

#### REMINDER –

**Non-Pupil Day – Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October**

**School re-opens for children – Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November**

#### Willand Cross Country Teams

A huge well done to all of our children who took part in the Cross Country Competition at Killerton yesterday. They were a credit to the school and themselves, showing great sportsmanship and team spirit.

#### Year 6 Secondary School Applications

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

#### School Tours for Reception Intake 2025

**Our first school tour** for parents of children due to start school in September 2025 is on

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November @ 9:30am.**

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!

#### Top 10 Tips for Teaching Fire Safety



A Home Office study has found that approximately 350 children are injured in accidental fires every year 🔥 Naturally, this highlights the importance of educating young people on fire safety – ensuring they're aware of what precautions they can take to keep themselves protected around flammable materials and naked flames. It can be difficult to know where to start when teaching children and young people about this potentially life-saving topic. That's why we've put together this free guide, offering expert advice on how to educate those in your care about fire safety. It breaks down the steps you can take to protect youngsters in common situations – from bonfire night 🎆 to lighting a few scented candles.



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**Online Payments:** <https://login.schoolgateway.com> **PTFA:** [willandschoolptfa@gmail.com](mailto:willandschoolptfa@gmail.com)

#### 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, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	89.61	3	91.72
1	93.33	4	93.09
2	97.02	5	98.25
		6	96.45

The Current National figure for comparison is 96.2%

#### Change to School Menu – tomorrow

Unfortunately, we are not able to provide ham wraps as an option for tomorrow's lunch (Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October).

*Thank you for your  
continued support  
Naomi Tottle  
Headteacher*

#### Online Safety –

##### 'Wake Up Wednesday'

##### 'Parentzone'



This week I'd like to highlight a fantastic online resource for parents: <https://parentzone.org.uk/>

Parent Zone has a wealth of information including a library of guides to individual apps or sites that your child may be using. You can also sign up for a weekly newsletter which will bring you new and up-to-date information every week.

We are also re-sharing the helpful information about horror films in preparation for a safe and happy Halloween next week, in case you missed it in last week's Willand Word.

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



## SEND Information

### Mental Health Provision Questionnaire

Parents will have received an email from Mirrin Thomas, trainee (EMHP) regards

helping develop the mental health provision here at Willand School. We would be grateful if parents could spare 5 minutes to complete and submit our questionnaire by Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November -

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Q1XVLB/>

## Christmas Card Competition

### Message from Rachel Gilmour MP...

As we approach the end of the year, we would love for pupils at your school to participate in this year's Christmas Card Competition.

The competition invites pupils to create a 2D design of their choice on one side of A4 paper, based on the theme 'Christmas in Somerset and Devon.' The competition is open to all primary-aged children, and the deadline for entries is the 1st of November.

Please ensure that the pupil's name, school, and year group are written on the back of the entry. I understand that the due date may seem early, but this allows sufficient time for printing and distribution in the lead-up to Christmas.

The winner of the competition will have their design featured on the front of Rachel's official Christmas card and will also receive a £25 book token. The two runners-up will have their designs printed on the back of the cards. Each pupil whose design places in the top three will also receive a certificate.

Please scan or send photographed entries to:

[Rachelgilmourxmascompetition@gmail.com](mailto:Rachelgilmourxmascompetition@gmail.com)

Best of luck!

