



Learning for Life

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Class Assembly

3W class are holding their class assembly on Friday, at 9.10 am. All parents of these children are welcome to come and watch. Entrance to the hall will be via the Foundation Stage doors.

Road Safety Awareness

As the days are now shorter and often darker, we'd like to share the photos below to provide an important message for both children, parents and motorists to not only make themselves as visible as possible, but also about being extra vigilant.



The two daytime images above are of the same child standing in the same place, the difference is that in the bottom photo they are wearing a brightly coloured jacket.

Phonics Meeting for Reception Parents

We are holding our next **phonics meeting for <u>parents of children in Reception on Monday 11th November at</u>
2.45pm.** Please sign in at the school office where a member of staff will show you to the School Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Dartmoor Residential Trip Instalment Payment

Just a reminder that the first instalment for the Year 6 Dartmoor residential trip was due on Monday 31st October.

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

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	90.20	3	96.34
1	91.90	4	92.27
2	96.01	5	95.04
		6	93.35

The Current National figure for comparison is 96.2%



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

From tomorrow, Poppies will be available to purchase in class for a small donation.

There is also a selection of appeal goods - wristbands, reflector key rings and metal badges available from the school office.

Children in Need

- Friday 15th November



At their recent meeting, the School Council have planned to fundraise for this year's 'Children in Need' in the following ways:

- Wear Pyjamas / lounge wear to school for the day for a donation.
- Bring unwanted, good quality books into school by next Wednesday, 13th November so School council can sell them after school to make extra money. You might find a Christmas present!
- -'Guess how many pages in the book' for a small donation (10p/ 20p) play the game. This will run all week and School Council will come around to classrooms to get your guesses'. The winners can choose 2 books from the book sale before it is open for everyone else.

This is a date for your diary - if you would like to donate, it will be most welcome on the day.

Thank you for your continued support Naomi Tottle Headteacher

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Online Safety -

Internet safety parents' workshop Tuesday, 3rd December 2:00 – 3:00pm



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

Thank you to those parents who completed the form to let us know the best time to run this session. If you would like to attend, please complete the form https://forms.office.com/e/rU42isMASu

Please bear in mind that the session is **not suitable for children to attend**.

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

Year 4 Swimming

Thank you to all parents that have already given a voluntary contribution for swimming. If you would like to contribute, you still can. To enable the activity to go ahead, the voluntary contribution is £2.35 per session payable every Monday morning. The activity can only take place if there are sufficient voluntary contributions. To assist you, sessions can be purchased in full or weekly online using the school gateway app. The total cost is £25.85. Cheques to be made payable to Devon County Council.

SEND Information

Mental Health Provision Questionnaire

We are very grateful to those who have contributed to the Mental Health Provision survey, but ask if you would revisit the questionnaire to check each question has been answered (even if it's a 'Don't Know'). Without this information your form will register as 'partially submitted', resulting in an incomplete survey. Please use the link below to access the questionnaire - https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Q1XVLB/

Many thanks for your support.



Christmas Lunch Order

Coming home today is a letter regarding Christmas Lunch. This asks parents to return a slip whether or not your child requires a Christmas meal (Wednesday, 18th December). It is important that you complete the form in all cases by Wednesday, 22nd November 2023.

National Child Measurement Programme

Later today, parents of children in Reception and Year 6 will receive an email regarding the above programme.

If you do not want your child to take part, please complete the opt out form by 15th December.

The Pantry Christmas Hampers 2024

Please find attached a letter from The Willand Food Network regarding Christmas Hampers. If you feel your family would benefit from a Hamper this year, please complete the form and return to school by Monday 9th December.

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PTFA NEWS

Hi Everyone!

We hope you have all enjoyed the half term break. We have been busy working towards the Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner Bingo, but are still looking for donations towards the hampers. If you know of any businesses that can help towards this, please email us on willandschoolptfa@gmail.com. The bingo event is being held on Sunday, 8th December at Willand Rovers Football Club.

Don't forget this Friday is non-uniform day in exchange for a coloured raffle prize (non-perishable items only). Members of the PTFA will be at the school gates in the morning to collect donation as the children arrive to school. Arrangements have been made for breakfast club children.



The deadline for ordering the personalised fab brick keyrings is Friday, 15th November. Please ensure all orders are handed in by this date. The price is £3.25 each.

Our next event is the Glow in the dark disco which is happening Friday 29th November:

Reception KS1 4.30pm-5.30pm

LKS2 5.15pm- 6.45pm

UKS2 6.15pm-7.15pm

Tickets will be on sale soon and a price list will be made availability beforehand.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Your PTFA Team

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 11th November

Wionday, 11th November					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
Pork meatballs	Turkey Dinosaur	Gammon and pineapple	Sausages	Salmon Fingers	
Vegan balls	Quorn Dippers	Cheese & Broccoli bake	Quorn sausages	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	Sticky Toffee Pudding and caramel sauce. 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



to remember.

Friday 8 th November	Non-uniform – PTFA event			
Friday 8 th November	Class 3W - Assembly			
Monday 11 th November	Armistice Day			
Tuesday 12 th November	Parent Tour for Reception '25 @ 9:30am & 2pm			
Friday 15 th November	Class 5C – Assembly BBC Children in Need Day			
Thursday 21 st November	Parent Tour for Reception '25 @ 9:30am & 2pm			
Monday 25 th November	Parent Tour for Reception '25 @ 9:30am & 2pm			
Friday 29 th November	Glow in the Dark Disco – PTFA event			
Friday 20 th December	End of Autumn Term			
For full calendar of events, please click below –				

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