

The
Willand
Learning for Life

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Year 4 PE

Now that Y4 have finished their swimming sessions, their PE days for the final few weeks of term will be as follows:
Y4C – Thursday and Friday
Y4W – Monday and Tuesday
After Christmas, Y3 will begin their swimming sessions so there will be a further change to the PE timetable.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Parents of children who are in receipt of income based Free School Meals will shortly be receiving a voucher to help towards food provision for those children for Christmas and February half-term. This is given for children in all year groups, not only in Years 3-6. If you think that you may be entitled to income based Free School Meals please click on the link below to take you to the website to complete an application form.
https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live
If you have more than one child at school you need to apply for each of them, as siblings are not automatically entitled and anyone who is awarded them before the 15th December will be eligible for the voucher payment.



The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched **The Big Ambition**, a national survey of children and young people across England. **The Big Ambition** aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England. **The Big Ambition** survey will be open until Friday 15th December. Children or parents can complete the survey here: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition Further resources are available on our [website](#).



DON'T FORGET!

Cup Cake/Cookie 'Bake Off' Competition – Friday, 24th November



To further raise money for the Children in Need Appeal, the School Council are inviting children to bake cupcakes or cookies at home and bring to school in a named container on Friday morning. Children's baking will be judged and a winner for LKS1, UKS1 and KS2 will be announced. ***After school, all of the cakes and cookies entered into the competition, will be sold-off in the Park and bottom playgroup for a small donation.***

Christmas Lunch Order

If you haven't already done so, please click on the link below and complete whether or not your child requires a Christmas meal (Wednesday, 13th 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
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=GdMOUN_j0E6x2H7k253a51TVkbMNgW5AnYrKwxFBlyJUM1E5VDJOUU5aTTM1QkUyWU41VvhQMjRPWC4u .
It is important that you complete the form in all cases by Wednesday, 22nd November 2023.

Admissions policy for 2025-26: Annual Consultation

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2025-26. The Local Authority is also consulting on its admission arrangements. You are invited to look at the proposals which are based on policies for this year and next year and have your say. Our proposed policy is on our admission page [weblink?] and you can see all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy>. Further information is here: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements. The consultation runs until 12 January 2024. Policies will be determined by the end of February and published in the same places by 15 March next year. You can comment at schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk or by emailing the school.

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Morning Drop-off and Afternoon Collection

- Dogs should not be in the school grounds and we ask those of you who walk their dogs while dropping off/collecting their children, to please wait in the park.
- Vaping is not permitted on any Devon County Council site and we ask parents to refrain from doing so whenever they are on the school premises.
- Please can parents ensure that children with bikes and scooter walk whilst still on the school site before mounting them to ride home. We are concerned that someone is going to get hurt by a child.

Lost Property

If anyone has seen or brought it home from the KS1 Dis-Glow by mistake a grey wallet with dinosaurs, please let the school office know.

Keep safe and keep well
Anne Hawkins
Headteacher

PTFA NEWS

Dis-Glow – Wow! ...what can we say... thank you to everyone for making Friday a fantastic Dis-Glow for the children. With 307 children attending it was an amazing night... seeing them all dressed up and

excited made the hard work worthwhile! Thank you to the teachers and support staff that stayed to help and thank you to the cleaners who made it all perfect afterwards! A big thank you to all the amazing volunteers who helped before and during the event... it was great to see some new faces get involved! Without volunteers the night would not have been possible! Keep your eyes peeled for a total raised. 🍷🍷🍷

Tuck Shop – our next tuck shop will be held on Friday December 1st... we are hoping to give this a Christmas theme! As before we will send out a price list before the event.

As some of you might be aware we were chosen to receive a charity donation for which we are so thankful for! The Stoner Family Christmas Lights will be putting on a show on Saturday 9th December and we are hoping lots of our school community will be there to watch, support and donate. We will be selling some glow toys and some Christmas sweet treats so bring your family for a lovely festive show! The timing of the show and location details are on their Facebook page.

