

Transition Morning

Children will spend the morning on Friday with their new classes. We will be joined by all of the new teachers.

Payment System

We would like to thank parents for their patience, while we have been transitioning to the new payment system. We are hoping 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.


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, 27th June 2025.

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	96.66	3	97.67
1	93.68	4	93.11
2	92.29	5	94.73
		6	94.06

The Current National figure for comparison is 94.7%

*Thank you for your
continued support
Naomi Tottle
Headteacher*

**Online Safety –
'Wake Up Wednesday'**

Included at the end of this weeks Willand Word are the latest top tips from the National College. This week's theme is ...

'YouTube Kids'

YouTube Kids is designed to be the safer cousin of the regular YouTube app; however, built-in risks continue to pose concerns. From targeted advertising to addictive design, there's more going on behind the scenes than many realise. This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide breaks it all down.

Whether it's inappropriate content slipping past filters or tech-savvy kids bypassing parental settings, YouTube Kids still needs careful oversight. Our guide provides clear, easy-to-follow tips to help adults keep young users protected while still enjoying their favourite videos.

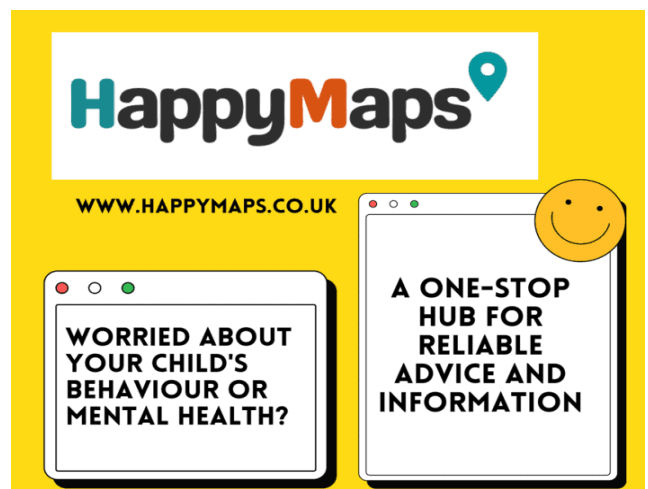
As always, if you have any questions relating to online safety including social media, please contact Mrs Maynard (Online safety Lead)

**SEND Information**

Happy Maps: Help and Resources for Children's Mental Health

An award-winning website on children's mental health collating sensible and professional advice on common problems. With new self-help pages for young people.

<https://www.happymaps.co.uk/>



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PTFA NEWS

Hi Everyone!

Thank you so much to everyone who supported us at sports day. We raised just over £90.

Please don't forget the **School Fete is this Friday from 3.30-5.30pm**. We have lots of games, bouncy castles, face painting, many craft stalls and sweet treats! For more information please check-out the Willand PTFA Facebook page. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!

Also on **Friday**, it's **non-school uniform**. This is in exchange for a donation of chocolate for the school fete tombola stall. The rainbow raffle before Christmas was a huge success and we're hoping with your support the tombola will be the same.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Your PTFA Team

NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR CHOCOLATE TREAT!

JULY 4TH



A vibrant, cartoon-style poster for the 'School Fete'. The background features a blue sky with white clouds, green rolling hills, and various white and orange flowers. At the top, a blue banner reads 'WILLAND SCHOOL PTFA'. To the right, an orange starburst says 'FREE ENTRY'. The main title 'School Fete' is in large, green, cursive font. Below it, a list of activities includes 'BOUNCY ASSAULT COURSE', 'GO KARTS', 'SWEET TREATS', 'GAMES', and 'LOADS MORE'. A large orange flower contains the text '330PM - 530PM' and 'FRIDAY 4TH JULY'. At the bottom, it states 'LOCATION: WILLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL FIELD' and 'CASH PREFERRED PLEASE'.

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Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 7th July

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Westcountry beef burger in a plain bap	Chicken Fajitas	Roast beef	Chicken curry Naan bread and rice	Harry Ramsden`s Fish
Vegetarian burger in a plain bap	Quorn Fajitas	Quorn sausage	Macaroni cheese	Homemade Cheese Wheel
Potato wedges/ pasta Baked beans/ peas Salad Bar	Rice/pasta Mixed vegetables Salad Bar	Roast/mashed Potatoes Yorkshire pudding Fresh Carrots Gravy Salad Bar	Green Beans Salad Bar Crisps	Chips / Pasta Seasonal vegetables Tomato Sauce Salad Bar
Ice cream and peaches Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Syrup sponge and custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	American Pancake and cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Strawberry jelly and fruit cocktail Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Iced Sponge Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
PASTA POTS with Italian tomato sauce or cheese JACKET POTATO with cheese, beans or tuna WRAPSWITH FILLINGS: Ham, Chicken or Cheese				

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 £5.80 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.

Vacancy – Cleaning Operative

Pay rate: £12.21 per hour

Hours: 2 hours a day – Monday to Friday

Key Responsibilities:

The main areas of accountability and personal specification for the position are detailed below:

- To undertake general cleaning duties to the prescribed standards as detailed in the site specification including: Cleaning interior surfaces, furnishings, fixtures and fittings
- Clean floors and floor coverings
- Maintain the internal environment-Service toilet areas; clean all toilet appliances i.e. toilets, sinks, etc. and replenish customer supplies i.e. toilet rolls
- To clear and remove rubbish and other items from areas as detailed by the site specification and ensure the security of all areas at completion of duties.
- To maintain stocks of cleaning materials, order from suppliers where required and to control the usage of materials ensuring the cleaning cupboard is kept tidy at all times.
- To report any problems on-site to the supervisor / account manager so they may be rectified immediately.
- To undertake any other reasonable duties/request commensurate with this position as designated by the account manager / supervisor/client/company.

Diary to remember...

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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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

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CENSORED

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

BUY NOW!

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.



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