

Parent Consultation Evenings –

Thursday 10th and Tuesday 15th October

We are looking forward to meeting parents at our consultation evenings and would like to make you aware of the following:

- Parents should enter the school via the Reception entrance doors (opposite the park gate). Please be aware that only the School drive gate will be open.
- Please do not park in the Village Hall car park, as these spaces are reserved for the organisations who have a Village Hall booking.

For those parents still to book an appointment, please log onto our booking system by clicking on the following <https://willandschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Thursday 31st October 2024 is the deadline, for Year 6 secondary school transfer in September 2025 applications. If you have not already submitted, it's really important you complete an application using the following link: [Apply online through the Citizen Portal](#). Late applicants will be considered but may be at a disadvantage.

If you cannot apply online, please contact the Education helpline on 0345 155 1019 and ask for a paper copy of the form to be sent to you, although the admissions team will need to have received the completed form by the above closing date.



Swimming Volunteers Needed!

If you are able to help out with school swimming lessons by being in the water, we would love to hear from

you. We swim on Wednesday and Friday afternoons and help for one or both sessions would be greatly appreciated. We swim at Tiverton swimming pool from 1.30pm-2pm, you can travel with us or meet us there. Safeguarding training with our DSL will be required.

Message from Reception Team

Mr Macleod and Miss Cook would like to remind parents to activate their Tapestry accounts as this will enable them to keep up to date with what their child has been doing while at school.



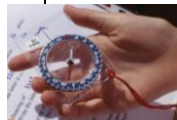
Attendance

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, 4th October

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	94.86	3	96.21
1	92.44	4	94.55
2	97.66	5	95.58
		6	95.16

The Current National figure for comparison is 96.2%

Year 4 Orienteering at Killerton



If you are available to come with Year 4 to Killerton on the morning of Tuesday 22nd October, please email year4@willand.devon.sch.uk.

Dogs

At Willand School, the safety and comfort of our pupils is our top priority. We have recently observed that some children are frightened by dogs being brought to the school gates. Therefore, we kindly request that parents ensure dogs are kept away from the school gates during drop-off and pick-up times. If you need to bring your dog with you, please stay back away from the gates. Thank you for your support.



*Thank you for your
continued support
Naomi Tottle
Headteacher*

Online Safety –

'Wake Up Wednesday'

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

'In-game Chat'

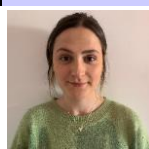
Online gaming enjoys an apparently ever-increasing level of popularity, and many players are eager to connect with one another as they enjoy a friendly competition or go for the win side by side. Whether it's to strategise and coordinate, or simply have a chat as you indulge in your hobby, the fact remains that plenty of games now offer means for their players to talk to one another, be that in a text or voice format.

Unfortunately, this functionality – which is used to connect with strangers just as often as it is with friends – poses several risks to younger players, and it's vital for parents and educators to understand these safety concerns. This free guide offers expert advice on the issues that may arise when using in-game chat, and lets you know how to safeguard the children in your care as they make use of this technology.

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



SEND Information



Mirrin, Trainee Education Mental Health Practitioner for the Mental Health Support Team at Children and Family Health Devon visits Willand School every Monday to support children, parents and staff.

If you are interested in meeting Mirrin, she will be available at our Parent Consultation evening on Tuesday, 15th October when she will be happy to meet parents, discuss her role and share resources.

REQUEST FOR CONTACT

Devon Family HUBS

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Action for Children are supporting Devon Family Hubs. Family Hubs are a developing network of services and community groups that are working together to support families and their children to find opportunities that meet their needs. Please see our website for more details.

OUR SUPPORT:

Online Digital Chat

For more information
Devon Family HUBS website

Family Hubs Advice & Guidance Line - Mon-Fri 10am to 4pm
0800 538 5458



Comic Drawing Club was a blast this week! We held a super fun 'Draw Yourself As' challenge, and the results were epic! From wizards to warriors and everything in between, we turned ourselves into the wildest characters. Come check out the awesome creations!

Noah in Year 5 drew himself as an amazing snail!

This Snail admiring himself in the mirror was drawn by Ted in year 2!

Milo in Year 2 drew himself as a super smiley unicorn!

Meanwhile

Rupert in Year 4 went totally bananas and drew himself as a banana!

While no one was looking ...

