



Reception Christmas Celebration

Year R are holding their Christmas Celebration on Friday, at 9.30 am. All parents of these children are welcome to come and watch. Entrance to the hall will be via the Foundation Stage doors.

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.

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.

Homework Club

Our last day for Homework Club is 7th December - there will not be any sessions during the last week of this term. We plan to start up again in the New Year from Monday, 8th January.

Fond Farewell

We are sad to be saying 'farewell' to Mrs Hills at the end of this term, as she retires from her role as School Business Manager. We thank her for the 19 years of hard work and dedication to Willand School. I am sure you will join with me in wishing her a long and happy retirement. Mrs Jane Howard will be taking over the role of School Business Manager in January.

Photos and Videos

Please may we remind you, that we do have children who need their identities protected and ask you **not to upload online any videos, photographs, or items such as performance programmes, listing children's names from school events**. Please be mindful of this when attending the Reception Celebration; whilst we are happy for you to take photos and videos these should only be kept by you privately.



Final Week – Christmas Celebrations

We are all looking forward to the Christmas festivities next week and to help get into the Christmas spirit, children can wear party clothes to school for either Monday or Tuesday, depending on which day they have their party **Christmas Party:**

Monday, 11th - Reception and KS1

Tuesday, 12th - KS2

Parents have already pre-ordered for their children's *Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, 13th December* and would like to thank our kitchen staff for all the hard work they have put in to making sure we have an amazing time.



Year 2 Visit to SS Great Britain

Following the Christmas break it will be lovely for Year 2 to have this visit to look forward to on Wednesday, 31st 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:**

8th December - £10

5th January - £7.57

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



Online Safety

As Christmas approaches, many of you will be considering buying TVs, smart

speakers, tablets and other devices for the family.

Children spend increasing amounts of time online, which can lead to worries and issues for them. We know you want to keep them as safe as possible and make sure they are having fun. The safer internet centre has published some really useful parent and carer guides to help you do just that. They cover phones, laptops, smart speakers, games consoles, tablets and TVs as well as social media platforms such as WhatsApp and Instagram.

Most of these devices and social media platforms have safety features that are easy for parents and carers to set up. Check out their guides here:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers)

Tips, advice, guides and resources to help keep you child safe online.

Saferinternet.org.uk

As always, if you have any questions or would like help or support with keeping your children safe online, please get in touch. Pauline Maynard, Online Safety Lead

Keep safe and keep well

Anne Hawkins

Headteacher

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 11th December 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Westcountry beef burger in a plain bap	Chicken Fajitas	Christmas lunch – As pre-booked	Chicken curry Naan bread and rice	Harry Ramsden`s Fish
Vegetarian burger in a plain bap	Quorn Fajitas		Macaroni cheese	Homemade Cheese Wheel
Potato wedges/ pasta Baked beans/ peas Salad Bar	Rice/pasta Mixed vegetables Salad Bar		Green Beans Salad Bar Crisps	Chips / Pasta Seasonal vegetables Tomato Sauce Salad Bar
Artic Roll Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Syrup sponge and custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt		Pancakes and cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	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				

PTFA NEWS

Festive Tuck Shop – Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who came and supported our Festive Tuck Shop! The rate in which we sold

out of stock took us by surprise so sorry if you missed out, but we are still learning what quantities we need so not to have items left over. After running the 2 tuck shops we are now in a position, to buy lots of new stock next year for everyone to enjoy... and **we raised a total of £145** from the events which is a very pleasing total considering we like to keep prices low and affordable. Some events for us are more about meeting all of you and just seeing the children enjoy a treat!

Christmas Lights - Our last event of this term is certainly a festive one! We love the fact that someone in our local community has chosen us to receive a charitable donation and to really make it that little bit more special we will be there selling drinks, treats and glow items to add to festivities! Come join us at 6:30pm on Saturday at Ash Close in Willand for a special extended light show. We cannot thank the Stoner Family enough for his opportunity!

Finally, we wish KS1 good luck with their Christmas performances this week... it's such a treat to see the children perform!

Thank you everyone, for your ongoing support!
Your PTFA Team





The Stoner Family Christmas
Lights

This year we are raising money for the Willand PTFA.

Come and join us from 18:30 on Saturday 9th for a special evening with the PTFA, who will be selling drinks and glow sticks

Ash Close, Willand

Let's get festive 🎄



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

Diary

AUTUMN TERM 2023	
Thursday 7 th December	Homework clubs finish
Friday 8 th December	Reception Classes Christmas Celebration 9:30am
Saturday 9 th December	Stoner Family Christmas Lights
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 2024	
Tuesday 2 nd January	Non-pupil day
Wednesday 3 rd January	Start of Spring Term
W/C Monday 8 th January	Homework club starts
Friday 12 th January	6G Class Assembly
Friday 19 th January	6N Class Assembly
Thursday 1 st	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 Assembly
Friday 3 rd May	3P Assembly
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th May	Year 6 KS2 SATS
Friday 17 th May	2R 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
W/C Monday 17 th June	Dartmoor Residential week
Friday 21 st June	1HB Assembly
Tuesday 25 th June	Sports Day
Friday 28 th June	1MP 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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