



**Congratulations to this weeks winner –
Dorset with 234 points:**

Running total for the term:

<u>Devon</u>	<u>Dorset</u>	<u>Somerset</u>	<u>Cornwall</u>
783(2 nd)	771(4 th)	766(3 rd)	799(1 st)

Keep up the great work everyone!

House Captains and Vice Captains

After a lot of deliberation and scrutiny of some very well worded letters, the following children have been awarded the Captain and Vice Captain roles:

<u>House</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Vice Captain</u>
Cornwall	Jayce	Poppy
Devon	Elsie	Seth L
Dorset	Elodie	Sonny
Somerset	Charlotte	Ava

Parent Consultations

Thank you to those of you who have already booked parent consultation appointments for Thursday 9th October, Tuesday 14th October (excluding class 2R) and for class 2R only Monday 13th.

If you have not yet made an appointment our booking system can be accessed by clicking on the following link <https://willandschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.

Individual and Family Photographs

Don't forget our photographer will be in school this coming Friday.



Please can children who normally have PE on Friday wear school uniform rather than PE kits.

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 KS2 Library and meeting room, so entry will be via the school office. 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.



Message from Reception Team

Mrs Bere, Mrs Montgomery and Miss Taylor would like to remind

parents to activate their Tapestry accounts and check regularly 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, 3rd October

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>%Attendance</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>%Attendance</u>
Reception	96.55	3	95.20
1	94.04	4	95.81
2	94.48	5	96.61
		6	98.91

The Current National figure for comparison is 95.4%

Building Project

Please see the letter attached for some exciting news regarding a building project for the school.

Spy Dog Book Round-up

We're currently collecting all *Spy Dog* books that have been borrowed from school. This is due links inside the cover of several editions being hacked with inappropriate content. If your child has one at home, we'd be grateful if it could be returned to their teacher as soon as possible.

Thanks so much for your support in helping us keep our library organised and ready for everyone to enjoy.

Free KS2 Learning

We work in partnership with [Atom Learning](https://atomlearning.com/), the leading online Key Stage 2 learning and 11+ preparation platform, to provide children in Years 3-6 who are eligible for Pupil Premium with free Atom Home accounts. **Atom Home is normally £575.90 per year.**

Atom Home provides Key Stage 2 learning resources, helping children build exam technique, subject mastery and academic confidence.

If your child is aged between 7 and 11 and has been eligible for free school meals at any point in the last six years (please check with the school office if you are not sure), please fill in the form by clicking the button below.

[Access free KS2 learning](https://atomlearning.com/11-plus)

For other families, there is a five-day free trial of Atom available: <https://atomlearning.com/11-plus>

*Thank you for your
continued support
Naomi Tottle
Headteacher*

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Online Safety – 'Wake Up Wednesday'



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

'EA Sports FC 26'

Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimize them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player. Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many plays – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

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

Safeguarding Information – Parent workshop

Worried about your child's safety during the darker evenings and half-term? Join the **Ben Kinsella Trust's FREE online session** for parents and carers on **21st October, 6–8pm**. Spaces are limited, so book early and share with others who may benefit.

[Book your space on their website.](#)



SEND Information

Fidget Toys and Ear Defenders

Please can we remind parents that children should not bring their own fidget toys or ear defenders into school. For any who needs them, the class

teacher will discuss with the SENCO and the school will supply this equipment.

Emails

We would like to remind parents that as first point of contact with specific questions or queries regarding your child(ren), please use the year group email addresses below:

yearr@willand.devon.sch.uk
year1@willand.devon.sch.uk
year2@willand.devon.sch.uk
year3@willand.devon.sch.uk
year4@willand.devon.sch.uk
year5@willand.devon.sch.uk
year6@willand.devon.sch.uk

Please avoid sending emails from 7 pm on Fridays to 7am on Mondays, use a schedule send if the weekend is your only opportunity to write the email.

Class 4MC Swimming



Thank you to all parents who have already made a voluntary contribution towards this ongoing activity. If you have overlooked this, contributions can still be accepted online at www.schoolgateway.com or cash / cheque payments can be made via the school office. The total cost is £15.00 for all sessions (£2.50 per session). Cheques to be made payable to Devon County Council. Please help us to provide this activity by continuing to support the school.

Willand Sports News ...



Futsal

10 girls from year 5 & 6 represented Willand School in the futsal tournament at Uffculme School on Tuesday, 30th September.

In the 1st match we lost 1-0 to Kentisbeare Stars. On our 2nd match we won 3-0 to Culmstock. On our 3rd match we won 6-0 against Culmstock. On our 4th match we won an amazing 8-0 against Uffculme Blue. Our 5th match we won 5-0 to Uffculme Reds. On our last match we won 3-0 against Uffculme Reds. We scored 26 goals all together and we only conceded 1 goal. Our MVP was Eva and we came 1st out of 7 teams!

