

### Thank you

I would like to just say thank you to all the parents and carers who were so supportive during last week's OFSTED inspection, words failed me on Monday morning when I took the call from them, having been here for less than 3 weeks. Those parents who sent messages or spoke to staff to show your support, it was truly appreciated. The children were a credit to the school, their attitude to learning was fantastic. The inspectors spoke to many children and were pleased with what they said about the school and their learning.

I have nothing but admiration for the staff, their dedication and commitment to their job and to providing the best they can for your children, The inspection draft report will be with me before the Easter holidays.

### Parent Consultations

You will have received an email earlier today, reminding you of the booking details for the Parent consultations taking place tomorrow, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February and next Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February. Any questions regarding the booking system, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



### Year 6 High Fives Report

On Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> January at the CCC Sports hall, the year 6 High Five team participated in a netball tournament to qualify for the CVSA finals. We are very happy to have succeeded.

These were our scores:

Our first match was Willand vs Willowbank. We won 1-0. This was a difficult match as we were still getting used to the gameplay and full-sized pitch.

After a little break, we played Willand vs Willowbank B team. We won with a score of 2-0 and began to notice our improvements by building more confidence.

With our final two games, we played against Plymtree with a score of 3-0, and St Andrews for our last game with 3-0 as a score again.

We are so delighted to have won all the games and we are looking forward to the finals. Mrs Bosworth was particularly proud of our teamwork, sportsmanship and our excellent passing and movement.

- Phoebe, Sienna, Delilah, Chloe, Elliott, Jakub, Jordan and Jersey (The Team)

### Birthday Invites

Please can we ask that you do not ask staff to hand out birthday party invites, staff are very busy and sometimes they get forgotten which is upsetting for the child.

### 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, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

| Year Group | %Attendance |
|------------|-------------|
| Reception  | 90.98       |
| 1          | 92.05       |
| 2          | 91.67       |
| 3          | 94.15       |
| 4          | 97.04       |
| 5          | 95.00       |
| 6          | 92.81       |

The Current National figure for comparison is 94.7%

### Class Assembly

**Year 5T** 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.

### Toys from Home

Reception teachers have noticed that some children are bringing toys from home into school each day. Please could we ask that toys are not brought into school as we would like to avoid the children being upset, should the item become broken or lost.

### World Book Day

We will be celebrating **World Book Day** on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. All children are invited to dress up as a book character. More details on the exciting things planned after half-term but we thought that you might want to use the holiday to get your outfit(s) sorted.



### Dartmoor Residential Trip Instalment Payment

Just a reminder that the third instalment for the Year 6 Dartmoor residential trip is due on 31<sup>st</sup> January.

### Mealtime Assistant Vacancy

We are looking to recruit a permanent mealtime assistant to support lunchtimes in EYFS/ KS1.

1 hour a day, 5 days per week - 12:15pm- 1:15pm

Pay scale: £11:59 per hour

Deadline for applications: 9am, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

To start as soon as possible.

Application forms are available from the front office or by emailing [admin@willand.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@willand.devon.sch.uk)

*Thank you for your  
continued support  
Naomi Tottle  
Headteacher*



### Online Safety –

Next Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February, will be International Safer Internet Day. In

school, we will be marking the occasion with special assemblies and lessons in every year group.

This year, the theme is 'Change', and there's some great advice and information available for parents and carers here: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/top-tips-for-parents-and-carers> It's separated into information for under 7s and over 7s, recognising that these two age groups can have quite different needs. The common themes are modelling how to be safe, having regular discussions about what your children are doing online, keeping yourself informed and knowing how to get help and support.

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

### Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February

| MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| Pepperoni pizza   | Italian Bolognese                                   | Roast Turkey with sage and onion stuffing           | Sausage Rolls  | Fish Fingers   |
| Cheese pizza  | Quorn chicken noodles                               | Cheese & onion pasty                                | Cauliflower Cheese                                     | Vegetarian Fingers                                       |
| Potato Wedges /Pasta 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<br>JACKET POTATO with cheese, beans or tuna<br>WRAPSWITH FILLINGS: Ham, Chicken or Cheese |   |   |  |  |

### PTFA News...

We are still working hard behind the scenes getting all the dates and locations in place for events this year... we have some exciting things planned and would like to share a 'Save the date' with you for our first Pub Quiz... details to be confirmed.

*Save the Date*

ITS PUB QUIZ TIME!!!

24TH FEBRUARY AT WILLAND ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

**After-school Tuck Shop** – our next tuck shop will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, a price list will be available closer to the time.

**Design a Dream Home Competition** – All designs should be completed on an A4 sheet of paper, should have as much colour as possible, have your name clearly written on it and submitted to your class teacher by the **closing date which is this coming Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Your PTFA Team

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

# Diary

| SPRING TERM 2024  |  |
|---|--|
| Thursday 1st February   | Parent Consultations                         |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February                               | 5T Class Assembly                            |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February                              | Parent Consultations                         |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> –<br>Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February | Half Term                                    |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February                              | PTFA Tuck Shop                               |
| Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> February                            | PTFA Pub Quiz                                |
| Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March                                | World Book Day                               |
| TBC   | Arts week                                    |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March                               | 2S Class Assembly                            |
| Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March                               | Homework club finishes<br>End of Spring Term |

## EVENTS

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

**The Reach Project**, pancake session at Willand Church Hall, Rectory Gardens on Shrove Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 10-11.30am (in half term). No charge but donations welcome. For more details contact Claire Nicholls, Tel No 07419740742 or email: [claire@squarecorner.org.uk](mailto:claire@squarecorner.org.uk)

### Muddifords Court Events –

**Family Fun Pancake Day**, Sun 13<sup>th</sup> February 10am-4pm  
£6 per child (campfire cooking)

**Holiday Club**, Mon, 12<sup>th</sup> – Fri, 16<sup>th</sup> February  
8am-4pm £38 per child  
8am-6pm £41 per child

*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.*

| SUMMER TERM 2024   |   |
|--|---|
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April                                | Start of Summer Term<br>Homework club starts  |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April                                | 3WA Assembly                                  |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May                                   | 3P Assembly                                   |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> –<br>Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May     | Year 6 KS2 SATS                               |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May                                  | 2R Assembly                                   |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May                                  | Non-pupil day                                 |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May –<br>Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May | Half Term                                     |
| Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June                              | Willand Welcome                               |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June                                 | Both Reception Classes                        |
| W/C Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June                             | Dartmoor Residential week                     |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June                                 | 1HB Assembly                                  |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June                                | Sports Day                                    |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June                                 | 1MP Assembly                                  |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June                                 | Reserve Sports Day /Homework<br>Club Finishes |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July                                 | Reports out                                   |
| Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July                                 | Teachers available for parents                |
| Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July                              | UKS2 Play Dress rehearsal                     |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July                               | UKS2 Play                                     |
| TBC  | Certificate Assembly                          |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July                                 | Leavers Party                                 |
| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July                                | Leavers' Assembly                             |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July                              | End of Summer Term                            |

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