



The

Willand

Learning for Life

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Welcome

Welcome to Mr MacLeod to Year RD and Willand School, we hope he has found everyone to be helpful and welcoming and is enjoying getting to know everyone.

Good Luck...

To all pupils taking part in the Exmoor Challenge on Saturday!



French Calligram Celebration

Last term, the Association for Language Learning (ALL) invited schools around the country to send in some calligrams for a celebration they were having. A calligram is a word or a piece of text in which the design and layout of the letters create a visual image linked to the meaning of the words themselves. The children in Y4 and Y6 had fun using their French vocabulary in their designs and many of them completed more at home to bring in! Mrs O'Meara submitted our entries and ALL chose one entry per school in each age group to include in an e-book published on their website. Huge congratulations to Daisy in Y4 and Oliver P in Y6 whose work was chosen! You can find the e-books on the website using this link <https://www.all-languages.org.uk/primary-2/primary-voice/>.



Parent Survey

Thank you to all parents who completed the recent survey, results are being analysed, your thoughts and opinions are much appreciated and valued as we review these elements of school.

Punctuality

Please can we remind you that timings to the start of the school day:

8:50am Children may arrive at School
8:55am The start of the school day
9:00am Morning registration



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, 3rd May.

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	90.64	3	94.46
1	96.82	4	94.46
2	93.51	5	94.84
		6	94.56

The Current National figure for comparison is 94.6%

Devon Family Hubs

Exciting things are happening in Devon to improve support for families with children.

Children's Centres have been operating in Devon for many years, and since 2018 they've provided targeted support to families with children aged zero to eight years old, who have specified levels of need. Families' needs were assessed, and if they met the criteria, they could be referred for help and support from their nearest Children's Centre. But that's changing, with a decision that our councillors took last year following national guidance to expand the range of support to families, and to develop a network of Family Hubs and associated outreach services.

From this month, families will begin to see a gradual change as Family Hubs and the services they deliver will start to become more present in local communities.

Families of children aged zero to 19 years old, or up to aged 25 years old for young people with special educational needs and disabilities, can now access help and support from us. There are no eligibility criteria, other than the age of the child, and no requirement for families to be referred for support. [Devon Family Hubs | Services | Action for Children](#)

*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 ...

'Shopping Platforms'

Quality merchandise 🏠 Fair prices 👍 What's not to love? 😊 The possibility of bagging a bargain and the ability to sell your own unwanted items have made online marketplaces like Vinted and Depop into an attractive option for anyone looking to save money or make a little extra cash for themselves in these challenging economic times.

Unfortunately, however, these services (and numerous others like them) can still be misused by scammers, so it pays to remain vigilant for the risks associated with shopping apps. Fortunately, this week's #WakeUpWednesday guide is on hand with some helpful pointers to protect young people (and yourself) from potential exploitation while doing business with others online.

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

Year 5 Bikeability Training

Children in Year 5 are being offered the opportunity to take part in Bikeability training this coming June and have been given a letter today, with all the details. If your child would like to be part of this activity, please complete and return to school, the parental consent form by Monday, 10th June.



Year 2 Paignton Zoo Visit Instalment Payment

We would like to remind Year 2 parents who have chosen to contribute by instalments to the Paignton Zoo visit, the first one of £6.00 is now due.

Year 1 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 or cash / cheque payments can be made via the school office. The total cost is £11.75 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.

PTFA NEWS

Hi Everyone!

Our Spring Fayre is in just a few days... please come along to support us and enjoy the family fun!

We would still love more volunteers so if you can spare an hour, please email willandschoolptfa@gmail.com to arrange.

Items for our raffle and tombola would also be appreciated. Thank you to everyone who has already donated!

We are also looking for an accountant to check and report on our bank account, as some grants are only available if this is independently audited. Because it is important to complete this task, we would be grateful to hear from anyone that may know of an accountant who would be able to spare an hour or two, to help our charity.

Once the Fayre is over our next upcoming events are the Bag 2 School collection and a school disco!

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Your PTFA Team

Willand Spring Fayre

Sunday 5th May

11am - 4pm

Willand Rovers Football Club

We can not wait to see you all at our Spring Fayre! We are trying to raise money for our amazing children towards new playground equipment which is very much needed. It is something that will benefit all of our children for many years to come! So Please come along, bring as many friends and family as you can and support us in our journey as well as having a wonderful family Fun Filled Day Out!

Brunch N Munch
Pizza Butlers of Sidmouth
Toasty Badger

Pickle's Sweet Treats
Mario's Ices

The Football Club Bar is Open
All Day for Drinks

Harleo's Party Hire
Bouncy Castle £2 for 10 mins
Rodeo Bull £2.50 for up to 3 mins

Glitterology Face Art
£6 per face

Avava Hair Extensions & Braids

Glitter Strands from £3
Hair Feathers from £3
Single Braids £5

Free Games

Giant Jenga
Splat The Rat
Bean Bag Toss
Limbo

Tombola £1 for 5 tickets
Raffle £1 a Strip
Beat The Goalie £1 for 3 Balls
Human Fruit Machine £1 for 3 spins

Entertainment throughout the day
from Childrens Entertainer Ozzy D,
Karate Demonstrations, WITs, And
Andrew Wilkinson on Guitar

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Sent on behalf of Action for Children

Welcome to our monthly Newsletter for April 2024!

"In this month's issue ...

- **FAMILY HUBS IN DEVON** - April 2024 sees the start of the transition towards Family Hubs in Devon. What does that mean for families in Devon?

- **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** - upcoming events we're running.

- **TOP TIPS** - this month's **Top Tip** topic is **Separating Parents**.

- **RESILIENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM** - Everyone experiences knock backs from time to time. Being prepared for periods of stress can make it easier to get through them, but how can we help our children to become **resilient** and build their self-esteem?

- **BUILDING READING SKILLS IN CHILDREN** - tips and information to help you build reading skills and **make reading fun for your children**.

- Starting this month, we'll be sharing some information, resources and advice specifically around **SEND** which we hope you'll find useful.

*We've also got April **AWARENESS DAYS**, **SNIPPETS** and ideas of things to do in Devon throughout April.*

So, sit back and enjoy this month's Newsletter!

[Parent / Carer Newsletter - April 2024](#)



SUMMER TERM 2024

Friday 3 rd May	3P Assembly
Sunday 5 th May	PTFA Spring Fayre, Willand Rovers
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
Wednesday 15 th May	Y4 Multiplication Check Parent Information Evening
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th May	Year 6 KS2 SATS
Friday 17 th May	2R Assembly
Thursday 23 rd May	PTFA Bag 2 School collection
Friday 24 th May	Non-pupil day
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	Half Term
Wednesday 12 th June	Willand Welcome
Friday 14 th June	Both Reception Classes Assembly
W/C Monday 17 th June	Dartmoor Residential week
Friday 21 st June	1HB Assembly
Tuesday 25 th June	Sports Day
Friday 28 th June	1MP Assembly
Friday 28 th June	Reserve Sports Day /Homework Club Finishes
Friday 12 th July	Reports out
Monday 15 th July	Teachers available for parents
Wednesday 17 th July	UKS2 Play Dress rehearsal
Thursday 18 th July	UKS2 Play
TBC	Certificate Assembly
Monday 22 nd July	Leavers Party
Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers' Assembly
Wednesday 24 th July	End of Summer Term

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Tuesday, 7th May

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
School closed for bank holiday	Turkey Dinosaur	Gammon and pineapple	Sausages	Salmon Fingers
	Qourn Dippers	Cheese & Broccoli bake	Quorn sausages	Vegetarian Pizza
	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
	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				

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