

# Learning for Life 12<sup>th</sup> 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



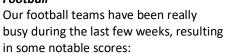
Well done to the Netball team for qualifying for the East Devon Finals!

#### Basketball

Year 6 finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Basketball finals at

Uffculme school!

### Football





Willand 6 v 0 Kentisbeare Willand 1 v 6 Uffculme Willand 11 v 0 Plymtree 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 <a href="https://www.schoolgateway.com">www.schoolgateway.com</a> 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, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Year Group	<b>%Attendance</b>	Year Group	<b>%Attendance</b>
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: <a href="https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/">https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/</a>

# Half-term Break

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

Thank you for your continued support
Naomi Tottle
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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 **X** [ In fact, a study from the Alan Turing Institute has found that 94% of people in the UK have encountered misinformation on social media  $\square$ 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 **(P)** This week's free quide 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)

## **Sickness**

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



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#### **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.

## **Year R Vision Screening**

The Vision Screening team are coming into school on 28<sup>th</sup> 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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## PE Timetable for After February Half Term

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

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Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception		Х			
Y1HB	Х				х
Y1MP				Х	
Year 2				Х	х
Y3W			X (swimming)	Х	
ҮЗР	х				X (swimming)
Y4MA	х		х		
Y4WL		х	Х		
Year 5				Х	х
Year 6		Х	х		

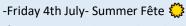
## **PTFA NEWS**

# 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 2



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



# to remember...

Friday 14th February	Non-pupil Day			
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half-term Break			
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day			
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 3P - Assembly			
Friday 21st March	Class 2R - Assembly			
	Red Nose (Comic Relief) Day			
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Class 2S - Assembly			
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Assembly			
	End of Spring Term			
For full calendar of events, please click below –				

ttps://willand.devon.sch.uk/Calendarofevents.pdf

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

Monday, 24 Testidary						
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
Pork meatballs	Turkey Dinosaur	Gammon and pineapple	Sausages	Salmon Fingers		
Vegan balls	Quorn Dippers	Cheese & Broccoli bake	Quorn sausages	Vegetarian Pizza		
Spaghetti Green beans Crisps Salad Bar	Pasta/waffle s 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.

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