Netball

On Tuesday the 7th October Year 6 played in a mixed netball tournament. On the first match we drew -2 against Kentisbeare Stars. On our 2nd match we won 2-1 to Sampford Peverell. On our 3rd match we won 2 nil against Kentisbeare Pulse. Unfortunately, we lost our 4th match 3-1. We kept getting better and better and **our MVP was Charlotte.**

Thank you to Mrs Bosworth for taking us and coaching.



Basketball

On Tuesday, 7th October we played in a basketball tournament. On our first game we won 12-4 against Kentisbeare Lakers. Our 2nd match we won 6-2 against Plymtree Tornadoes. On our 3rd game we won 12-0 against Uffculme Thunders. On our 4th game we won 24-0 against Kentisbeare where Jayce and Amalie, Poppy and Isaac all scored a hat-trick! On our 5th game we won 14-2 against Plymtree Panthers. On our 6th game we won 8-6 against Sampford Peverell. On our 7th game we won 18-2 against Uffculme Clippers. Our 8th game we won 10-0 against Upplowman. So we won all of our 8 games. Go Willand! **Our MVP's were Jayce and Isaac.**

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Coming to Willand School... Thursday 9th and Tuesday 14th October

Discover a World of Reading at Scholastic Book Fairs!

Step into a magical place where stories come alive and imaginations soar!

Scholastic Book Fairs bring a carefully curated selection of books, educational resources, and fun reading materials right to our school. From bestselling titles to hidden gems, there's something for every reader — from curious beginners to avid book lovers.

Not only do book fairs inspire a lifelong love of reading, but they also help support our school! Every purchase means library improvements for Willand School. Come explore, discover, and spark your child's next great adventure at the Scholastic Book Fair!

Please note that you will need to bring your bank card with you to buy books. We will not be able to take cash, nor will you be able to use Apple Pay.

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Come to our
BOOK FAIR

to spot the books you'll
LOVE to read!

Every book you buy earns
FREE BOOKS
for our school!

Come and find me!

My brand new book!

DATE: 9 & 14 Oct. **TIME:** 4-7p.m.
LOCATION: Willand School Hall

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- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List - please ask your school for details.

HELP EARN FREE BOOKS

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £5.3M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.

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All books subject to availability. Book range may vary. A Warning: Not suitable for children under 3. Small parts.

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**Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing
Monday, 13th October**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pork meatballs Vegan balls	Chicken Nuggets Quorn Dippers	Gammon and pineapple Cheese & Broccoli bake	Sausages Quorn sausages	Salmon Fingers Vegetarian Pizza
Spaghetti Green beans Crisps Salad Bar	Pasta/ waffles Sweetcorn Tomato sauce Salad Bar	Roast/Mashed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy Salad Bar	Pasta or mash Baked beans/ peas Salad Bar	Chips or Pasta Seasonal vegetables Tomato Sauce Salad Bar
Arctic Roll Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Chocolate cracknel Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Orange Jelly and mandarins Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Selection of cake 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				

Kids Holiday Heroes

Wrap around care at Willand School

We are open from 8-9am and from 3.30-5.30pm Mon-Thurs and 3.30-5 each school day. The service will be available for all children from Year 2 to Year 6.

The cost of wrap around care will be £5.80 per hour.

During our breakfast club from 8am to 9am we provide your child with a healthy breakfast. A healthy snack and drink will be available during the after-school club.

For Bookings or any further questions, please email bookings@kidsholidayheroes.co.uk

PTFA

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Monday, 13th October

@ 6:30pm

Willand School Hall

Everyone Welcome

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to remember...

Thursday 9 th October	Parent Consultations
Friday 10 th October	Family & Individual Photos
Mon 13 th – Fri 17 th October	Schoolastic Book Fayre
Tuesday 14 th October	Parent Consultations
Friday 17 th October	Yr 6 Dawlish visit
Thursday 23 rd October	Harvest Festival
Friday 24 th October	Non-Pupil Day
Mon 20 th – Fri 31 st October	Half Term
For full calendar of events, please click below – https://willand.devon.sch.uk/Calendarofevents.pdf	

FRIENDS OF WILLAND PRESCHOOL

HALLOWEEN DISCO PARTY

SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2025
2PM - 4PM
WILLAND VILLAGE HALL
GABLES ROAD, WILLAND, EX15 2PL

AIMED AT KEY STAGE 1 AND UNDER CHILDREN'S TICKETS INCLUDE

**DISCO • HALLOWEEN TRAIL • CRAFTS
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NAME THE TEDDY, RAFFLE, SPOOKY BAKE SALE AND REFRESHMENTS ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE DAY

CHILD - £5 ADULT - £2 UNDER 1 - FREE

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE, LIMITED NUMBER AVAILABLE PLEASE VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO BOOK

FOWP Fundraising event in aid of Willand Preschool and Gables Nursery. All proceeds will go towards new play equipment.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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