

Learning for Life

12th February 2025 Issue 20

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent parents evenings. Your involvement plays a crucial role in your child's education, and it was truly encouraging to see so many of you actively participating in discussions about your child's progress and achievements. It is this partnership between home and school that helps foster a supportive environment for our students to thrive.

-If you have any further questions following Parent's Evening, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher

-For those who were unable to attend, we encourage you to contact your child's teacher to arrange a convenient time for a discussion.

Thank you for your continued support.

Goodbye and Good Luck to Mr Watts!

After many years of dedicated service to the school Mr Watts leaves us this week. We sincerely thank him for all he has done for the school, including the many sporting successes. I am sure he will look back at his Willand time with many fond memories.

Willand Sports News ...**Netball**

Well done to the Netball team for qualifying for the East Devon Finals!

Basketball

Year 6 finished 2nd in the Basketball finals at

Uffculme school!

Football

Our football teams have been really busy during the last few weeks, resulting in some notable scores:

Year 5 / 6

Willand 6 v 0 Kentisbeare

Willand 11 v 0 Plymtree

Willand 1 v 6 Uffculme

Willand 6 v 1 Willowbank

Year 3 / 4

Willand 12 v 0 Uffculme

– Well done everyone!

Year 3 Swimming

Thank you to all parents who have already made a voluntary contribution towards this ongoing activity. If you have overlooked this, contributions can still be accepted online at www.schoolgateway.com or cash / cheque payments can be made via the school office. The total cost is £25.85 for all 5 sessions (£2.35 per session). Cheques to be made payable to Devon County Council. Please help us to provide this activity by continuing to support the school.

**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, 7th February 2025

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	92.64	3	93.56
1	91.43	4	94.44
2	94.26	5	91.97
		6	94.60

The Current National figure for comparison is 94.8%

We have attached 'School Attendance Matters' leaflet from Devon County Council, which offers useful information as to why good school attendance is important

Year 1 PSHE

As part of Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE), Year 1 will be revisiting the NSPCC 'Talk PANTS' rule next half term. Talk PANTS is an age-appropriate programme designed to help children understand that their body belongs to them and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. Please feel free to speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions. You can also find out more information on the NSPCC website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Half-term Break

Just a reminder that Term ends tomorrow, Thursday 13th February and we return on **Monday, 24th February**

*Thank you for your
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Naomi Tottle
Headteacher*

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Online Safety – 'Wake Up Wednesday'

As yesterday was Safer Internet Day, and your children will be doing activities throughout the week which are linked to the theme of scams, this week's 'Wake Up Wednesday' is particularly relevant. Please take the time to look through it and to talk to your child about what they have been learning in school...

'Scams & Fake News'

'Fake news' is a widespread issue in the digital world, and it's overwhelmingly likely that both children and adults will be exposed to it online.  In fact, a study from the Alan Turing Institute has found that 94% of people in the UK have encountered misinformation on social media  and that's only the ones who were aware of it!

However, while some fake news is shared mistakenly by well-meaning individuals, it's also shared by scammers and other cyber-criminals to lend legitimacy to their con. While this presents a clear risk to children and young people online, the question remains as to how we can protect them against such tactics.  This week's free guide offers expert advice on the specific ways scammers use misinformation and how to safeguard younger users against these techniques.

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



SEND Information



Over the coming months Action For Children is running a number of free online webinars for parents and carers of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

The first is about supporting your child with their Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs and will take place on Monday 27 February from 7pm until 8pm. [Book your free place on Action for Children's Eventbrite page.](#)

The next webinar is on Wednesday 5 March at 7pm, and is about communication and learning needs. The hour long session will look at speech and language issues, attention and listening, Development Language Disorder and problems understanding how relationships with other people work. [Book your free place on Action for Children's Eventbrite page.](#)

On Monday 10 March from 10am until 11am there's a webinar about sensory and physical needs, covering senses and sensory differences, sensory meltdowns and helping children cope with sensory and physical difficulties. [Book your free place on Action for Children's Eventbrite page.](#)

