

Year 1 & 2 Nativity - 'The Bethlehem Star'
– Wednesday, 11th December

Both children and staff are working very hard to ensure they are ready to perform and entertain parents with their Nativity, 'The Bethlehem Star'.

Please check children's bags today for a letter giving full details including performance times, ticket prices and order slips.

Year 2 Visit to SS Great Britain

– Thursday, 30th January

We would like to remind parents that we are offering the ability to make voluntary contributions in two instalments either online at www.schoolgateway.com or via the school office where we can accept a cash payment.

Suggested payment dates are:

6th December - £10

10th January - £7.46

Many thanks to those of you who have already shown your support.

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, 22nd November 2024

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	95.43	3	93.32
1	87.04	4	93.75
2	93.88	5	95.34
		6	96.37

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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SEND NEWS

Autism and Us' Parent Programme (Summer Term 2024)

Sent on behalf of the Communication and Interaction Team: [Support from the Communication and Interaction Team - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

"Support for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary children who are either on the autism assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.

Our 'Autism & Us' programme delivered this academic year will once again be offered during the forthcoming Summer term of the 2024-25 academic year for parents/carers of Devon DCC primary and secondary school children, pre or post diagnosis.

We are delighted to announce that we are offering access for families of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

Attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives you an opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs, whilst also connecting with other parents/carers.

Full programme details and application process below:

Autism & Us programmes:

4 weekly 'live online' sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:

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Spring Term 2025				
No.	Topic	Programme 1		Programme 2
1	Autism overview	Tues 21 Jan	10am – 12pm	Thurs 6 Mar 4.30 – 6.30pm
2	Sensory	Tues 28 Jan	10am – 12pm	Thurs 13 Mar 4.30 – 6.30pm
3	Communication	Tues 4 Feb	10am – 12pm	Thurs 20 Mar 4.30 – 6.30pm
4	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Tues 11 Feb	10am – 12pm	Thurs 27 Mar 4.30 – 6.30pm

Apply direct by email to: educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk to secure a place on either of the above programmes, or express your interest for forthcoming programmes.

We will confirm your booking request and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered online 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMS platform.

Additionally, we will also be offering the following very popular themed/topic based workshops, which lead on from the above programmes for themes/topics that may be a priority area for you against your child's presenting needs:

Topic	Date/Time
Introduction to DIAS (Devon Information & Advice Service + the Ambassador Volunteer Programme)	Tues 1 Apr 10am – 12pm
Autism – Sensory processing + integration	Tues 25 Mar 9.30am - 12.30pm
Autism and Girls	Weds 12th March 9.30am - 12.30pm
Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA	Thurs 13th Feb 10am – 12pm
Autism – Communication (Speaking children – support strategies)	Tues 11 Mar 10am – 12pm
Autism – Managing stress + anxiety	Thurs 20 Mar 10am – 12pm
Autism – Vulnerability + online safety	Thurs 27 Feb 10am – 12pm
Autism – Communication (Non/Limited Speaking children – support strategies)	Thurs 6 Mar 10am – 12pm

Apply direct by email to: educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk to secure a place on any of the above topic based workshops.

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

PTFA NEWS

Hi Everyone!

Don't forget to put your orders in for 'My Child's Art'. If for any reason, there is a problem please contact them direct with your enquiry. Their email address is customerservice@mychildsart.co.uk or phone **01530 887650**. Here is the link again if needed:

<https://mychildsart.co.uk/find-artwork?username=Willand&access-code=y8tdbznv>

Disco tickets will still be available online until Wednesday evening. Tickets can be collected or purchased (for those who haven't been able to order online) on Thursday from the drive gate before school and from the park after school. Tickets not collected on Thursday will be handed out to the children in school on Friday.

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>

Information for disco

-Entry to the disco will be through the KS2 doors and collection for reception/KS1 and LK2 will be by the astroturf in KS2 playground. Collection for KS2 will be from the KS2 doors.

-To speed up entry we are using paper festival bands as entry tickets and we ask that an emergency contact number be written on them before you arrive.

-Reception parents are welcome to stay with their child as this is their first disco.

-Children shouldn't be bringing a mobile device (smart watches/phones).

-All children will need to be collected by a parent/guardian.

-If your child requires a coat due to the weather, we ask that you take it home and bring it back at collection.

-Some of the toys for sale have button batteries please ensure adult supervision when your child returns home

-Sweets, crisps and squash will be available to purchase at the event so please ensure if your child has an allergy that a volunteer is made aware.

Lastly, Year 6 leavers hoodies need to be purchased and the online google form completed by Friday 29th November.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zvCTKRiFqu89-wXv2vgJgc7EnojObdod7X-DMPY0Poc/viewform?pli=1&pli=1&edit_requested=true

The cost to parents is £10. Any problems with this please email us at willandschoolptfa@gmail.co.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Your PTFA Team



Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 2nd December

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				

DATES to remember...

Thursday 28 th November	Re-scheduled Parent Tour for Reception '25 @ 11am
Friday 29 th November	PTFA Disco
Tuesday 10 th December	Y1 & 2 Play Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 11 th December	Y1 & 2 Play 1.30 pm 5.30pm
Thursday 12 th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
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	

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