

The

Willand



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Pupil class List Survey 2025/26

In a continuation of practice from last year, we would like to provide the opportunity for some movement of pupils between classes.

We are doing this to enable children to have the opportunity of being in a class with different children across the year group. It also helps us to ensure that we can balance the classes effectively as over time needs and personalities change, we have also had a large number of new children start the school this year. The survey will be sent out and go live today and needs to be **completed by Monday 12th May 2025**.

Link for the google form: <https://forms.office.com/e/OYxRBAv9s2>



VE Day Plans – Thursday, 8th May

As part of the VE celebrations we will be holding a wear Red/ white/ Blue non uniform day. During the day the children will take part in class-based activities as well as a whole school assembly.

Payment System

We regret that the schoolcomms/ ParentPay account changeover is taking longer than we had hoped and thank you for your patience during the period of transition.

Whilst parents are unable to see an updated lunch balance, please be assured all payments are being received and school lunches fees should continue to be made to children's accounts.



Schoolgateway

Please telephone the school office if you have any further questions.

Willand Sports News ...

Marathon Madness

Congratulations to Mrs Hamblett who put in a fantastic performance completing the Manchester Marathon on Sunday. Well done!



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, 25th April 2025

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	98.79	3	97.50
1	92.63	4	98.36
2	95.83	5	98.99
		6	96.48

The Current National figure for comparison is 94.8%

School Tours for Reception Intake 2025

For parents of children who have been allocated a place with us for September 2025 and have not yet visited our school, we are offering a school tour on **Thursday 8th May @ 2pm**.

If you are interested in viewing the school, please email office@willand.devon.sch.uk or telephone 01884 820367 to book a tour date; we look forward to seeing you!

Lost Property

The mountain of lost property has returned, we will be bringing out lost property to the front of school after school regularly over the next few weeks please do have look when you see the red boxes.

*Thank you for your
continued support
Naomi Tottle
Headteacher*

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

SEND NEWS

Autism and Us' Parent Programme (Summer Term 2025)

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 2024-25 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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No.	Topic	Programme 1		Programme 2
1	Autism overview	Tues 29 April	10am – 12pm	Thurs 5 June 4.30 – 6.30pm
2	Sensory	Tues 6 May	10am – 12pm	Thurs 12 June 4.30 – 6.30pm
3	Communication	Tues 13 May	10am – 12pm	Thurs 19 June 4.30 – 6.30pm
4	Understanding and supporting behaviour	Tues 20 May	10am – 12pm	Thurs 26 June 4.30 – 6.30pm

Apply direct by email to: 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
Introduction to DIAS (Devon Information & Advice Service + the Ambassador Volunteer Programme	Tues 24 June 10am – 12pm
Autism – Sensory processing + integration	Thurs 3 July 9.30am - 12.30pm
Autism and Girls	Thurs 19 June 9.30am - 12.30pm
Autism – Demand avoidance + PDA	Thurs 26 June 10am – 12pm
Autism – Managing stress + anxiety	Thurs 5 June 10am – 12pm
Autism – Vulnerability + online safety	Tues 8 July 10am – 12pm

Apply direct by email to: educationlearnersupport@devon.gov.uk to secure a place on any of the above topic based workshops.

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Online Safety –

'Wake Up Wednesday'

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

'Making Friends Online'

Making friends online can open doors to exciting new experiences 🌐💬 - but it can also expose children to serious risks ⚠️🙄 Around 19% of children aged 10 to 15 in England and Wales have chatted online with someone they've never met face to face. Our latest #WakeUpWednesday guide explores how young people form connections online and what trusted adults should know.

With expert advice on encouraging safer habits 🛡️, spotting red flags 🚩 and keeping communication open 🗣️, this week's free guide offers valuable guidance for parents and educators alike. It's all about helping children navigate online friendships safely, confidently — and most importantly, happily 😊💖.

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



DATES

to remember...

Monday 5 th May	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th May	Year 6 KS2 SATS
Friday 16 th May	Reception Classes - Assembly
Thursday 22 nd May	PTFA Disco
Friday 23 rd May	Non-pupil day
26 th May – 30 th May	Half Term
For full calendar of events, please click below – https://willand.devon.sch.uk/Calendarofevents.pdf	

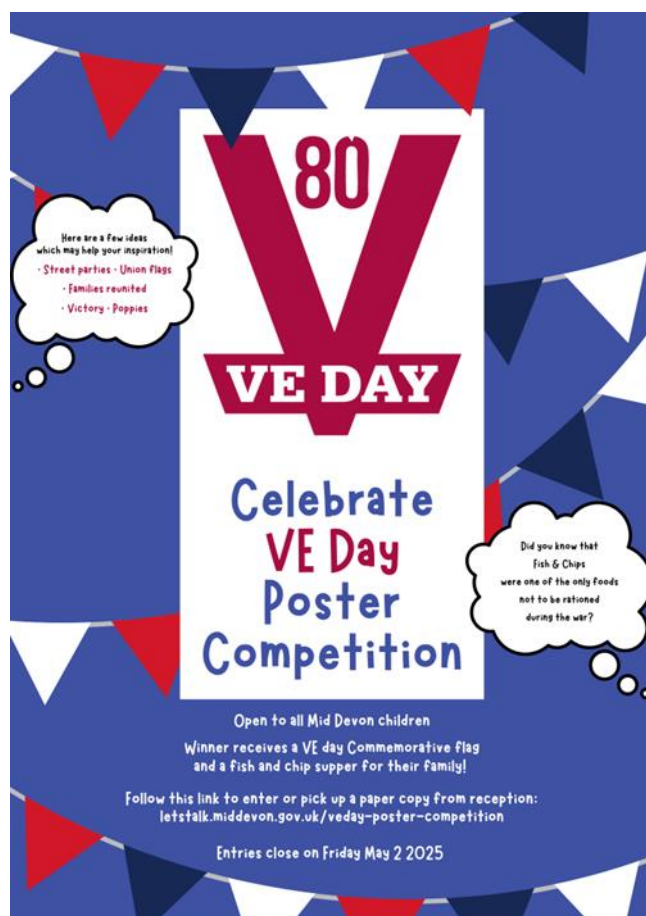
VE Day Poster Competition

Mid Devon District Council are running a VE day poster competition: Winner receives a commemorative flag and fish & chip supper for the family! For further information and ideas please see the poster below.

Please use the following link to download the poster template: [Let's Talk Mid Devon](#)
Closing date 2nd May.

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Tuesday, 6th May

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Bank Holiday	Italian Bolognese	Roast Turkey with sage and onion stuffing	Sausage Rolls	Fish Fingers
	Quorn chicken noodles	Cheese & onion pasty	Cauliflower Cheese	Vegetarian Fingers
	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
	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				



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