

School Morning Timings

Just a reminder that gates will be open to enable pupils to enter school at 8:50 - 8:55am, please endeavour to arrive within these times so that staff and pupils can start learning time promptly. Teaching and Support staff will be unavailable at 9am to speak to any parents/ carers, if you do need to speak to a member of staff please contact the school office, who can pass the message on and the teacher will either call or meet with you.
Thank you for your understanding.

Safeguarding

The theme for this week's staff safeguarding training has been: Filtering and monitoring. Schools and colleges should provide a safe environment to learn and work, including when online. Filtering and monitoring are both important parts of safeguarding pupils and staff from potentially harmful and inappropriate online material. There will be further information to support parents and carers with these aspects out shortly, in the first instance there are a range of links to resources available on the online safety section of our school website.

<https://www.willand.devon.sch.uk/online-safety/>

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.

Attendance

As part of Devon County Council's drive to improve school attendance, we will be sharing our attendance statistics with you.

Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	89.03
1	95.45
2	92.90
3	93.91
4	97.53
5	94.89
6	92.98

Class Assembly

Year 6G will be holding their class assembly on Friday, 12th January 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.

URGENT – September Admission to School

If you have a child who you wish to start at our school in September 2023 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 2023.

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.

Miss Tottle will be offering a school tour tomorrow, Thursday, 11th January @ 10am for anyone who missed last term's Open Afternoon. Please contact the school office to book a place – Tel No 01884 820367.

*Thank you for your
continued support
Naomi Tottle
Headteacher*

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Online Safety – 'Wake Up Wednesday'

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

'Managing Screen Time'

99% of current children will own a smartphone before they reach 18 📱🔒 With phones and other devices offering an increasing number of ways to pass the time, it can prove difficult for young people to set them aside. As a gateway to messaging services, games, television, music and more, digital devices can become borderline indispensable items in a young person's life. Studies have shown, however, that managing a child's screen time can have positive impacts on their cognitive development. This week, our #WakeUpWednesday guide provides you with some simple but effective tips to help you bring your family's screen time down to a healthier level, while suggesting alternative activities that are far less reliant on technology.

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

EVENTS

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

Kids Holiday Heroes - are back at Willand School for February. Hot chocolate and pancakes for all children along with a full day of activities!

Children aged 5-12

8:30am-4:00pm

We are running an outdoor sports and craft based programme with a range of fun and curriculum linked activities.

Please check our timetable on our booking page -

<https://bookwhen.com/kidsholidayheroes>

We accept childcare vouchers. Please email us for any information - bookings@kidsholidayheroes.co

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.

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, 15th January 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pepperoni pizza	Italian Bolognaise	Roast Turkey with sage and onion stuffing	Sausage Rolls	Fish Fingers
Cheese pizza	Quorn chicken noodles	Cheese wheel	Cauliflower Cheese	Vegetarian Fingers
Potato Wedges/Pasta a Sweetcorn Salad Bar	Spaghetti Garlic bread Green beans Crisps Salad Bar	Roast/Mashed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy Salad Bar	Pasta/mash 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				

Diary

SPRING TERM 2024	
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

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