



## Learning for Life

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### Class Assembly

Year 2S 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.



### Willand Sports News ...

#### CVSA Cross Country at Killerton

Willand School was represented last week by a superb group of students who gave their all in a running event at Killerton House. The route was very muddy and was longer than round 1, but that did not put off our runners! We had some great results, including several top 3 places, and overall Willand School came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 11 schools- well done to all of the team! Our MVP was Delilah, who was a great support to all of the children in the team and demonstrated the values of Willand School at all times.

### 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024.

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	90.41	3	93.89
1	96.51	4	90.54
2	94.26	5	95.16
		6	90.88

The Current National figure for comparison is 94.6%

### Goodbye and Good Luck

We wish Miss Davies all the very best of luck in her new school. She will be greatly missed. Mr MacLeod will be joining us after the Easter break. He has spent the last two days at school getting to know the children and staff.

### PE Timetable for Next Term

Please check the table below for your child's PE sessions after Easter.

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception		x			
Y1HB	x				x swimming
Y1MP			x swimming		x
Year 2			x	x	
Y3P		x		x	
Y3WA	x			x	
Y4C		x			x
Y4W	x	x			
Y5ML	x			x	
Y5T	x				x
Year 6			x		x

### After-School Clubs

You will have received an email on Monday with news of our after-school activities programme for April/May. The choices have proven hugely popular with every club becoming full within minutes of bookings opening and now have a waiting list for each of them (exception: Year 4 Gymnastics which does have a few spaces available). We appreciate that on this occasion some children may be disappointed, but they may have another opportunity to sign-up during the Summer term as we will be launching a new programme for June and July.

On behalf of all the staff, we wish you a very happy Easter. School closes on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March and reopens on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April.

*Thank you for your  
continued support  
Naomi Tottle  
Headteacher*



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## Online Safety – 'Wake Up Wednesday'

Attached are the latest top tips from the National College. This week's theme is ...

### 'Encouraging Open Conversations at Home'

*Cultural and technological changes have made the experiences of today's children vastly different to our own childhoods; it can be challenging to engage youngsters in open, honest conversation – especially about more sensitive topics. This, combined with many children's instinct to avoid "rocking the boat", can make it difficult to stay up to date with the goings on in their lives.*

*However, it's hugely important that trusted adults still offer an empathetic ear and feel able to encourage young people to open up about their day-to-day activities. This #WakeUpWednesday guide provides ten top tips for promoting open conversations with children – helping to make sure there's someone they know they can turn to in times of need.*

With the Easter holidays approaching, we attach a previous Christmas 'Wake Up Wednesday' with social media advice as your children may be spending more time online over the next couple of weeks. This links really well with this week's article about Opening Conversations at Home. Please take a moment to remind your children that not everything they may see online is safe or real, and in particular not to try out any activities they see online without checking first with an adult. As always, if you have any questions relating to online safety, please contact Mrs Maynard (Online safety Lea

## Dartmoor Residential Trip Instalment Payment

Just a reminder that the final instalment for the Year 6 Dartmoor residential trip was due on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> March.

## School Lunch Payments

We would appreciate parents clearing all school lunch balances by the end of this term. Can we also remind you; meals should be paid for in advance. Many thanks.

## PTFA NEWS

Hi Everyone!

**Thank** you to everyone who purchased at our most recent tuck shop.. we love hosting these and seeing the children's excitement!

**We** just have to say how amazing it was reading all the comments written by the children about their peers and teachers for our Eggceptional Easter Egg competition. Some of them were particularly heartfelt, it made us very proud to be part of our school community!! We wish we could have given an egg to everyone!! We tried our best to put as many comments as possible on the display and these boards have now gone into the school to hopefully be displayed.

**A** reminder that our Spring Fayre is fast approaching... we are still looking for raffle/tombola donations and volunteers for the day itself. Please email [willandschoolptfa@gmail.com](mailto:willandschoolptfa@gmail.com) to arrange.

**If** you're having an Easter clear out don't forget we have a collection booked for bags2school and would love your donations.

**We** hope you all have an amazing Easter break!

**Thank** you for your ongoing support.

Your PTFA Team

✔ We Collect					
✘ We Don't Collect					
Socks	Belts	Clothes	Paired shoes	School uniforms with and without logo	Duvets and blankets
Soft toys	Household linen	Handbags	Hats	Corporate clothing and workwear	Pillows and cushions
Household curtains	Household towels	Bags	Scarves and ties	Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material	Carpets, rugs and mats
Household bedding	Bras	Jewellery	Furniture and large items	Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing	

Collection Date 23rd May

PTFA will receive 50p per kilo of the donated goods weight.

