



Learning for Life
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Welcome back, we hope you all had a safe and happy Christmas break and new year!

I am aware that there are many bugs and illnesses currently still circulating the school community. I have reattached the current parent guide poster regarding when to keep your child off school. Please can I ask that if your child is unwell and not coming to school you inform the school office before 9:00am so that we are able to record the absence correctly and to save the office the task of following up the absence with you.

Staffing Update:

At the end of this half term Mr Watts will be leaving us, having secured a teaching position abroad. Mr Watts has been a valuable member of the team here at Willand School, contributing significantly to sports and after school clubs. His presence will be greatly missed by both staff and students.

As we prepare for his departure, we will ensure a smooth transition for his Year 3 class to maintain the high standard of education they receive. We are currently advertising to recruit his replacement.

Class Assembly

4WL class are holding their class assembly on Friday at 9.10 am. All parents of these children are welcome to come and watch. Entrance to the hall will be via the Foundation Stage doors.

Message from Year 1 Team

As the children in Year 1 are settled in their classes and familiar with their new teachers, we would like to encourage parents to drop their child at the driveway gate so that the children can make their way into class independently, like they were doing in Reception.

We understand that sometimes there are messages that you need to pass on to the teachers however, this can be done by emailing year1@willand.devon.sch.uk passing the message on to the teacher who is on gate duty or by catching the teacher at the end of the day when all teachers are available.

We thank you in advance for your co-operation with this.

Morning Drop-off and Afternoon Collection

- Consider other Jubilee Field/Park users. While waiting to drop off/collect children, please enable others to walk freely pass using the path. This should help to avoid any unfortunate accidents, as were witnessed at the end of last term.

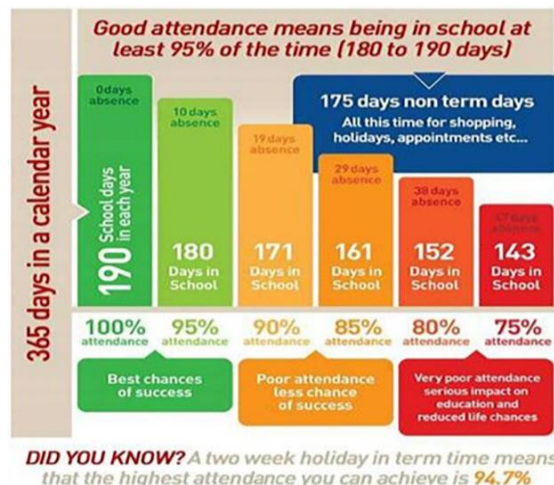
- Consider our neighbours when parking. At times residents' access to their homes has been compromised by parent parking.

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, 20th December 2024

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	86.73	3	90.52
1	84.63	4	88.15
2	87.87	5	87.46
		6	85.00

The Current National figure for comparison is 95.4%



Advance dates for your Diaries:

Parent consultations will be taking place on **Thursday 6th February** and **Tuesday 11th February**. Details regarding booking will be sent out by email in a few weeks time.

Thank you for your
continued support
Naomi Tottle
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Online Safety – 'Wake Up Wednesday'

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

'Safety on Social Media'

Your child may well have received new devices over the Christmas break. This attached article contains some great tips for keeping them safe whilst using them.

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

PE Timetable for this Term

Please see below the PE Days from January. These are the days that children should come to school in their PE kit.

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception		X			
Year 1	X			X	
Year 2				X	X
Y3W			X (swimming)		X
Y3P	X				X (swimming)
Y4MA	X		X		
Y4WL		X	X		
Year 5				X	X
Year 6		X	X		

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 13th January

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Westcountry beef burger in a plain bap	Chicken Fajitas	Roast beef	Chicken curry Naan bread and rice	Harry Ramsden's Fish
Vegetarian burger in a plain bap	Quorn Fajitas	Quorn sausage	Macaroni cheese	Homemade Cheese Wheel
Potato wedges/ pasta Baked beans/ peas Salad Bar	Rice/pasta Mixed vegetables Salad Bar	Roast/mashed Potatoes Yorkshire pudding Fresh Carrots Gravy Salad Bar	Green Beans Salad Bar Crisps	Chips / Pasta Seasonal vegetables Tomato Sauce Salad Bar
Ice cream and peaches Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Syrup sponge and custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	American Pancake and cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Strawberry jelly and fruit cocktail Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Iced Sponge Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
PASTA POTS with Italian tomato sauce or cheese JACKET POTATO with cheese, beans or tuna WRAPSWITH FILLINGS: Ham, Chicken or Cheese				

URGENT – September 2025 Admission to School

If you have a child who you wish to start at our school in September 2025 and have not already completed an application, it's really important you submit this using the following link: [Apply online through the Citizen Portal](#) by **15th January 2025**.

Late applications will not guarantee a place, even if you have a sibling already at Willand School.

If you cannot apply online, please contact the Education helpline on 0345 155 1019 and ask for a paper copy of the form to be sent to you, although the admissions team will need to have received the completed form by the above closing date.

After-school Clubs this term

After-school Clubs will start from the beginning of next week on the following days:

Monday Year 6 Bits and Bobs Club

Wednesday Years 3 & 4 Gymnastics

Thursday Year 4 & 5 Dodgeball

Places are limited and will be offered on a 1st come, 1st served basis. Children can be signed-up via the parent evening booking system from Wednesday 8th January at 7pm until Friday, 10th January at 12noon.

Diary to remember...

Friday 10 th January	Class 4WL - Assembly
Friday 17 th January	Class 6N - Assembly
Friday 24 th January	Class 6G - Assembly
Friday 31 st January	Class 4MA - Assembly
Thursday 6 th February	Parent Consultations
Friday 7 th February	Class 5T - Assembly
Tuesday 11 th February	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14 th February	Non-pupil Day
17 th – 21 st February	Half-term Break
For full calendar of events, please click below – https://willand.devon.sch.uk/Calendarofevents.pdf	

Kids Holiday Heroes

FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CLUB – Bookings Open

We are really looking forward to our February holiday camp. We have a range of activities, as well as alternative Arts & Crafts activities available. We will be welcoming a range of guests to our camp for February.

We will continue to start the day with an optional healthy morning snack (cereal, toast or fruit) FREE OF CHARGE to all of the 'mini heroes' attending each day!

Please book using this our website -

www.kidsholidayheroes.co.uk

Monday 17th February to Thursday 20th February

Willand School - 8:30 - 16:00 £27per day



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