The final webinar in the series is about cognition and learning, and will explore what causes cognitive delays in children and how to know if your child is experiencing this, as well as the activities and strategies you can use to support them and where to go for extra help. It will take place on Wednesday 19 March from 1pm until 2pm. [Book your free place on Action for Children's Eventbrite page.](#)

These webinars provides a safe, friendly and informal space for parents and carers to come together and listen to two Action for Children Family Hub Navigators, ask questions and share thoughts and ideas. [You can find a full schedule of all Action For Children webinars on the Devon Family Hubs Eventbrite page.](#)

Sickness

We would like to remind you that children should not return to school for 48hrs after an episode of diarrhoea and vomiting. Please see NHS recommendations below:

Should I keep my

child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



SCAN ME

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



Year R Vision Screening

The Vision Screening team are coming into school on 28th February. Reception parents have previously been sent an email with screening details and information on how to 'opt out' if this was parental preference. For anyone who would like to 'opt out', please contact the office to request a form.

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

PE Timetable for After February Half Term

These are the days that children should come to school in their PE kit.

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception		X			
Y1HB	X				X
Y1MP				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		

PTFA NEWS

Hi Everyone!

Following our meeting last week, we are pleased to announce that the Year 6 leavers hoodies have been delivered and handed out to the children. We are sure they liked them as they all had massive smiles coming out of school wearing them.

Also, we have planned some exciting events for the rest of the year starting with a bake sale in April.

-Monday 28th April- Bake sale 🍰

-Thursday 22nd May- Disco 🎵

-Friday 4th July- Summer Fête ☀️

If anyone is needing pre-loved school uniform, please email us with sizes and we can help. Likewise, if anyone is wishing to donate uniform, items always in demand are logo items such as jumpers, cardigans and P.E tops.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Your PTFA Team

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 24th February

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pork meatballs Vegan balls	Turkey Dinosaur Quorn Dippers	Gammon and pineapple Cheese & Broccoli bake	Sausages Quorn sausages	Salmon Fingers Vegetarian Pizza
Spaghetti Green beans Crisps Salad Bar	Pasta/waffles Sweetcorn Tomato sauce Salad Bar	Roast/Mashed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy Salad Bar	Pasta or mash Baked beans/ peas Salad Bar	Chips or Pasta Seasonal vegetables Tomato Sauce Salad Bar
Arctic Roll Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Chocolate cracknel Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Orange Jelly and mandarins Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Sticky Toffee Pudding and caramel sauce. Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Homemade Cookie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt

PASTA POTS with Italian tomato sauce or cheese
JACKET POTATO with cheese, beans or tuna
WRAPSWITH FILLINGS: Ham, Chicken or Cheese

EVENTS

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

– Help celebrate the Tivvy Bumper's 90th birthday with fun family activities around the museum. For details, please see parent noticeboard or log onto www.tivertonmuseum.org.uk

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT BY CCC PTFA –

Cullompton Community College is having our first community movie night and we'd like to invite you to come and see DESPICABLE ME 4!

All money raised will go towards student choice of projects. A great opportunity to come into CCC and get familiar with the surroundings if you've chosen CCC for your secondary school. We're looking forward to seeing you.

12th March 2025 6-8pm

CCC school hall

Tickets £3 (or 4 for £10)

Refreshments available at pocket money prices



BOOK YOUR TICKETS HERE NOW

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.

DATES to remember...

Friday 14 th February	Non-pupil Day
17 th – 21 st February	Half-term Break
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day
Friday 7 th March	Class 3P - Assembly
Friday 21 st March	Class 2R - Assembly Red Nose (Comic Relief) Day
Friday 28 th March	Class 2S - Assembly
Friday 4 th April	Easter Assembly End of Spring Term

For full calendar of events, please click below –

<https://willand.devon.sch.uk/Calendarofevents.pdf>

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