SUNDAY 5TH MAY 2024  
11:00AM TO 4:00PM

FREE ENTRY

WILLAND SCHOOL PTFA  
**SPRING FAYRE**  
WILLAND ROVERS FC

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY  
TOMBOLA • BEAT THE GOALIE • CRAFT AND FOOD STALLS • ICE CREAM • FACE PAINT • LIVE MUSIC • BAR • AND MORE

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## Willand School Menu for Summer Term

### Week 1 **Monday 15 April**,

W/C 6 May, 3 June, 24 June, 15 July

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, cheese, beans or tuna JACKET POTATO with cheese, beans or tuna WRAPSWITH FILLINGS: Ham, Chicken or Cheese				

### Week 2 W/C 22 April, 13 May, 10 June, 1 July, 22 July

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Westcountry beef burger in a plain bap Vegetarian burger in a plain bap	Chicken Fajitas Quorn Fajitas	Roast beef Quorn sausage	Chicken curry Naan bread and rice Macaroni cheese	Harry Ramsden's Fish Homemade Cheese Wheel
Potato wedges/ pasta Baked beans/ peas Salad Bar	Rice/pasta Mixed vegetables Salad Bar	Roast/mashed Potatoes Yorkshire pudding Fresh Carrots Gravy Salad Bar	Green Beans Salad Bar Crisps	Chips / Pasta Seasonal vegetables Tomato Sauce Salad Bar
Ice cream and peaches Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Syrup sponge and custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	American Pancake and cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Strawberry jelly and fruit cocktail Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Iced Sponge Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
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### Week 3 W/C 29 April, 20 May, 17 June, 8 July

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pepperoni pizza Cheese pizza	Italian Bolognaise Quorn chicken noodles	Roast Turkey with sage and onion stuffing Cheese & onion pasty	Sausage Rolls Cauliflower Cheese	Fish Fingers 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
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# DATES

SPRING TERM 2024	
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	2S Class Assembly
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Homework club finishes End of Spring Term

SUMMER TERM 2024	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer Term Homework club starts
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	3WA Assembly
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	3P Assembly
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	PTFA Spring Fayre, Willand Rovers
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 KS2 SATS
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	2R Assembly
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	PTFA Bag 2 School collection
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Non-pupil day
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term



To find out more visit:  
[www.autism.org.uk/earlybird](http://www.autism.org.uk/earlybird)

## Has your child received an autism diagnosis?



Join the National Autistic Society's EarlyBird Plus programme to understand more about autism and how you can support your child.

### EarlyBird Plus programme

Meet other parents and share experiences on our ten-week programme. Designed for parents of children aged from four to nine, we can help you understand autism and support your child, including:

- supporting interaction
- understanding sensory differences
- developing play
- interpreting behaviour.

We encourage you to attend the sessions with a professional, such as a teaching assistant, who is working regularly with your child.

"EarlyBird Plus is an absolute must to help you begin to learn and understand how your child's mind works."  
Parent

This is your local licensed EarlyBird Plus group leader, trained by the National Autistic Society.

Contact them for more information:  
Name: Emma Terry, Helen Allery, Emma Wilson, Sonya Cecil and April Hewings  
Contact: [cfhd.earlybirdplus@nhs.net](mailto:cfhd.earlybirdplus@nhs.net)

### Information and support

Get free resources and expert advice on a wide range of issues affecting autistic people and their families.

Visit:  
[www.autism.org.uk](http://www.autism.org.uk)

The National Autistic Society is a charity registered in England and Wales (269425) and in Scotland (SC039427)

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## SEND NEWS ....

### **Autism and Us' Parent Programme (Summer Term 2024)**

Sent on behalf of the Communication and Interaction Team: [Support from the Communication and Interaction Team - Education and Families \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)

**“Support for parents/carers of Devon primary and secondary children who are either on the autism assessment waiting list or who have received a diagnosis of autism.**

Our 'Autism & Us' programme delivered this academic year will once again be offered during the forthcoming Summer term of the 2023-24 academic year for parents/carers of Devon DCC primary and secondary school children, pre or post diagnosis.

We are delighted to announce that we are offering access for families of CYP (Children & Young People) who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis.

Attending the 'Autism & Us' parent programme gives you an opportunity to develop your understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing and supporting your child's presenting needs, whilst also connecting with other parents/carers.

Full programme details and application process below:

#### **Autism & Us programmes:**

4 weekly 'live online' sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:

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Summer Term 2024			
No.	Topic	Programme 1	Programme 2
1	Autism overview	Tues 23 Apr - 10 – 12	Thurs 13 Jun - 4.30 – 6.30
2	Sensory	Tues 30 Apr - 10 – 12	Thurs 20 Jun - 4.30 – 6.30
3	Communication	Tues 7 May - 10 – 12	Thurs 27 Jun - 4.30 – 6.30
4	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Tues 14 May - 10 – 12	Thurs 4 Jul - 4.30 – 6.30

**Apply direct by email to:** [educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk](mailto:educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk) to secure a place on either of the above programmes, or express your interest for forthcoming programmes.

We will confirm your booking request and provide you with a direct link to the event. They will be delivered online 'live' via the Microsoft TEAMS platform.

Additionally, we will also be offering the following very popular themed/topic based workshops, which lead on from the above programmes for themes/topics that may be a priority area for you against your child's presenting needs:

Topic	Date/Time
DIAS (Devon Information & Advice Service +PCFD (Parent Carer Forum Devon)	Wed 22 May 10-12
Autism – Sensory processing + integration	Thurs 16 May 9.30-12.30
Autism and Girls	Wed 5 Jun 9.30 - 12
Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA	Thurs 13 Jun 10 - 12
Autism – Communication (Speaking children – support strategies)	Mon 1 Jul 10-12
Autism – Managing stress + anxiety	Wed 10 Jul 1 – 3pm
Autism – Vulnerability + online safety	Wed 19 Jun 10-12
Autism – Communication (Non/Limited Speaking children – support strategies)	Thurs 27 Jun 10-12

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