

**Thank you**

Thank you for your continuing patience while we get used to the new soft start to the day. Please would Year 2 parents be aware that Reception children need to go in first and let them in front, on the line on the path. They are doing so well walking in. This in turn will make it quicker for Year 2 as we won't be waiting for Reception to arrive.

**Can you help?!**

The Reception Classes are looking for dressing up clothes in sizes 6-7 and 8-9. If you have any that you no longer require, please send them their way! Thank you.

**Families offered a Healthy Start**

Recent research has shown that just under a third of households in Devon with children are experiencing food insecurity, but at the moment, only around half of eligible families are signed up to the government's Healthy Start scheme, which means many are missing out on much needed support.

If you are pregnant or have children under four years old, you may be eligible to receive financial support towards fruit and veg, pulses, cows' milk, formula, and also receive free vitamins!

If you think you may be eligible or already receive Healthy Start support, [you can sign up for a free fruit and veg box](#), to be delivered directly to your door along with nutritious and delicious recipes.

Along with this promotional box you will also get a guide to making the most of the Healthy Start scheme and information about important changes coming this autumn when the scheme is set to go digital.

[Don't miss out! To find out if you are eligible fill out this online form now.](#)

There are a limited number of boxes. Applications will close on Friday 24 September at midday, or when all boxes are allocated.

**Parking**




We would ask that all parents and visitors to the school park their cars with consideration for all residents within the area. We would also remind you that it is both illegal and dangerous to park on the zigzag lines outside the school's entrances.

**Have Your Contact Details Changed?**

It is vital that we have up-to-date details for both you and your chosen emergency contacts. Mobile numbers, work numbers and email addresses can often change, so do please remember to let us know. Thank you.

**Reading**

Now the children are back in to school routine, please can you help your child to complete their reading at home. Regular reading is the single most important way to support their learning across the whole curriculum.

Why Reading 20 Minutes a Night is so Critical		
Student A	Student B	Student C
20 minutes per day	5 minutes per day	1 minute per day
3,600 minutes per school year	900 minutes per school year	180 minutes per school year
1,800,000 words per year	282,00 words per year	8,000 words per year
		

**SIMS Lite and other Electronic Communication**

You can use the **SIMs Lite app** to view and change details that we hold about your child. We use the **Parents Evening system** to book appointments when we are having parent consultations, reserve places for older children at after school clubs and book places at parent workshops. We will email you with details about the Parent Consultations later in the term.

We also have a school Facebook page.

If you have any questions about any of these systems please contact the school office

**Free School Meals in Key Stage 2**

A reminder to Year 3 (KS2) parents that their children no longer receive free dinners. If you think your child may be entitled to income-based free school meals in Key Stage 2, please complete an online application on the new Citizen Portal at

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal\\_live](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live)

If you need further information please ask at the school office. You can pay for school meals online via the SchoolComms.

**Contact us: Telephone:** 01884 820367 / 829463 **Website:** [www.willand.devon.sch.uk](http://www.willand.devon.sch.uk) **Email:** [admin@willand.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@willand.devon.sch.uk)  
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**Online Payments:** <https://login.schoolgateway.com>

### Funding linked to Eligibility for Free School Meals

Parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals as this can help the school to attract additional funding to support learning and may benefit you in other ways.

*Part of our government funding is linked to the number of children in receipt of Free School Meals and can result in Pupil Premium funding for up to 6 years per child. Any child who has been in receipt of Free School Meals whilst at primary school, however short the period, supports our Pupil Premium funding.*

*Please still apply for Free School Meals even if you have a child in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. The automatic free lunches (known as Universal Free School Meals) your child receives as part of the Government initiative does not trigger the Pupil Premium funding.*

Please see the Devon County Council website for eligibility at:

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

Online applications at:

[https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal\\_live](https://oneonline.devon.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fCCSCitizenPortal_live)

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### Glasses and PE

Due to Health and Safety, children are unable to wear glasses for PE unless they have a strap to secure them. As children will be coming to school in their PE Kits, we just wanted to remind you to pack a strap for children to have in their school bags or send the children to school with a strap on PE days as if they do not have one, they will be asked to remove their glasses.

### SchoolGateway

You can also use the SchoolGateway system to pay for items online, for example uniform, lunches and educational visits. Register for this at <https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/login> and download the SchoolGateway app from the app store or Google Play.

### Willand Holiday Club

Willand Holiday Club is taking bookings for October Half Term (25th October to 29th October - 8am to 6pm)

They cater for children from 3 years to 11 years old. They offer a range of facilities and activities and also offer a discount for siblings.

Please email [manager@willandpreschool.org](mailto:manager@willandpreschool.org) for more details and a booking form.

### Nit-Free Willand! - Five Facts About Head Lice

In our continuing drive to make Willand School a nit-free zone, please find some interesting facts below:

1. 53% of people who have them do not itch and if your child does not itch, you probably don't look.
2. Head lice are the second most communicable health issue amongst children – the first is the common cold.
3. We spend £30 million per year on nit and lice shampoos and treatments in this country. However, 80% of the time lice are immune to them and this has been proven by leading government research.
4. An adult louse can really move it! They can crawl 23 cm in a minute.
5. Head lice are genetically programmed to move from one head to another – they are destined to move to someone else in the family or to a friend and boys are just as likely to catch them as girls.

*Please keep checking your child's hair, Detection combing should continue two or three days after finishing treatment, and again another seven days after that, to check for any live head lice that may have hatched since treatment.*

### Nuts

Please can we ask that you do not give nuts as a snack or in lunches due to some of our children having a severe nut allergy.

### Lunch Menu for week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Beef Burger in a Seeded Bap	Italian Bolognaise	Roast Gammon & Pineapple	Chicken Curry Naan Bread Rice	Oven Baked Breaded Fish
Vegetarian Burger in a Seeded Bap	Omelette	Broccoli & Cheese Bake	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Burger
Potato Wedges or Pasta Baked Beans or Peas	Pasta Garlic Bread Green Beans	Roast / Mash Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy	Mixed Vegetables	Fries or Pasta Seasonal Veg Tomato Sauce
Sticky Toffee Pudding & Caramel Sauce	Ice Cream & Mandarins	Blackcurrant Jelly & Tinned Fruit	Flapjack & Custard	Cookies

Baked potatoes with cheese, beans, cheese and beans or tuna. Pasta Pots with Italian tomato sauce, chicken and sweetcorn, cheese or tuna. Fresh fruit and yoghurts are available daily.

*Keep safe and keep well*

*Anne Hawkins*

*Headteacher*

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