

A Message from Miss Tottle ...

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding school year at Willand School, I want to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

Together, we have navigated challenges, celebrated successes, and created a nurturing environment for our children to flourish.

Your encouragement at home, involvement in school activities, and willingness to work with us make a real difference.

We are proud of all that our pupils have achieved this year, both academically and personally, and we know that this would not be possible without your dedication and trust. I would also like to thank you for showing appreciation to our staff, whether through kind words, cards, or other gestures. Please know that your gratitude means a great deal to us.

At the end of today, we will be saying goodbye to several valued members of our staff:

Mr MacLeod, Miss Cook, Mrs Arkle, We thank them for their dedication and commitment to our school. We wish them all the very best of luck in their new ventures.

Mrs Goff has been a valued member of our staff, supporting pupils and colleagues alike. We are very grateful for her years of service and wish her well in her next chapter.

We know you will join us in wishing them every success and happiness for the future.

We wish you and your family a restful, happy summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, ready for another exciting year of learning and growth.



PE Timetable for Next Term

Please find below the PE timetable for next term. Please note that there will be no PE on the first two days of term (4th and 5th of September) and therefore, this timetable will start on **Monday 8th September**. The first swimming session for Y4MC will be on **Friday 12th September**.

| Class | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Reception | | X | | | X |
| Y1G | X | | X | | |
| Y1HP | X | | | X | |
| Y2 | | | X | X | |
| Y3P | X | | | | X |
| Y3WL | X | | | X | |
| Y4H | X | X | | | |
| Y4MC | | X | | | SWIMMING |
| Y5 | | | | X | X |
| Y6 | | | X | | X |

Thank you once again for being such a vital part of our school community
Naomi Tottle

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, 18th July 2025

| Year Group | %Attendance | Year Group | %Attendance |
|------------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Reception | 98.60 | 3 | 94.83 |
| 1 | 92.76 | 4 | 98.20 |
| 2 | 94.08 | 5 | 92.54 |
| | | 6 | 96.09 |

The Current National figure for comparison is 95.4%

Online Safety –

'Wake Up Wednesday'

Attached are the latest top tips from the National College. This week's theme is ...

'AI Enabled Scams'

AI can be an amazing tool for education and creativity – sadly, it's also become a tool for online scammers 🖥️🔔

This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide shines a light on the dark side of using AI, including phishing emails, fake voice calls, and influencer-based frauds targeting younger users ⚠️🔗 From deepfake videos to romance scams

powered by chat bots 💬📧 the tactics are getting more convincing – and the consequences more serious. If you're looking to help children and young people navigate the online world with confidence and caution, this guide offers key insights and practical advice to keep them safe 🔍🛡️

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



Safeguarding Information –

Summer Holidays

If you are worried about the safety of a child in Devon and want to speak to someone, or if you are a child worried about your own safety, please contact **Devon Children's Front Door team**

Tel No 0345 155 1071

Keep an eye out for our pre returning to school edition of the Willand Word on the 3rd September!



Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Thursday, 4th September

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|--|---------|-----------|---|---|
| | | | Sausages | Salmon Fingers |
| | | | Quorn sausages | Vegetarian Pizza |
| | | | Pasta or mash Baked beans/ peas Salad Bar | Chips or Pasta Seasonal vegetables Tomato Sauce Salad Bar |
| | | | Selection of cake. 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 | | | | |

SEND Information...

The Summer holidays can be a tricky time for families; often feeling like an uphill battle to meet everyone's needs and a struggle to know where and how to seek support. We have pulled together a list of contacts that parents may find useful, should the need arise:

Mental health Crisis

You are not alone, call your GP surgery or 999 or NHS 111 or go to A&E

Crisis Team

Crisis Resolution Home Treatment Team - Exeter, East and Mid Devon

<https://www.dpt.nhs.uk/locations/crisis-resolution-home-treatment-team-exeter-east-and-mid-devon>

Telephone: 01392 674988

I need help now – Devon Partnership trust

<https://www.dpt.nhs.uk/i-need-help-now>

The Moorings – Barnstaple, Exeter & Torquay

No appointment needed

<https://www.mhm.org.uk/the-moorings-devon>

Exeter Barnstaple

6pm to midnight 7 days a week 6pm to midnight

Thursday to Sunday

The Moorings@ The Moorings@St Leonards Practice

Braddon House

Athelstan Rd Princess St

St Leonards Calls monitored 6pm to midnight

E-mails monitored daily

Samaritans 24 hours a day

Telephone: Free of charge – landline or mobile: 116 123

E-mail: jo@samaritans.org

SANeline 6pm to 11pm 7 days a week

Telephone: Free of charge – landline or mobile: 0300 304 7000

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0300102 1234.

DATES to remember...

| 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 |
| 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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governors@willand.devon.sch.uk lunches@willand.devon.sch.uk absence@willand.devon.sch.uk
Online Payments: <https://login.schoolgateway.com> **PTFA:** willandschoolptfa@gmail.com

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 AI-ENABLED SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing scams – emails designed to trick people into handing over login details or money – are not new, and do not rely on AI; however, AI has made them far more dangerous. Criminals can now generate highly convincing emails at speed, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language with ease. This makes phishing attempts harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to enhance or completely fake product photos and videos, and pressure buyers into paying deposits or full amounts upfront. These tactics are becoming more advanced, making it vital to pause, check, and verify the sale before parting with any money.

VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where voice has been enabled as an alternative to password-based logins. One such example was the use of AI deepfake audio as part of a fake kidnapping scam: the criminals used an AI voice clone of a 15-year-old to convince her parents she had been kidnapped and elicit a ransom.

EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can chat with young people about fake job offers, asking for money to secure a visa or paperwork. In 2025, The Guardian reported a scam targeting young people with promises of quick cash, posing as TikTok staff.

INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to manipulate video and audio, with technology available that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing videos of well-known figures promoting fake products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Cryptocurrency scams are a common tactic, luring people into investing in schemes that do not exist. Once payment is made, the criminal simply disappears with the money.

ROMANCE SCAMS & SEXTORTION

AI chat bots can now mimic real conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes it easier for criminals to build trust with young people – among other things, this can lead to fraud or sextortion. In 2024, the NCA's CEOP Safety Centre received 380 reports of sextortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 117 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

Advice for Parents & Educators

THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they are seeing and reading before taking any action. For example, if a social media post expresses urgency, proceed with caution; if content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items; however, where possible, encourage children to use reputable companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber-security safeguards in place, underpinned by consumer legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.

SEEK TO VERIFY

Criminals may breach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and fake content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. Small actions, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.

REPORT IT

As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the social media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations linked or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.



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