

Reports

Reports will go out on **Friday 11th July**. Teachers will be available from **3.30pm until 4.30pm on Monday 14th July** should you wish to discuss your child's report. Entry to the school will be through the school office.

UKS2 Play – Thursday, 17th July

Both children and staff have been working very hard to ensure they are ready to perform and entertain parents next week. There will be 2 performances of 'Aladdin Trouble!', 1:45pm and 6:00pm for which there is a small admission charge of £2.00 for adults and £1.50 for children. Tickets are selling fast and can be purchased by returning the appropriate order form and fee to school. Please note that due to high demand there are no longer any tickets available for the evening performance.

During the dress rehearsal On Wednesday, 16th July at 1:45pm we will be making available complimentary tickets for the Over 60's.

Parents driving to school for the play 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.



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, 4th July 2025.

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	98.20	3	97.00
1	93.68	4	95.74
2	95.42	5	96.83
		6	94.56

The Current National figure for comparison is 94.7%

Summer Fete

Many Thanks to our wonderful PTFA for all their hard work last Friday – the summer fete was a wonderful success!



Class and Team Photographs



Tempest Photography have now sent through the details for the class photographs, which we have shared with you earlier this week via email. Please may we remind you that these photographs are for personal use and not to be shared on social media.

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 ...



'Nintendo Switch2'

Newname, new features... same concerns? 🎮 The Nintendo Switch 2 is the Japanese gaming giant's latest console, and while it boasts impressive updates, it also brings a few new features for parents and educators to be aware of.

From the arrival of real-time GameChat 🗣️ and a plug-in camera 📷 to an easier path to mature content 🗑️ and in-app spending 💰, there's a lot to consider. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide sets out what adults need to know, and how they can keep gaming fun and safe for the children in their care 🛡️.

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

Year 6 End of Term Celebrations

Parents will have received a letter informing them we will be holding a **Leaver' Party** for our Year 6 children on Monday, 21st July between 4:30pm-6:30pm and would be grateful if the reply slip could be returned to school as soon as possible.

The **Year 6 Leavers assembly** will be in the school hall on Tuesday, 22nd July @ 2pm. All Year 6 parents are welcome to join us.

*Thank you for your
continued support
Naomi Tottle
Headteacher*

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SEND Information

New dyslexia resources now available for parents and carers A helpful series of guides from the Devon SpLD (Dyslexia) Service are now even easier for parents and carers to access. These guides, designed to support children with dyslexia and related learning needs, have been re-published on the SEND Local Offer website under a brand-new 'Dyslexia' page. The following parent-focused guides are now available.

[Dyslexia: How to help your child](#)

[How can I help my child with spelling?](#)

[Reading at home](#)

[Helping with homework](#)

[Working memory difficulties – guidance for parents](#)

These resources are designed to empower you with knowledge and tools to support your child's learning journey at home.

PTFA NEWS

Hi Everyone!

We would love to thank everyone who made the school fete a success, from the volunteers that gave up their time to help set up, to the children and parents who supported us with the huge amount of chocolate treats donated for our tombola. We hope you all had a great time, it was lovely seeing so many smiling faces!

These events cannot happen unless we have volunteers. If you are wondering about becoming part of the PTFA in September we will welcome you with open arms. If your speciality is in organising, researching or just volunteering please do email us at willandschoolptfa@gmail.com.

As we are coming to the end of the academic year, we would like to remind people that we are always on the lookout for pre-loved school logo donations of uniform.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Your PTFA Team

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 14th July

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				

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.

Diary to remember...

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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like Cyberpunk 2077 and Hitman have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like Fortnite or Splatoon 3 allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, 'The Super Mario Bros. Movie' (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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