



World Book Day Congratulations, it was great to see so many different words and inventive costumes. I think we have just about cleared away the 'duplicates' of Miss Leather from around the school!

Communication

As part of our commitment to fostering a positive and respectful community at Willand School, and in line with the Children's Word of the Year, "Kindness," I'd like to outline to everyone a few key guidelines for emailing our staff.

-Kindness and Respect: Just as we teach our pupils to be kind and respectful, we encourage the same in our communications. Please ensure that your emails are written with kindness and respect in mind. Constructive and polite communication helps us address your concerns more effectively and creates a positive environment for everyone.

-Response Times: While we strive to respond to emails promptly, we kindly ask for your patience as immediate responses may not always be possible due to our teaching and leadership duties. Rest assured, we will address your queries as soon as we can.

-Mindful Timing: We appreciate that parents have varying schedules but, if possible, please send emails during school hours or schedule send them to arrive during school hours. This consideration helps us manage communications effectively and supports the well-being of our staff.

By following these guidelines, we are setting an example for our children and reinforcing the importance of kindness and respect within our school community. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation it is much appreciated.



Kindness

On the theme of Kindness, I have been humbled by those parents who have contributed above and beyond in their donations to support parental contributions towards school

trips. This support is greatly appreciated as it enables us to reduce funding any trip shortfall from our main budget whilst also continuing to provide these opportunities for the children.

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 March

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	96.98	3	95.52
1	91.23	4	96.48
2	96.38	5	92.90
		6	98.57

The Current National figure for comparison is 94.8%

Class Assembly

2R class are holding their class assembly on **Friday, 21st March** 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.

Comic Relief

To celebrate Comic Relief Red Nose Day, the school council would like to ask staff and children to



Wear what makes you feel happy!

If you would like to donate, this would be most welcome.



Parent Parking



When parking at the start and end of the school day, please can parents be respectful towards our neighbours; at times residents have been unable to safely pull-away due to parent vehicles either partially or fully blocking their driveway.

*Thank you for your
continued support
Naomi Tottle
Headteacher*

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Online Safety – 'Wake Up Wednesday'



We hope you enjoyed World Book Day last week. These online safety themed stories could be a great way of enjoying another story with your Key Stage 1 child whilst reinforcing their understanding of online safety.

[Digiduck Stories](#)

[Smartie the Penguin stories](#)

[Hanni and the Magic Window story](#)

For your Key Stage 2 children, especially those with additional learning needs, these stories could be a great way to connect and help them understand:

[Connect with Respect](#)

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

Safeguarding Information –

In the local area, there are a number of parents with primary school aged children, who have concerns about phones/social media and the harmful affects.

There is a free talk being held at Culmstock Primary School by Ian Yorston on Thursday 27th March which aims to bring together local parents to join the conversation on "phones, friends, free time and fake news". Please find attached information and Eventbrite link below.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/myevent?eid=1268343332049>



Bringing together local parents to join the conversation

"PHONES, FRIENDS, FREETIME & FAKE NEWS"

Ian Yorston will host a talk and discussion on phones and tech for kids

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
27th March	CULMSTOCK VILLAGE HALL EX15 3JW	6PM - 7PM

Free to attend

Everyone welcome!
Glass of wine or beer will be available for those who would like.

SEND Information

Practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour - <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>



Parenting Smart



We all want the best for our children, but parenting can be really tough sometimes. We've all been there.

Place2Be's Parenting Smart is a site for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds, offering practical advice on supporting your child and managing behaviour.

All of our content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts. It's based on evidence and their experiences working with children, young people and their families.



Learn more at parentingsmart.org.uk

Or scan me



Designed with busy parents in mind, the site has short videos and articles on topics from meltdowns to bullying, from sleeping difficulties to encouraging self-confidence.

Exclusive to schools supported by Place2Be

Parenting Smart – Online Course

Parents and Carers of 4-11 year olds can access our free online course providing you with **extra tools to deal with everyday parenting challenges.**

All of the content is based on the latest evidence and experience from Place2Be's Parenting Team, in partnership with South London and Maudsley-NHS Foundation Trust.

The course aims to help you **strengthen your relationship with your child and respond helpfully to challenging behaviour.** You can also join discussions with other parents and carers in your group from across the UK.

- ✓ Free
- ✓ No fixed times
- ✓ Accessible from any device
- ✓ Hear from other parents around the UK
- ✓ Place2Be professional on hand to support learning

Designed to fit around busy family lives, the 4-week course can be **broken down into short 15-minute sections** and you can access it from your mobile phone, tablet or any other device.



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Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 17th March

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pork meatballs Vegan balls	Chicken Nuggets 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				

DATES to remember...

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 <i>End of Spring Term</i>
Tuesday 22 nd April	Start of Summer Term
Monday 28 th April	PTFA Bake Sale
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th May	Year 6 KS2 SATS

For full calendar of events, please click below –

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

EVENTS

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



JOIN US FOR AN
Easter Party
Saturday 12th April
2pm - 4pm
Willand Village Hall
Gables Road, Willand, EX15 2PL

CHILDREN'S TICKETS INCLUDE
Bouncy Castle 🍌 **Easter Hunt** 🍌 **Easter Crafts**
Biscuit Decorating 🍌 **Easter Photo ops**

OPTIONAL EXTRAS
Raffle • Name The Bunny
Refreshments • Cake Sale

SCAN TO BOOK
Alternatively you can visit our Facebook page or email fowpreschool@yahoo.co.uk

TICKETS
£4.00 per child
Adults FREE
Under 1s FREE (ticket required)

Fundraising event in aid of Willand Preschool.
All proceeds will go towards new role play equipment.

FOWP
Friends of Willand Preschool

With thanks to our sponsors for this event:




Kingfisher Swim School
EASTER CRASH COURSE

PITFIELD APARTMENTS, WILLAND, EX15 2RL
(ONLY 20 MINS FROM WELLINGTON AND HONITON)

FREE PARKING ON SITE

MONDAY 14TH APRIL - FRIDAY 18TH APRIL 2025

30 MINUTE LESSONS
MAXIMUM OF 6 CHILDREN PER CLASS
FOR SWIMMERS AGED 4+ IN STAGES 1 & 2
(RATIO 3:1 FOR ALL CLASSES)
PRIVATE HEATED POOL AT 31°C
£53.75 PER SWIMMER
(INCLUDES ALL CERTIFICATES & BADGES!)

TO BOOK HEAD OVER TO OUR WEBSITE OR SCAN THE QR CODE!

www.kingfisheractivities.co.uk

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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