Rachel GilmourMP



## Devon Family HUBS

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REQUEST FOR CONTACT



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  
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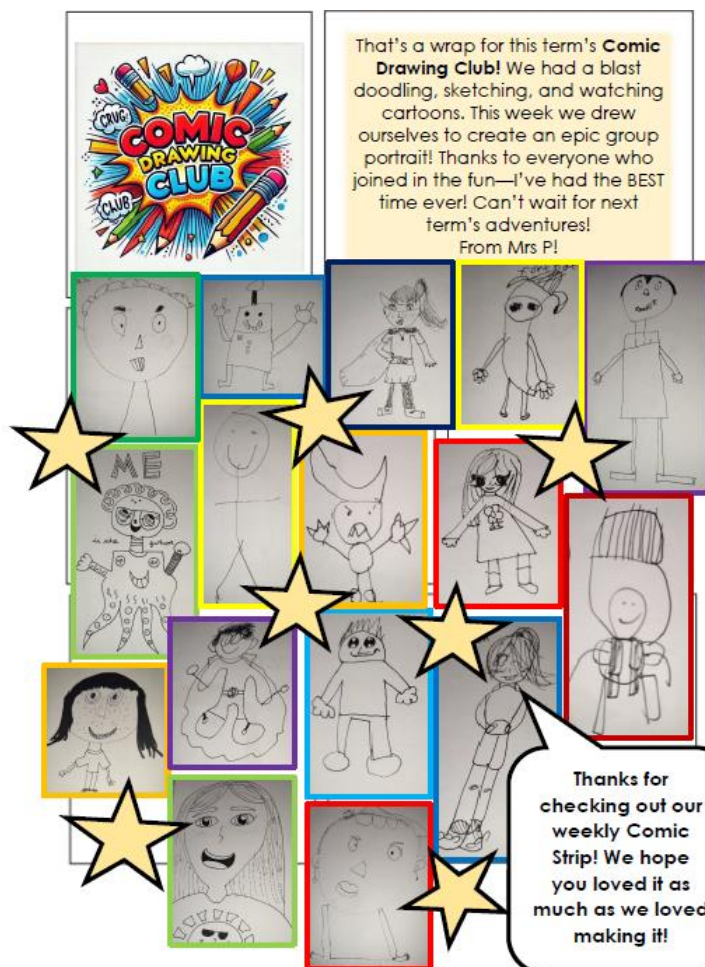


For more information  
**Devon Family HUBS**  
website



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

0800 538 5458



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## PTFA NEWS

*Hi Everyone!*

Our next event is planned for just after half term. On Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> November we have arranged for a non-uniform day in exchange for raffle prize donations for December's Bingo hampers. To help vary the donations and where possible, we are asking each year group's contributions to be a different colour:

- Reception - Red
- Year 1 - Orange
- Year 2 - Yellow
- Year 3 - Green
- Year 4 - Blue
- Year 5 - Purple
- Year 6 - Pink

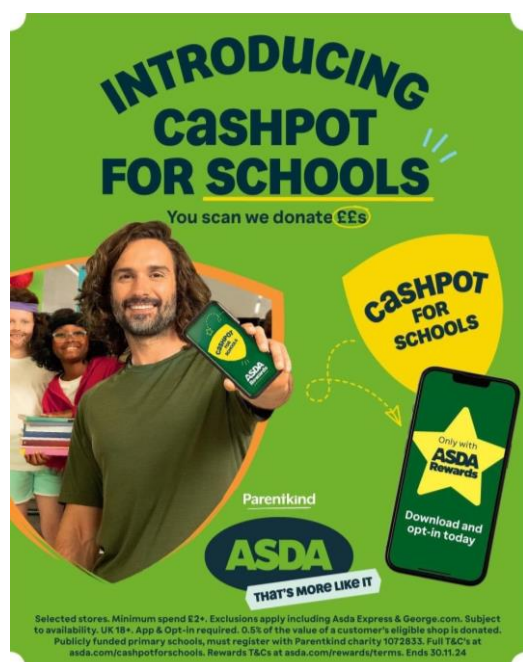


Donations can be handed to PTFA members on the gates before school. For further information please see PTFA facebook page.

Please can we remind parents that Fab Bricks personalised keyring orders do need to be returned to school with £3.25 for each keyring ordered by Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

*Your PTFA Team*



Selected stores. Minimum spend £2+. Exclusions apply including Asda Express & George.com. Subject to availability. UK 18+. App & Opt-in required. 0.5% of the value of a customer's eligible shop is donated. Publicly funded primary schools, must register with Parentkind charity 1072833. Full T&Cs at [asda.com/cashpotforschools](https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools). Rewards T&Cs at [asda.com/rewards/terms](https://www.asda.com/rewards/terms). Ends 30.11.24

## Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 4th November

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 pasta	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				

## Diary

*to remember...*

Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-pupil Day
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	School re-opens for Children
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Tour for Reception '25 @ 9:30am
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 3W - Assembly
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Armistice Day
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Tour for Reception '25 @ 9:30am & 2pm
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 5C – Assembly BBC Children in Need Day
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Parent Tour for Reception '25 @ 9:30am & 2pm
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Tour for Reception '25 @ 9:30am & 2pm
For full calendar of events, please click below – <a href="https://willand.devon.sch.uk/Calendarofevents.pdf">https://willand.devon.sch.uk/Calendarofevents.pdf</a>	

## EVENTS

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

**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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