Isla in Year 4 drew herself as a cool Ice cream!

Imogen in Year 4 drew herself as a delicious Ice Cream!

To be continued

Kids Holiday Heroes

📅 OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUB 📅

We are really looking forward to our October holiday camp. We have a range of activities, as well as alternative Arts & Crafts activities available.

Monday - Tiverton Museum - Parachute Making, Magnets, Testing Gravity and Circuit Making

Tuesday - South West Ambulance Service

Wednesday - RSPCA - Visit from a Animal Welfare Officer

We will continue to start the day with an optional healthy morning snack (cereal, toast or fruit) FREE OF CHARGE to all of the 'mini heroes' attending each day!

Please book using this our website -

www.kidsholidayheroes.co.uk

Monday 28th October to Friday 01st November

Willand School
8:30 - 16:00
£27



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Online Payments: <https://login.schoolgateway.com> **PTFA:** willandschoolptfa@gmail.com

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

PTFA NEWS

Hi Everyone!

Don't forget that next Monday is the bake sale! We are looking forward to seeing all your creations and tasting a few. The sale will take place after school hopefully on the basketball court weather permitting. Just a quick reminder to label allergens, containers and that the school is nut free.

We would like to thank Moto and especially Katie Totterdell in helping secure further funding towards the new playground. A representative from Moto attended the school assembly this week to present a £500 donation to the school council.



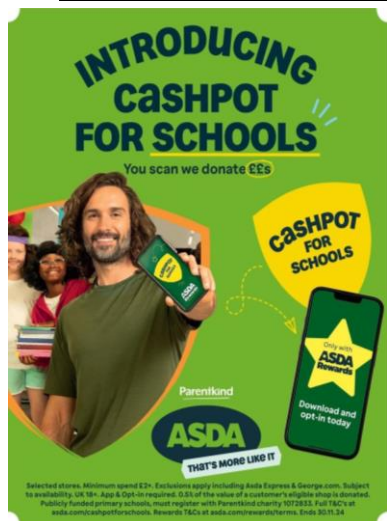
Let's talk Christmas... with 77 days until Christmas, Willand School have been entered into Asda's cash pot reward scheme. This is open until 30th November and to register click on the following link <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>, download the app, click 'Willand school' and 0.5% of your purchases will be donated to school fund.

Another great way to raise money is to purchase goods through the Easy Fundraising website <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>. To date, we've raised £200 through brands donating a percentage when goods are purchased through this website. Please consider using this as Christmas approaches.

Lastly, our **AGM is the 18th October**. If you are interested, please email willandschoolptfa@gmail.com. We are a small team looking to expand and are searching for parents from every year group to join and help make the children's educational enriching and more exciting.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Your PTFA Team



DATES to remember...

Thursday 10 th October	Parent Consultations
Thursday 10 th October	Cullompton CC Open Evening for Yr5/6 parents – 4pm-7pm
Tuesday 15 th October	Parent Consultations
Friday 18 th October	Harvest Festival
Friday 25 th October	Non-pupil Day
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	Half Term
For full calendar of events, please click below – Calendar Academic Year 2024-25	

Academic Year 2025/26	
Thursday 4 th September	Start of Autumn Term 2025
Friday 24 th October	Non-pupil Day
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st October	Half Term
Friday 19 th December	Non-pupil Day
Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 th January	Start of Spring Term 2026
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th February	Half Term
Thursday 2 nd April	Non-pupil Day
Friday 3 rd – Friday 17 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 20 th April	Start of Summer Term 2026
Monday 4 th May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Wednesday 22 nd July	End of Summer Term 2026

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 14th October

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pepperoni pizza	Italian Bolognese	Roast Turkey with sage and onion stuffing	Sausage Rolls	Fish Fingers
Cheese pizza	Quorn chicken noodles	Cheese & onion pasty	Cauliflower Cheese	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/mash Baked Beans/ Peas Salad Bar	Chips / Pasta Seasonal vegetables Tomato sauce Salad Bar
Meringue nests, peaches and cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Chocolate cake and chocolate sauce Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Cheese and crackers or Smoothie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Fruit Cocktail and Ice-cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Homemade Cookie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
PASTA POTS with Italian tomato sauce or cheese JACKET POTATO with cheese, beans or tuna WRAPSWITH FILLINGS: Ham, Chicken or Cheese				

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