

Headteacher Appointment

Willand School's Governing Board is delighted to announce the appointment of Miss Naomi Tottle as our new headteacher from January 2024 when Miss Anne Hawkins retires.

Naomi was selected after an in-depth interview process with three very good candidates. She is currently headteacher of St Mary's Church of England Primary School in Bideford and has helped the school to gain a "Good" judgement in their recent Ofsted report. During the interview process Naomi showed she is passionate about our children receiving a high quality, rounded education, supporting and nurturing our staff and working with parents & carers to help our children to achieve as much as they possibly can during their time in Willand School.

We are delighted Naomi has written a few words to introduce herself:



"I am delighted to have been appointed as the new headteacher for Willand School and I am very much looking forward to getting to know all our pupils, parents, carers and staff. I was lucky enough to be on site on the day of the whole school photograph, the buzz and excitement of this was amazing.

This will be my third headship, I have been a head of a village primary school and of a large church primary school, Willand is the perfect mix of both of these! During my time at school so far, I have been impressed by the pupil's attitude to learning and their behaviour. The school environment was bright and stimulating and clearly shows me I have a dedicated and enthusiastic team

committed to providing the best they can to the pupils, a credit to Miss Hawkins.

From my experience of being a Headteacher, I know that a successful and happy school depends on all of us working together. As parents and carers, you make an important contribution to your children's achievements, and I'm excited to build on the relationship between you and the school and look forward to the chance to meet you over the next few months."

We look forward to giving Naomi a warm welcome in January when she takes up her post.

Simon Talbot

Vice-chair of Governors

Class Assembly

Year R classes 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.

Year 5 visit to 'Go Ape' Haldon Forest, Friday 30th June

Please return completed SOE3 Parental consent forms for this visit to school as soon as possible and also remind you that a voluntary contribution of £9.66 for this visit can be made via School Comms or by cash or cheque payable to Devon County Council at the school office. For further details please contact Reception.

Further Strike Action

One of the teacher's unions has announced two more days of strike action on Wednesday 5th and Friday 7th July. As before, parents need to make immediate contingency arrangements for childcare as this will impact on our ability to keep the school open safely with sufficient cover and I am trying to give as much notice as possible. The Year 1 educational visit to Rosemoor may yet go ahead as the teachers have asked for special dispensation to be able to facilitate this visit. I will update you as soon as possible about the visit.

General Consent Form YR to Y5

Thank you to all who have returned a completed General Consent Form. If you have not yet done so, please complete and return to school as soon as possible.

Year 2 Visit to Paignton Zoo

On Friday 23rd June, the Y2 children will be visiting Paignton Zoo. We will be travelling with Spearings Coaches and will leave the school at **8:40am**. Please could your child be in school for **8:30am**. We plan to return to school at **5:30 pm**. Your child should be collected from school at their usual location. The children will be eating lunch at the zoo so will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink (no glass bottles). If you would like a packed lunch to be provided for them, please inform the school office. Children should wear school uniform and appropriate comfortable shoes. Please also provide your child with a waterproof coat and sun cream (if applicable nearer the time!)

Voluntary contributions of £8.57 can still be made online or at the school office. The activity can only take place if we receive sufficient voluntary contributions.

Y4 Seaton Wetlands Trip

As a reminder, **Y4W** will be attending their trip on the **28th June**, and **Y4C** will be attending their trip on the **29th June**. Thank you to the parents that have contributed towards the trip. If you would like to make a voluntary contribution of £8.00, you still can. The activity can only take place if we receive sufficient voluntary contributions.

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme

The aim of the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme is to support children to eat more healthily, be more active over the school holidays and have a greater knowledge of health and nutrition as well as be more engaged with school and other local services. Priority places will be given to children aged 5-16 years (including 4-year-olds if in Reception) who are eligible for and receiving benefit related free school meals, and their families.

See <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/family-support/haf-programme> for more information and to book a place.

EVENTS

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

Petroc are offering Preparing your Child for Maths at School –

- Every Wednesday, 1pm-3pm from 7th June to 12th July
 - Every Friday, 10am-12pm from 9th June to 14th July
- Please email michelle.atkinson@petroc.ac.uk for more information.

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.

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 26th June

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken Fajitas	Italian Bolognese	Roast Turkey, Sage & onion stuffing	Sausages	Salmon Fingers
Quorn Fajitas	Vegetarian omelette	Cheese & onion Pasty	Quorn sausages	Vegetarian Pizza
Rice/Pasta Mixed vegetables Salad Bar	Pasta/garlic bread Green beans 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
Sticky toffee pudding and caramel sauce Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Angel Delight and peaches Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Orange Jelly and mandarins Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Smoothie or Cheese and crackers 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				

Keep safe and keep well

Anne Hawkins

Headteacher

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