

Mrs James

Sadly, Mrs James will be leaving us at the end of the term to start a new role in January. We shall miss her very much but we wish her every success in her new job. We have appointed Mrs Pagliero, who has undertaken a lot of supply teaching at the school to be the main class teacher.

The Donkey Seller - Urgent

Just a reminder that tickets are on sale for the Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Play, The Donkey Seller, on Thursday 8th December. If you have a child in the play and you have not yet bought your tickets please do so tomorrow. From Friday we will issue tickets for those on the waiting list for extra tickets.

Reception Class Christmas Celebration

The Reception classes will be performing a celebration of Christmas songs on Thursday 8th December at 9.15am. All parents of these children are welcome to come and watch. Entrance to the hall will be via the Foundation Stage doors.

Year 3 and Year 4 Artwork

The children in Year 3 and 4 would like to invite their parents and carers to view their amazing artwork from this term. Their pop-up gallery can be viewed from 3.10pm on Tuesday 6th December, in the Lower Key Stage Two shared area. Please enter via the main reception entrance. We look forward to sharing our skills and knowledge with you.

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated on the day and for giving and buying at the toy sale. We raised a fantastic £533.80

Parking

Please do not park in front of the entrance to Gables Nursery, opposite the school drive, when dropping off or collecting your children. It is in constant use and the splay is there to enable drivers to safely exit the carpark.

Y6 SATs Week – Change

We have now had confirmation from the Department for Education that SATs week will still run W/C 8th May 2023 but will run from Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th instead of Monday 8th - Thursday 11th due to the additional bank holiday we have been given for the King's coronation.

Wellington Maths Challenge

Congratulations to Isaac, Isabella, Wanda and Annie from Y6 who represented the school at the Wellington Maths Challenge last Saturday. The children worked really hard to complete a range of maths questions with 60 other local schools. Thank you also to Mrs Nisbet for accompanying the children.

Parent Governor Vacancy

This is a reminder that there is a vacancy for a parent governor on our school's governing body, the details of which were sent in an email on Monday. Nominations must be returned to Mrs Sam Evans, Clerk to Governors, at rsrose@willand.devon.sch.uk by 12 noon on 1st December 2022.

PTFA Disco

The PTFA are holding Christmas disco on Friday 2nd December. There will be three different sessions for the different year groups:

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	4.30pm – 5.30pm
Year 3 and Year 4	5.45pm – 6.45pm
Year 5 and Year 6	6.15pm – 7.15 pm

The PTFA will be selling tickets every afternoon between 2.45pm – 3.30pm. Tickets cost £2.00

The entrance for all children will be through the Upper Key Stage 2 doors. The exit for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, and for Year 3 and Year 4 will be through the Key Stage 1 doors onto the Key stage 2 playground. Years 5 and 6 will exit through the Upper Key Stage 2 doors.

Please do not stand too far back as we need to be able to see you.

Privacy Notice

Just a reminder that a copy of the Pupil and Parent/Carer Privacy Notice is available on the school website.

Children's Holiday Club (HAF - Holidays Activity & Food Programme) Culm Valley Sports Centre

The aim of the HAF programme is to support children to eat more healthily, be more active over the school holidays and have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition as well as be more engaged with school and other local services.

This club runs Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd December, 10am – 2pm for ages 5 - 12, and 3pm - 7pm for ages 12 - 16.

There are a limited funded places available that allow children in receipt of benefit related FSM (Free School Meals) a free place. There are also funded places for vulnerable families that may not be in receipt of FSM, children with SEND requirements and children in Foster care. The holiday club is also available to other families for £25 per child per day.

Annual Consultation - Changes to Catchment Area

This is the annual opportunity for parents to review the admissions arrangements that are proposed and to comment on them, making suggestions for change. This is of especial importance to parents this year, as part of the consultation is to decide whether Willand School will be placed into the catchment areas for both Uffculme School and Cullompton Community College. This would mean that when your child is transferring to Secondary School you would be guaranteed a place in either of these schools.

Devon's annual consultation on School Admission Arrangements 2024/2025 is now running and will close on **Friday 6 January 2023**.

Details of the consultation are at [Admissions, transport and relevant areas consultation – Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/admissions-transport-and-relevant-areas-consultation)

Responses must be submitted either by email to schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk or in writing to School Admissions and Transport Consultation, Devon County Council, Room L60, County Hall, Exeter EX2 4QG by **Friday 6 January 2023**.

Nativity Trail around Willand

This December St Mary's Willand have created a trail of large wooden angels around the village, each telling part of the Christmas story. This year you can also join in by making your own Christmas Angel to display in your window or garden.

How many angels can you find this year?

You can follow this trail all in one go or do it over different days - the choice is yours! You can enter the church and pass through to view the crib scene and take photos. Please follow the current government guidance and be kind to the angels, they love being part of selfies! Get your coats on, put on your walking boots and explore the Christmas story in a new and hope filled way.

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing 5th December

Please notice the change of menu for Wednesday

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Homemade Chilli Con Carne	Oven Baked Sausages	Roast Beef	Homemade Sweet and Sour Chicken	Salmon Fingers
<i>Chicken Goujons</i>			<i>Chicken Fajitas</i>	
<i>Vegetarian Chilli</i>	<i>Oven Baked Vegan Sausages</i>	<i>Vegan Sausage</i>	<i>Sweet and Sour Quorn Chicken</i>	<i>Margherita Pizza</i>
Quorn Dippers			Quorn Chicken Fajitas	
Rice or Pasta Green Beans Salad Bar	Mashed Potato/Pasta Baked Beans Peas Salad Bar	Yorkshire Pudding Roast/mashed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy Salad Bar	Pasta or Rice Tortilla Chips Mixed Vegetables Salad Bar	Chips or Pasta Garden Peas/ Sweetcorn Tomato Sauce Salad Bar
Homemade Golden Sponge Pink Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Homemade Chocolate Cracknel Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	American Pancake and Ice Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Ice Cream and Pineapple 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				

Keep safe and keep well

Anne Hawkins

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