

**Thank you** to everyone who attended the parents consultations over the last week, it was wonderful to see so many parents here. We hope you had the opportunity to see some of the brilliant work the children have produced.

#### Harvest

We are celebrating Harvest at school this coming Friday and we would welcome Harvest gifts from the children. Once again, we will be supporting Willand Pantry with our Harvest offerings as we are aware that many families are struggling within our own community. We would be particularly grateful for tinned vegetables, pasta sauce and jam. Children are able to bring their gifts in on Thursday and Friday.



#### Year 6 Secondary School Applications

With the deadline creeping up (**Thursday 31st October 2024**), please could we remind parents of Year 6 pupils that applications for secondary school transfer in September 2025 should be made using the following link: [Apply online through the Citizen Portal](#). Late applications will be considered but may be at a disadvantage. If you cannot apply online, please contact the Admissions helpline on 0345 155 1019 and ask for a paper copy of the form to be sent to you, although the team will need to have received the completed form by the above closing date.

#### Free School Meal Voucher – October Half-Term

Families currently in receipt of Free School Meals should have received the voucher code for the up-coming half term break. If you have not received this email, please contact the school office either by email: [office@willand.devon.sch.uk](mailto:office@willand.devon.sch.uk) or telephone: 01884 820367.

#### Bikeability Reminder

The Year 5 children that were due to take the level 2 Bikeability course today, has been rescheduled for next **Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October**. Please can the children bring their bike, helmets and appropriate cycling clothes on this date.

#### 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, 11<sup>th</sup> October.

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	94.71	3	93.28
1	93.89	4	94.36
2	99.36	5	96.32
		6	95.48

The Current National figure for comparison is 96.2%

#### School Term Reminders

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October school will be closed to children for staff training and, also the following week for Half Term break. School will re-open on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November.

#### School Tours for Reception Intake 2025

We are offering parents of children due to start school in September 2025, the opportunity to join us after the half term break for a tour of the school. Dates and times available:

- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November @ 9:30am
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November @ 9:30am & 2:00pm
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November @ 9:30am & 2:00pm
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November @ 9:30am & 2:00pm

If you are interested in viewing the school, please email [office@willand.devon.sch.uk](mailto:office@willand.devon.sch.uk) or telephone 01884 820367 to book a tour date; we look forward to seeing you!

*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 ...

#### 'Horror Films and Age Ratings'

*Ofcom's latest Media Use and Attitudes Report states that most children can watch streamed films on a mobile device both in and out of the home, with 80% of UK children watching films on phones, tablets or laptops*

*That's a lot of youngsters who might be using their own gadgets to watch something suitably spooky this Halloween season 🎃 or perhaps, something a little too frightening.*

*With older children in particular, it can be difficult knowing how to manage their increasing interest in more mature content – including horror films, in many cases – let alone knowing how best to safeguard them from inappropriate material. Our free guide offers expert advice not only on the risks of exposure to horror films and other potentially upsetting content, but also on preventing young viewers from seeing this material or protecting them from being too deeply affected by it if they do.*

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



## SEND Information

### Message from Devon Family Hub...

Have you used our Advice and Guidance Line yet?

By phoning **0800 538 5458** families in Devon will be able to speak to one of our Family Hub Navigators who will be able to provide support and guidance – whether you're having a parenting issue or you're feeling overwhelmed with the pressures of family life, a member of our friendly, supportive team will be able to give you guidance and signpost you to information and advice and help you with understanding and accessing relevant services and information. Or, if you'd prefer, you can request a call back from us by [CLICKING HERE](#).

#### How can we help?

- ✓ I think my child is dyslexic  
(What should I do?)
- ✓ I'm going through a divorce  
(I'm worried about the impact on my children...)
- ✓ I'm new to the area  
(What community groups are out there?)
- ✓ My child keeps biting me  
(How can I get them to stop?)
- ✓ I think my 14 year old has a boyfriend...  
(How can I talk to her about relationships?)

#### Request a call back

Fill in your details

and one of our friendly, knowledgeable practitioners will call you back.

Or, if you prefer, give us a call...

**0800 538 5458**  
MON-FRI 10AM - 4PM

No question is off limits...

Devon Family Hubs

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Guess what? We had an EPIC time at Comic Drawing Club! We created our own characters—heroes, villains, and everything in between—with awesome backstories. They could be superheroes with slime powers or secret agents from space. We used our imaginations to make them super cool!

Sophia in Year 5 drew herself as a very scary witch!

Sonny in Year 5 drew Noob. He is from Noob land and he is always doing nothing!

Sully in Year 5 drew this fun, cute character called Squirrel!

Meanwhile ....

While no one was looking ...

Alba from Year 6, created Gerald the Guinea Pig! He comes from Germany and loves gaming!

Brian the Banana was created by Josiah in Year 6! Brian's special talent is he can banana split!

To be continued ....

## PTFA NEWS

*Hi Everyone!*

**Wow!** The bakes that were donated looked fantastic, we have some very talented bakers within the school's community. From this we have raised £134 towards the new playground.

The next event on our calendar is our AGM, this coming Friday at 6:30pm. Please do come along to Willand School to find out more about how we support the school and our plans for the future. This year we hope to secure enough interest to have a Parent/friend class representative for each year group. **Everyone is welcome!**

Thank you for your ongoing support.

*Your PTFA Team*

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

## COMING SOON to Willand School...



### Internet Safety

### Parents' Workshop

Technology workshop – supporting parents and carers to help their child or children use the internet safely.

***"I'm not a Police Officer, and most definitely not a Tech expert. In fact, I'm a bit like you, a parent who wants to make my child's use of the internet as safe as possible"*** - Jon Galling is the Senior Education Safeguarding Officer for Devon County Council and he will be delivering this workshop at Willand School.

The session is designed not to scare or intimidate, but to reflect and review what the dangers of the online or virtual world are and how, as parents and carers, we can help our children navigate the challenges they will face.

#### The session will help those attending to:

- Understand the risks and some ways in which these can be managed
- Understand the benefits of technology including as support for mental health and wellbeing
- Know where to go to find practical support
- Consider how to support your child navigate their 'virtual world'

#### The session will:

- Remind you of the risks when online or using technology
- Empower you with some current data and research
- Provide ideas to support you to better understand how to safeguard your child's use of technology
- Start a conversation for you to continue at home with your child or children and other adults including family members
- Reflect on how you model the use of technology in a healthy way

If you are interested in attending this workshop, please complete the form by Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October (<https://forms.office.com/e/ABdCn9fg1Z>) to let us know the best time to run this session. Bear in mind that the session is **not suitable for children to attend**

## Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> October

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...

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	PTFA AGM
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Rescheduled from 16 <sup>th</sup> October: Yr 5 Level 2 Bikeability Course
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-pupil Day
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half Term
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Tour for Reception '25 @ 9:30am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Class 3W - Assembly</b>
For full calendar of events, please click below – <b>Calendar Academic Year 2024-25</b>	

### EVENTS

Please see the noticeboard outside the school office for the following events

**Craft Fair**, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 1pm-3:30pm, Willand Village Hall – Free entry. For further information please add Willand crafty family and friends on Facebook.

**Culm Sampford Football Club U9's** are looking for a few extra players (Yrs 3 & 4). They train on Wednesday evenings 6pm-7pm at Magelake Astro. If interested or would like more information, please email [culmsampfordutdyfc@gmail.com](mailto:culmsampfordutdyfc@gmail.com).

*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.*

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