Thank you for your ongoing support!
Your PTFA Team



EVENTS

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

Kids Holiday Heroes - Christmas Holiday Club for children aged between 5 to 12. 8:30am-4:00pm on the 18th, 19th and 20th December. We are running an outdoor sports and craft based program with a range of fun and curriculum linked activities. Please check our timetable on our booking page. Hot chocolate, toasted marshmallows and biscuits for all children.

This is an independent company run by two of our teachers who will be holding the club at Willand School. For more information, please see attached flyer or parent information board.

Bel Canto present 'Let it Snow!' – 12th December, 7-8pm, St Andrews Church, Cullompton. "A glorious hour of sparkling songs and carols". Tickets £5 on the door or from ticketsource.co.uk/belcanto.

Willand Rovers Santa Run in aid of 'Running for Shelly' – Sunday, 10th December @ 10:30am. Entry Fees: £6 Adult, £3 Juniors, Family run pass £15 (up to 3 Juniors & 2 Adults). Entry forms available from the Football club and website.

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, 27th November

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pepperoni pizza	Italian Bolognese	Roast Turkey with sage and onion stuffing	Sausages	Fish Fingers
Cheese pizza	Quorn chicken noodles	Cheese and Onion Pasty	Quorn sausages	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/potato waffle Baked Beans/ Peas Salad Bar	Chips / Pasta Seasonal vegetables Tomato sauce Salad Bar
Meringue nests, peaches and cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Lemon cake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Cheese and crackers or Smoothie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Chocolate cake and chocolate sauce Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Homemade Cookie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
PASTA POTS with Italian tomato sauce, cheese, beans or tuna JACKET POTATO with cheese, beans or tuna WRAPSWITH FILLINGS: Ham, Chicken or Cheese				

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Diary

AUTUMN TERM 2023	
Friday 24 th November	'Bake Off' for Children in Need
Friday 1 st December	PTFA 'Tuck shop' after-school
Tuesday 5 th December	Y1&2 Play Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 6 th December	Y1 & 2 Play 1.30 pm 5.30pm
Thursday 7 th December	Homework clubs finish
Friday 8 th December	Reception Classes Christmas Celebration 9:30am
Monday 11 th December	Reception & KS1 Party
Tuesday 12 th December	KS2 Party
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 15 th December	End of Autumn Term

SPRING TERM 2023	
Tuesday 2 nd January	Non-Pupil day
Wednesday 3 rd January	Start of Spring Term
Monday 8 th January	Homework club starts
Friday 12 th January	6G Class Assembly
Friday 19 th January	6N Class Assembly
Thursday 1 st February	Parent Consultations
Friday 2 nd February	5T Class Assembly
Tuesday 6 th February	Parent Consultations
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	Half Term
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
TBC	Arts week
Thursday 28 th March	2S Class Assembly
Thursday 28 th March	Homework club finishes End of Spring Term

SUMMER TERM 2024	
Monday 15 th April	Start of Summer Term Homework club starts
Friday 26 th April	3WA Class Assembly
Friday 3 rd May	3P Class Assembly
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th May	Year 6 KS2 SATS
Friday 17 th May	2R Class Assembly
Friday 24 th May	Non-pupil day
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	Half Term
Wednesday 12 th June	Willand Welcome
Friday 14 th June	Both Reception Classes Assembly
W/C Monday 17 th June	Dartmoor Residential week
Friday 21 st June	1HB Class Assembly
Tuesday 25 th June	Sports Day
Friday 28 th June	1MP Class Assembly
Friday 28 th June	Reserve Sports Day /Homework Club Finishes
Friday 12 th July	Reports out
Monday 15 th July	Teachers available for parents
Wednesday 17 th July	UKS2 Play Dress rehearsal
Thursday 18 th July	UKS2 Play
TBC	Certificate Assembly
Monday 22 nd July	Leavers Party
Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers' Assembly
Wednesday 24 th July	End of Summer Term

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