children at the school and has already started planning some exciting events. Christine Tester remains as treasurer and Laura Syree stays in as grants officer. Again, we thank them for all their hard work over the last year and for agreeing to remain in the positions.

We also have a number of regular committee members who continue to work hard and are so grateful for. If you want to get involved, please contact willandschoolptfa@gmail.com.

Look out shortly for more information regarding the November disco and a little Halloween craft!

We are very excited to open bookings for our Christmas wreath making event with the very talented "Bee Happy Flowers" (please see attached flyer).

Book fast to avoid disappointment as there are limited spaces available for these sessions.

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Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 9th October

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pepperoni pizza	Italian Bolognaise	Roast Turkey with sage and onion stuffing	Sausages	Fish Fingers
Cheese pizza	Quorn chicken noodles	Cheese and Onion Pasty	Quorn sausages	Vegetarian Fingers
Potato Wedges/ Pasta Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Spaghetti Garlic bread Green beans Crisps Salad Bar	Roast/Mashed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy Salad Bar	Pasta/potato waffle Baked Beans/ Peas Salad Bar	Chips / Pasta Seasonal vegetables Tomato sauce Salad Bar
Meringue nests, peaches and cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Lemon cake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Cheese and crackers or Smoothie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Chocolate cake and chocolate 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				

AUTUMN TERM 2023

Wednesday 4 th October	Cullompton CC Open Evening for Yr5/6 parents – 4:30pm-7pm
Thursday 12 th October	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 17 th October	Parent Consultations
Friday 20 th October	Harvest Festival
Monday 23rd- Friday 27th October	Half Term
Monday 30 th October	Non-pupil day
Friday 17 th November	BBC Children in Need Day
Tuesday 21 st November	Open Afternoon for 2024 Reception intake
Tuesday 5 th December	Y1&2 Play Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 6 th December	Y1 & 2 Play 1.30 pm 5.30pm
Thursday 7 th December	Homework clubs finish
Friday 8th December	Reception Classes Christmas Celebration 9:30am
Monday 11 th December	Reception & KS1 Party
Tuesday 12 th December	KS2 Party
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 th December	End of Autumn Term

SPRING TERM 2024

Tuesday 2 nd January	Non-pupil day
Wednesday 3 rd January	Start of Spring Term
W/C Monday 8 th January	Homework club starts
Thursday 1st & Tuesday 6 th February	Parent Consultations
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	Half Term
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
TBC	Arts week
Thursday 28th 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.

Kids Holiday Heroes – School Holiday Club for children aged between 5yrs and 11yrs. 8:30am-4:00pm Monday-Friday during school holidays only. This is an independant company run by two of our teachers who will be holding the club at Willand School. For more information, please see attached flyer or parent information board.

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.

Diary

SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15 th April	Start of Summer Term Homework club starts
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th May	Year 6 KS2 SATS
Friday 24 th May	Non-pupil day
Monday 27th May – Friday 31 st May	Half Term
Monday, 3 rd – Friday, 14 th June 2024	Multiplication tables check
Monday, 10 th – Friday, 14 th June 2024	Phonics screening check
Wednesday 12 th June	Willand Welcome
W/C Monday 17 th June	Dartmoor Residential week
Tuesday 25 th June	Sports Day
Friday 28 th June	Reserve Sports Day /Homework Club Finishes
Friday 12 th July	Reports out
Monday 15 th July	Teachers available for parents
Wednesday 17 th July	UKS2 Play Dress rehearsal
Thursday 18 th July	UKS2 Play
TBC	Certificate Assembly
Monday 22 nd July	Leavers Party
Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers' Assembly
Wednesday 24 th July	End of Summer Term

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