

Learning for Life

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Sports Day

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who made our Sports Day such a memorable and successful event.

To our amazing pupils: Your enthusiasm, teamwork, and sportsmanship were a joy to see. You represented Willand School with pride and determination—well done to everyone who took part!

To all staff: Thank you for your dedication, organisation, and encouragement throughout the day. Your efforts behind the scenes and on the field ensured everything ran smoothly and that every child felt included and supported.

To parents and carers: We are so grateful for your encouragement, cheers, and support. Your presence made the day even more special for the children, and your positive spirit truly added to the atmosphere.

To our fantastic PTFA: A special thank you for your hard work in organising refreshments. Your support helps make days like this possible, and we appreciate all that you do for our school community.



The 800m races were finally completed this morning and we are now able to announce the final results:

1 st Place	Somerset	194 points
2 nd Place	Cornwall	171 points
3 rd Place	Devon	156 points
4 th Place	Dorset	149 points

A reminder that any photographs or videos taken at sports day should not be loaded onto social media, we are aware of a couple of parents who have already breached this request.



Car Parking in the village hall reminder

Whilst we really appreciated the support of our parents and families during sports day, it was less pleasing to return to my inbox to complaints about parking from members of the community and village hall committee. Can I politely request that parents do not park in the village hall car park for school events as this causes great inconvenience to people who have booked to use the hall? Thank you in advance for your support with this.

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, 20th June

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	98.23	3	95.83
1	92.81	4	94.92
2	96.46	5	96.77
		6	77.19

The Current National figure for comparison is 94.7%

Class Assembly

Class 1HB 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.



Class and Team Photographs

Tomorrow morning, Tempest will be taking whole class and sport teams photographs.

For those children who have played in one of the school teams, please bring your PE kit into school to change into.

A reminder to anyone who has been emailed regarding photo permissions for their child to respond by Thursday 8:30am so that we can ensure your wishes are followed.

Area Sports Day Success

On Monday 23rd June, 41 children from across KS2 took part in the Area Sports Day at Uffculme School. They participated in a range of track, field and team events against 12 other local primary schools. We were delighted at the end to be crowned winners of the entire event for the second year running! Well done Team Willand - what an amazing achievement! A big thankyou to Mrs Roberts, Mrs Hector and Mrs Norrish who accompanied the team.



*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 ...

'Generative AI Safety'

Generative AI can be a brilliant tool for creativity and learning 🧠💡 – but it's not without its hazards. With 3 in 4 pupils now using generative AI (up from just 2 in 5 last year!), it's more important than ever for parents and educators to understand the risks ⚡

This week's free #WakeUpWednesday guide breaks down the key safety concerns around generative AI tools and offers expert advice for keeping young users safe. From encouraging critical thinking to safeguarding their privacy, find out how to help children use AI safely and smartly.

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



Safeguarding Information –

Underage Vaping

We are aware of growing concerns about underage vaping and want to reassure you that support is available. If you have any worries or would like guidance on how to talk to your child about vaping, please don't hesitate to contact the school. We can also direct you to local services and resources designed to help families address this issue.

The following websites offer helpful information for both parents and children:

[Health for Kids](#) – Great information for children and parents about vaping and its risks.

[NHS Better Health](#) – Practical advice for parents on talking to young people about vaping.

[Talk to Frank](#) – A reliable source for adults to learn the facts about vaping and other substances.

Payment System

We would like to thank parents for their patience, while we have been transitioning to the new payment system. We hope to have this fully resolved over the next week and ask that you look out for an email informing you when your account has been updated.



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

Drumming Lessons

Matt, our drum tutor, currently has limited vacancies for pupils next term. If your child might be interested in learning to play the drums from September, please contact Matt on 07875537516 or matt.parr@btinternet.com for details. You don't need to rush out and buy a kit, all that's needed initially is a pair of sticks and enthusiasm!



SEND Information



In school, we use The

Zones of Regulation to help all children understand their emotions and develop their ability to self-regulate. Children learn to identify emotions, categorise these emotions into 'zones', recognise events that might make them move to a different zone and use tools they have learnt to help them regulate how they are feeling.

