

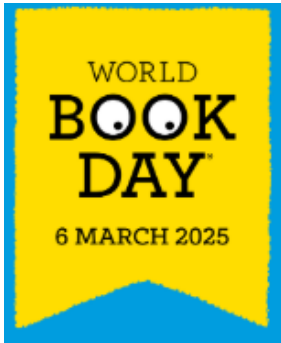
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We look forward to celebrating the charity World Book Day's campaign to Read Your Way which encourages reading for fun and puts children's voices first. Each year in March, it's another opportunity to join in with the national buzz around reading and the celebration of books when we can encourage everyone to let go of pressure and expectations and give children a choice, and a chance, to grow a lifelong love of reading.

If you want to join in at home, the following links will take you to free resources to enjoy with your children.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/> (Free audio books)

<https://www.worldbookday.com/families/share-a-story-corner/> (video stories)

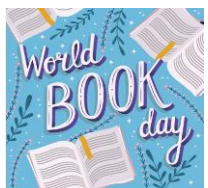
Tomorrow, the library will be open before school (from 8:15am) and after school (until 4:30pm) if you would like to come in and enjoy a book with your child/children. Please note that we expect you to remain with your child until school starts. Come in via the office entrance



Use the book tokens at Asda, Lidl, Sainsbury's, The Works, Trago Mills, Waterstones and WH Smith.

**Don't forget:** We are inviting children to dress up as a word for our **VOCABULARY PARADE**.

Check out the internet for last minute ideas!



### Class Assembly

**3P 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.

### Vision screening

It is now 2 years since the Year 2 children had their vision screening check completed at school. It is highly recommended that these children have their eyes tested by an Optician every 2 years so please book an appointment with your optician.



### 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, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	96.35	3	95.52
1	90.54	4	95.37
2	93.19	5	96.45
		6	96.83

The Current National figure for comparison is 94.8%

*Thank you for your  
continued support  
Naomi Tottle  
Headteacher*

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## Online Safety –

### 'Wake Up Wednesday'

This week, we are sharing some general tips for staying safe online. Please read through them and discuss with your child (selecting dependent on their age). Hopefully, they will impress you with their online safety knowledge and skills due to their learning in school...

### 'Staying Safe Online'

#### Top Ten Tips for Staying Safe Online.

1. Don't post any personal information online – like your address, email address or mobile number.
2. Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours anymore.
3. *Keep your privacy settings as high as possible.*
4. *Never give out your passwords.*
5. *Don't befriend people you don't know.*
6. *Don't meet up with people you've met online. Speak to your parent or carer about people suggesting you do.*
7. *Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are.*
8. *Think carefully about what you say before you post something online.*
9. *Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude.*
10. *If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website, turn off your computer if you want to and tell a trusted adult immediately.*

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



## Safeguarding Information –



**WhatsApp** – We have been made aware that some children are having issues with others using WhatsApp. We've reminded children that the minimum age for WhatsApp is 13.

We're happy to help families restrict apps meant for under 13's if parents want to blame the school for limiting access, we're okay with being the bad guys!

## Support For Separating Parents In Devon

Devon County Council has worked alongside Only Mums & Dads, a Devon-based social enterprise to provide free online support to separating parents in Devon. Whilst not relevant to all parents, we would encourage you to share this information with anyone who may benefit from it. You can find further information about these services here: <https://www.onlymums.org/support-for-separating-parents-in-d>.



## SEND Information

**Devon Information Advice and Support (DiAS)** offer training to help parent carers understand some of the most important information and the most useful skills to develop when supporting a child with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

'**Making Sense of SEND**' explains the basics about special educational needs (SEN), the SEN support available and how the SEND system works and helps parents to feel more confident about speaking up for their child and working with professionals.

Sessions are held online, using Microsoft Teams, or in person.

The online session take place in two parts:

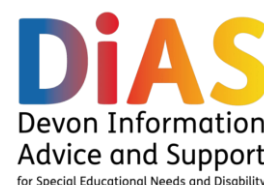
-Part one: About SEND and school – Wednesday 12 March 2025 from 1pm until 2:30pm

-Part two: How to take part and share what you know – Wednesday 19 March 2025, from 10am until 11:30am

In-person session:

-Wednesday 2 April 2025 from 9:15am for a 9:30am start until 12:45pm at Cullompton Community Centre, Pye Corner, Cullompton, Devon, EX15 1JX

To find out more, and book your place, [please visit the DiAS website.](#)



## 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](http://www.schoolgateway.com) or cash / cheque payments can be made via the school office. The total cost is **£23.50** for all 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.



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**Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing  
Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March**

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	Chocolate cake and chocolate sauce Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Cheese and crackers or Smoothie Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Fruit Cocktail and Ice-cream 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				

# Diary

*to remember...*

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Class 3P - Assembly</b>
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Class 2R - Assembly</b> Red Nose (Comic Relief) Day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Class 2S - Assembly</b>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Easter Assembly</b> <i>End of Spring Term</i>
For full calendar of events, please click below – <a href="https://willand.devon.sch.uk/Calendarofevents.pdf">https://willand.devon.sch.uk/Calendarofevents.pdf</a>	

## EVENTS

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

### Uplowman Ultimate Activity Camp

Uplowman Village Hall - for 5-12 year olds  
Tues 15<sup>th</sup>, Wed 16<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> April – 8:30am-3:30pm  
Nerf Gun Battles, Dodgeball, Laser Tag Football, Arts & Crafts, Lego Silent Disco, Rounders, Talent Shows & More!  
Booking link:

<https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2025/04/15/uplowman-village-hall-easter-holiday-camps-2025>

For more information please email [James@primary-sports.co.uk](mailto:James@primary-sports.co.uk) or phone mobile 0741 5293 798

*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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