

Staff Updates

This week sees the leaving of Miss Grant. Miss Grant has been a teaching assistant at Willand School for a number of years. We wish her all the very best of luck in her new ventures.

Over the last few weeks, we have been recruiting new staff to join us in September. I am pleased to announce that we will be joined by two new teachers: Miss Whitfield will be joining us from a school in Sheffield and Miss Taylor who will be joining us as her first teaching post.

Both new teachers will be joining the rest of the staff on Friday for our training day and hopefully, will be visiting the school more in the lead up to the end of the summer term.



Sun Safety Reminder – Willand School

As the weather warms up and the children access more learning outside, please help us keep our pupils safe in the sun by following these important reminders:

-Apply sunscreen before school: Please ensure your child comes to school with sunscreen already applied. We recommend using an all-day, water-resistant sunscreen with at least SPF 30.

-Send a hat: Pupils should bring a named, wide-brimmed or legionnaire-style hat to wear during outdoor play and PE.

-Water bottles: Please send your child with a named water bottle every day to help them stay hydrated.

-Additional sunscreen: If your child needs to reapply sunscreen during the day, please send it in a clearly named bottle. (Note: children should be able to apply it themselves, and staff will supervise younger pupils as needed.)

Payment System

Schoolgateway



ParentPay

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.

Non-Pupil Day Reminder

Due to staff INSET, School will be closed for children this coming Friday.

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, 16th May.

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	97.30	3	92.83
1	94.39	4	95.41
2	98.75	5	95.62
		6	98.91

The Current National figure for comparison is 94.7%

Attendance Monitoring

Over the last week we have been looking closely at people attendance so far for this academic year. We are really pleased by the number of children who continue to maintain good attendance over half of the school has an attendance rate of 96% or above for this academic year. We are forever grateful for parents and their swift action when notifying us of any absences. Our current attendance trend brings our school figure just above the national trend, which is a really pleasing picture for us to share with you. Please do reach out to us if you have any worries about your child's attendance.

Thank you for your continued support in this area.



Friday, 6th June

The School Council would like to organise a 'Break the rules day' to help raise money towards the new

school playground.

Below is a list of suggested fees for each broken school rule, or if you prefer, we're happy to receive a donation!

-Nails painted- 20p

-Hair chalk- 20p

-Teddy - 20p

-Non-school uniform- 50p

-Non-school shoes- 20p

-Hair down- 20p

-Unhealthy snack for break (but not sweets)- 10p

-Juice in your drinks bottle - 20p

-15 mins extra break (30 mins in pm) – Free, to those who keep up with all the other school rules!

We are really looking forward to this being a fun day and to ensure it runs smoothly we all need to remember that the usual school behaviour expectations will be as they always are.

Thank you for your continued support
Naomi Tottle
Headteacher

Online Safety – 'Wake Up Wednesday'



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

'Minecraft'

Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft has hundreds of millions of players - making it more important than ever to stay informed. With its vibrant worlds and endless potential for creativity it's no wonder Minecraft continues to capture young imaginations

With the Minecraft movie hitting cinemas in April, interest in the game has remained strong. But whether they're mining resources or building digital castles, children could also encounter strangers, scary content or bullying behaviour online.

We've created this free guide offering parents and educators the latest top tips on how to keep children safe from issues like grieving, chat risks, and unintended purchases, while still embracing the game's educational and creative benefits

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

SEND Information



[SEND Family Fun Day](#)

Join us for a day of fun and activities for the whole family at Dartmoor Activity Centre for our SEND family fun day.

www.eventbrite.co.uk

Place2Be – Parenting Smart

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.

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.



Learn more at
parentingsmart.org.uk



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.



Learn more at
place2be.org.uk/family



Contact us: Telephone: 01884 820367 / 829463 Website: www.willand.devon.sch.uk Email: office@willand.devon.sch.uk
governors@willand.devon.sch.uk lunches@willand.devon.sch.uk absence@willand.devon.sch.uk
 Online Payments: <https://login.schoolgateway.com> PTFA: willandschoolptfa@gmail.com

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

PTFA NEWS

Hi Everyone!

Thank you for everyone supporting our upcoming disco... we are so looking forward to seeing the children enjoying themselves!

All wristbands were delivered to the office and have been handed out now, so please contact us if your child should have received one but hasn't.

Please keep the bands safe until Thursday and then on Disco Day, please write your mobile number on it to ensure we have an emergency contact number for your child.

Obviously, we will never turn a child away on the door if they don't have their wristband... I do have all purchases noted down.

In terms of purchasing tickets on the door, again we won't turn any children away... please bring the correct cash (£4) for entry as we are unable to give change.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Your PTFA Team

Parking Reminder

Parents driving to school for the PTFA disco should be reminded **not to park in the Village Hall Car Park** as these spaces are reserved for the organisations who have a Village Hall booking.