What are the different Zones?

Blue Zone: low level of arousal, not ready to learn, feels sad, sick, tired, bored.

Green Zone: calm state of alertness, optimal level to learn, feels happy, calm, focused.

Yellow Zone: heightened state of alertness, feels frustrated, worried, silly/wiggly, excited, annoyed.

Red Zone: heightened state of alertness and intense emotions, not an optimal level for learning, out of control, feels mad/angry, terrified, yelling/hitting, elated.

If you would like to know more information, we have leaflets available at the School Office.



Tesco Community Donation

This week we were visited by Lisa Midgley from Tesco Cullompton. She came to share the results of the recent book sale at the store. They raised £360 in the last month which has been donated to the school. We will be adding this to the funds for our adventure playground. Once again, we are truly thankful for the wonderful support of our community.

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 30th June

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pork meatballs	Chicken Nuggets	Gammon and pineapple	Sausages	Salmon Fingers
Vegan balls	Quorn Dippers	Cheese & Broccoli bake	Quorn sausages	Vegetarian Pizza
Spaghetti	Pasta/ waffles	Roast/Mashed Potatoes	Pasta or mash	Chips or Pasta
Green beans	Sweetcorn	Fresh Carrots	Baked beans/ peas	Seasonal vegetables
Crisps	Tomato sauce	Gravy	Salad Bar	Tomato Sauce
Salad Bar	Salad Bar	Salad Bar		Salad Bar
Arctic Roll	Chocolate cracknel	Orange Jelly and mandarins	Sticky Toffee Pudding and caramel sauce.	Homemade Cookie
Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit
Yoghurt	Yoghurt	Yoghurt	Yoghurt	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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Diary

to remember...

Thursday 26 th June	Class Photographs
Friday 27 th June	Class 1HB - Assembly Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday 1 st July	Year 6 Transition Days for Cullompton CC & Uffculme School
Friday 4 th July	Non-uniform Day
Friday 4 th July	PTFA Summer Fete
Friday 11 th July	Pupil reports out
Monday 14 th July	Teachers available for parents
Wednesday 16 th July	UKS2 Play Dress rehearsal
Thursday 17 th July	UKS2 Play
Monday 21 st July	Leavers Party
Tuesday 22 nd July	Leavers' Assembly
Wednesday 23 rd July	End of Summer Term

For full calendar of events, please click below –

<https://willand.devon.sch.uk/Calendarofevents.pdf>

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Kids Holiday Heroes Wrap around care at Willand School



We are open from 8-9am and from 3.30- 6pm each school day. The service will be available for all children from Year 2 to Year 6.

The cost of wrap around care will be £5.40 per hour.

During our breakfast club from 8am to 9am we provide your child with a healthy breakfast. A healthy snack and drink will be available during after school club.

For Bookings or any further questions, please email bookings@kidsholidayheroes.co.uk.

EVENTS

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

Willand Tiny Tots Baby & Toddler Group 0-5years

Wednesday Mornings

9:30am – 11:30am Term Time only

Willand Village Hall

£1 per person, under 6 months 50p this includes a drink and snack

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.

PREMIER EDUCATION SUMMER HAF CAMPS!

Premier Education | INSPIRING ACTIVITY

DEVON HAF HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

SCAN HERE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION or visit <https://eequ.org/premiereducationexetermidandeastdevon>

Trustpilot Based on over 20,000 reviews

FREE! for children in receipt of benefit related FSM (Free School Meals)

Cullompton Summer HAF Club

Now Live & Taking Bookings

Starting on 4th August 10am - 3:30pm!

Sports Activities

Lunch Provided for every child

This club is **FREE** for your child to attend, if they are in receipt of benefit related FSM (Free School Meals).

Our club is bursting with all sorts of fun activities, from cricket workshops, dance sessions, arts and crafts, games, multi-sports activities, interactive magic shows, animal sensory experiences, electric Go-Kart sessions, trips to local parks and a healthy lunch, snacks and drinks for every child!

Paid spaces are also available at £20 per day per child. To Book, please go to:

www.healthyappetiteandactivities.co.uk

Look For

FREE Children's Holiday Club

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