

SATS results Key Stage 2



Last week we celebrated our Key Stage 2 SATs results. Whilst our combined reading, writing and maths percentage is slightly below the national, we are pleased that

our reading, maths and grammar, punctuation and spelling results are above national. See results table below.

A massive well done to all our Year 6's and thank you to the Year 6 team for all you have done for the children this year.

Subject	School	Nationally
Combined reading, writing, maths	58%	62%
Reading	78%	75%
Writing	64%	72%
Maths	83%	74%
Grammar, punctuation and spelling	81%	73%

UKS2 Play – Thursday, 17th July @ 1:45pm & 6pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Tuesday, 22nd July @ 2pm

Polite reminder: Parents driving to school for these events should allow themselves extra time for parking as they will not be able to park in the Village Hall Car Park - these spaces are reserved for the organisations who have a Village Hall booking. Many thanks

General Consent Form YR to Y5 and Updating Contact Details

Thank you to all who have returned a completed General Consent Form online. If you have not yet done so, please complete and submit by tomorrow (Thursday, 17th July) to enable us to update data ready for the start of the new academic year.

Please always ensure the office is made aware of any changes in contact details as they arise, so we have accurate records for all correspondence and safeguarding purposes.

Strong Plastic Bags Urgently Required

Please could children bring to school, a strong plastic bag to take home their books next Tuesday, 22nd July.

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, 11th July 2025.

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	94.95	3	96.50
1	92.81	4	96.56
2	97.71	5	93.17
		6	96.88

The Current National figure for comparison is 94.7%

KS1 Book Returns

Please can parents ensure that their children return all phonics, banded and library books by Friday, 18th July.

We would also be grateful to parents of older children in the school can you have a check under beds etc to see if they have any of these books from previous years.

Many thanks.



Year 6 End of Term Celebrations

Parents will have received a letter informing them we will be holding a **Leaver's 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*


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 ...

'Apple iPads'

Tablets have transformed the way children learn and play, but are they always a safe choice?  This #WakeUpWednesday guide focuses on the ever-popular iPad and how to use it responsibly with younger users. We explore key concerns such as exposure to harmful content , data collection by apps  and the possibility of screen addiction. 

This guide also offers practical advice on using Apple's own tools to limit screen time, filter content and prevent unwanted purchases.  With expert insights and clear recommendations, it's essential reading for parents and educators keen to make iPad use safer and smarter.

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



Being entitled to Free School Meals, not only provides children with free school lunches but also opens doors to several additional benefits such as:

Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF): Free access to activities during school holidays. All children registered as entitled to Free School Meals receive a HAF code, this gives access to the HAF programme during each school holiday. Click following links for HAF opportunities in our area:

[Search learning experiences · Eequ](#)

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School Holiday Food Vouchers:

All families receive a supermarket voucher from the [Free School Meals Holiday Voucher Scheme](#), currently £15 per child per week during each school holiday. These can be used at Tesco, Aldi, Farmfoods, M&S + more.

My child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 gets a Universal Infant free meal anyway, do I still need to apply?

Even though all children in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a Universal Infant Free Meal, this is not the same as being registered as eligible for Free School Meals. We strongly encourage all families that could be eligible, to complete the online application to secure their Free School Meal entitlement as it will be protected until the end of Year 6, it also entitles them to the benefits mentioned above.

Applying for Free School Meals is Easy!

We encourage you to apply if you think your child might qualify as you may be entitled to £90 of food vouchers **The deadline for applications for the Summer voucher is Friday, 25th July so please don't delay**

Here's how:

Online: The quickest and easiest option for faster results.

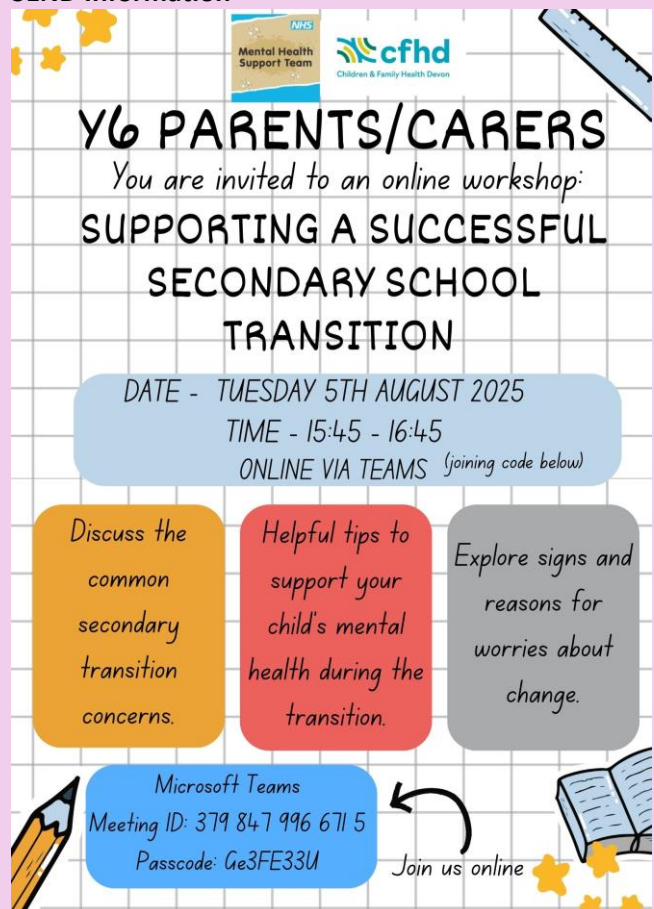
<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-meals/>

Phone: Call the Education Helpline at 0345 155 1019.

Important Note: FSM Code. If you are awarded a Free School Meals (FSM) code, please update the school office office@willand.devon.sch.uk.

We understand that financial situations can change, so please don't hesitate to apply even if you haven't qualified in the past.

SEND Information



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**Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing
Monday, 21st July**

Monday, 22 July			THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY Menu Change	Summer Holidays	
Pork meatballs	Chicken Nuggets	Sausages		
Vegan balls	Quorn Dippers	Quorn sausages		
Spaghetti Green beans Crisps Salad Bar	Pasta/ waffles Sweetcorn Tomato sauce Salad Bar	Pasta or mash Baked beans/ peas Salad Bar		
Arctic Roll Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Chocolate cracknel 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				

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.

**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.

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to remember...

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
Academic Year 2025/26	
Thursday 4th September	Start of Autumn Term
Friday 24 th October	Non-pupil Day
Mon 27 th -Fri 31 st October	Half-term Break
Friday 19 th December	Non-pupil Day
Mon 22 nd December 2025 – Friday 2 nd January 2026	Christmas Holiday
Monday 5th January 2026	Start of Spring Term
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th February	Half-term Break
Thursday 2 nd April	Non-pupil Day
Fri 3 rd – Fri 17 th April	Easter Holiday
Monday 20th April	Start of Summer Term
Mon 25 th -Fri 29 th May	Half-term Break
Wednesday 22 nd 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 APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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