MAY HOLIDAY CLUB – TIMETABLE

We are really looking forward to our May holiday camp. We have a range of activities, as well as alternative Arts & Crafts activities available.

NEW

This May, we will continue with our game rooms including: pool, board games, dart board and skittles!

We will continue to start the day with an optional FREE healthy morning snack (cereal, toast or fruit) free of charge to all of the 'mini heroes' attending each day!

Please book using our website - www.kidsholidayheroes.co.uk

Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th May

Willand School 8:30 - 16:00

£30

Please email Matt and Oli if you have any questions!..

Bookings@kidsholidayheroes.co.uk



MAY TIMETABLE

8.30am – 4.00pm every day

May 2025

TUESDAY 27th	
Welcome and Breakfast Club Fruit, toast or cereal	
Warm up games	
Break	
Archery	
Dodgeball	
Lunch	
Parachute Games or Arts & Crafts/Games room	
Rounders or Arts & Crafts/Games room	
Home time 4.00pm	

Childcare vouchers:
We also accept childcare vouchers. Please email us for more information.

What we offer:

- Ofsted registered
- DBS registered staff
- Fully trained first aiders
- Safeguarding certificates

WEDNESDAY 28th	
Welcome and Breakfast Club Fruit, toast or cereal	
Warm up games	
Break	
Tennis	
Netball	
Lunch	
Den Building 1	
Den Building 2 or Arts & Crafts/Games room	
Home time 4.00pm	

THURSDAY 29th	
Welcome and Breakfast Club Fruit, toast or cereal	
Warm up games	
Break	
Football	
Yoga	
Lunch	
Capture the Flag or Arts & Crafts/Games room	
Transient Art or Arts & Crafts/Games room	
Home time 4.00pm	

Alternative activities:
Each day, children can participate in a range of arts and crafts activities.

Tax free childcare:
Check if you are eligible for universal credit and tax credits which can contribute significantly to the cost of your childcare with us.

FRIDAY 30th	
Welcome and Breakfast Club Fruit, toast or cereal	
Warm up games	
Break	
Rounders	
Hockey	
Lunch	
Cricket Skills or Arts & Crafts/Games room	
Slacklining balancing along a suspended length of flat webbing.	
Home time 4.00pm	

FREE BREAKFAST:
Healthy morning snack (cereal, toast or fruit) free of charge to all of the 'mini heroes' attending each day!

GAMES ROOM:
New activities in our game rooms including: pool, board games, dart board and skittles!

Contact us: Telephone: 01884 820367 / 829463 Website: www.willand.devon.sch.uk Email: office@willand.devon.sch.uk

governors@willand.devon.sch.uk

lunches@willand.devon.sch.uk

absence@willand.devon.sch.uk

Online Payments: <https://login.schoolgateway.com>

PTFA: willandschoolptfa@gmail.com

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

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 2nd June

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pepperoni pizza	Italian Bolognaise	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 22 nd May	PTFA Disco
Friday 23 rd May	Non-pupil day
26 th May – 30 th May	Half Term
Tuesday 24 th June	Sports Day
Friday 27 th June	Class 1HB - Assembly Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 1 st July	Year 6 Transition Days for Cullompton CC and Uffculme School
Thursday 17 th July	UKS2 Play
Wednesday 23 rd July	Last Day of Summer Term

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



AMAZING POOL IN WILLAND

DID YOU KNOW?

Little splashers

Tots 12-18 months or 18-24 months

Baby Newborn 6 weeks - 6 months Or 6-12 months

Pre-School 2years+ & 3years+ Both with parent in the pool

Learn to Swim suitable from reception class 4+ years old

Prices

SUITABLE FROM 6 WEEKS OLD

BABY, TOTS & PRE SCHOOL

£12 PER CLASS

SUITABLE FROM 4+ YRS OLD (MUST BE IN RECEPTION CLASS)

LEARN 2 SWIM

£9 PER CLASS

ALL CLASSES ARE PAID FOR MONTHLY

HOW TO BOOK, JUST MESSAGE US

Facebook messenger
<https://www.facebook.com/RubberDucksSwimSchool>

WhatsApp / call or text 01979772767

Email: Rubberducks-swimschool@hotmail.co.uk

Website: Book directly www.rubberducks-swimschool.com

B1 Beginners 1
Suitable From 4yrs old
Non swimmer, Learning to build confidence and independence in the water through play.

B2 Beginners 2
Swimmers must be able to swim 10m front and back unaided.
Working on stroke technique.

B3 Beginners 3
Swimmers must be able to swim at least 20m comfortably in all 3 main strokes.
Working on starts/ turns and general stroke correction

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.

Contact us: Telephone: 01884 820367 / 829463 Website: www.willand.devon.sch.uk Email: office@willand.devon.sch.uk

governors@willand.devon.sch.uk lunches@willand.devon.sch.uk absence@willand.devon.sch.uk

Online Payments: <https://login.schoolgateway.com> PTFA: willandschoolptfa@gmail.com

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