

URGENT NOTICE OF SCHOOL CLOSURE – Thursday, 21st November 2024

You will have received an email regarding our school's heating system and the decision to close the school tomorrow. As mentioned in the email we will be reviewing the situation and will update you by Thursday lunchtime. In the meantime, please check your emails and our school's facebook group regularly for further updates.

Drinks Bottles

It is important for ALL children to bring a drinks bottle to school each day to ensure they are drinking enough water. Please remember no glass bottles and not to carry bottles in book bags as leakages often damage reading books.



Children in Need



The final total for 'Children in Need' for both the donations for wearing pyjamas, the 'guess the number of pages' competition and Book Sale raised an amazing total of **£537.85**. Thank you to everyone who contributed and a **HUGE WELL DONE to the School Council** for organising everything!

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all those who supported the Poppy appeal. Our school collected a total of £126.24.

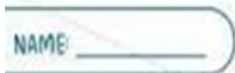


Coats and Uniform



As much as possible we will continue to send pupils outside for break and lunch. As the weather gets colder, please ensure they have coats to be able to do this.

Please can we also remind parents/ carers to name all coats, uniform etc to enable us to get belongings back to the rightful owner and help prevent the piles of lost property we have growing into 'small mountains'.



Christmas Lunch Order

If you haven't already done so, please complete and return the slip whether or not your child requires a Christmas meal (*Wednesday, 18th December*). If your child is having a lunch on this day, please indicate whether they would like Christmas pudding with cream or ice cream or jelly & ice cream **It is important that you complete the form in all cases and we do need forms returned as a matter of urgency.**



*Thank you for your
continued support
Naomi Tottle
Headteacher*

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, 15th November.

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	95.10	3	92.76
1	95.00	4	95.56
2	97.02	5	97.80
		6	96.61

The Current National figure for comparison is 95.4%

Internet Safety Parents' Workshop

**Tuesday, 3rd December
2:00pm - 3:30pm**

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

**Delivered by Jon Galling,
Senior Education
Safeguarding Officer, DCC
at Willand School Hall**

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.

If you would like to attend please sign-up using the booking link
<https://forms.office.com/e/rU42isMASu>
or alternatively let the school office know in advance.

We look forward to seeing you!

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

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Online Payments: <https://login.schoolgateway.com>


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Online Safety – 'Wake Up Wednesday'

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

'Educating Children on Spending & Saving'

Findings from the Money and Pensions Service have found that only 47% of children in the UK have received a meaningful financial education  Money management is a vital part of being an adult, and an exceptionally important skill that will benefit children for their entire lives. Having the knowledge and self-control to let savings build up interest – or avoid an impulse buy  can ensure that children go into adulthood at a significantly lower risk of financial difficulty. With Black Friday and Cyber Monday sales fast approaching, now is a great time to help children understand the value of money.

Of course, it can feel daunting when attempting to teach young people about something as complicated as money and responsible budgeting  but there are several options at your disposal.

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



PTFA NEWS

Hi Everyone!

We are slowly getting closer to Christmas and are thrilled to share with you your children's artwork which they have created in school. To be able to view and order them please follow the link <https://mychildsart.co.uk/find-artwork?username=Willand&access-code=y8tdbnzy> to access them. Your children will also be bringing home more information.

The **school disco** is taking place on **Friday 29th November** and tickets are on sale now. These can be pre-ordered online and collected Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd along with any pre ordered accessories. We have limited stock available for face paints/sticks, tattoos and face gems and pre-sales for these items will sell quickly. Please remember when ordering tickets online to include your child's name and year under the section merchant. The links to order tickets are:

Disco ticket £3 <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QD5T5JPN>

Ticket & pot of paint £4 <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QD5T5JPN>

Ticket & 1 face stick £4 <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QTIPV3E4>

Open ticket if purchasing more than one ticket
<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QDNO58M1>

Lastly, Year 6 leavers hoodies can be purchased and the online google form should be completed by Friday 29th November. The PTFA are helping towards the cost of one hoodie per child, but if you wish additional hoodies can be purchased at full price of £19 each.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Your PTFA Team

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Devon Family HUBS

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REQUEST FOR CONTACT

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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



Devon Safeguarding Children Partnership

For more information
Devon Family HUBS
website



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

0800 538 5458

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Mental Health Provision Questionnaire

Many thanks to all those parents who have already completed the Mental Health Provision questionnaire from Mirrin Thomas, Trainee (EMHP). For those parents who have yet to do so, we would be grateful if you could spare 5 minutes to complete and submit our questionnaire -

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

When completing, please ensure to answer every question, even a 'Don't know'. Without this information your form will register as 'partially submitted', resulting in an incomplete survey.



*This week at Comic Drawing Club, we rocked our PJs for Children in Need and went totally bananas—drawing bananas in pyjamas! And guess what? We were also on a TOP SECRET mission for Miss Tottle... Stay tuned for the big reveal! 🕵️🎨

Logan in year 5 created this little cute alien

This amazing gamer was created by Haydon in year 5!

Sasha in year 3 created this playful, colourful dolphin!

Meanwhile...

Maya in year 5 drew this incredible rainbow banana!

This fabulous banana wearing pyjamas was imagined by Alba in year 6! He looks very comfy!

Diary to remember...

Thursday 21 st November	Parent Tour for Reception '25 @ 9:30am & 2pm - POSTPONED
Monday 25 th November	Parent Tour for Reception '25 @ 9:30am & 2pm
Friday 29 th November	Glow in the Dark Disco – PTFA event
Tuesday 10 th December	Y1 & 2 Play Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 11 th December	Y1 & 2 Play @ 1:30pm & 5:30pm
Friday 13 th December	Reception Classes Christmas Celebration @ 9:30am
Friday 20 th December	End of Autumn Term
For full calendar of events, please click below – https://willand.devon.sch.uk/Calendarofevents.pdf	

EVENTS

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

Men's Mental Health Group/Men's Club Sunday, 1st December from 2pm- 4pm at Willand Health and Community Centre, Gables Road. Tea and Coffee provided.

Willand Scout Group Upcoming Events:

Coffee Morning and TableTop Sale Saturday, 23rd November, 10am-12noon, Willand Village Hall

Beetle Drive and Cake Auction, Monday, 25th November, 6:15pm, Willand Village Hall. £3 per entry or a family of 4 for £10.

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.

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 25th November

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pepperoni pizza	Italian Bolognaise	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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Safeguarding - From time to time the school may need to make referrals to Children and Young People's Services