

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

It feels strange writing this on day 2, having waited so long since my appointment as Headteacher of Willand School.

I'd just like to thank everyone for their warm welcome, best wishes and to staff for answering all my random questions. It has been fantastic to meet all of the staff and children, we had a brilliant training day yesterday, sharing many of the successes of the school and outlining some of the priorities for the next few terms.

I'm really hoping to meet more parents/carers in the next few days. I'm going to be on different gates each day so please do introduce yourself. I have been so impressed with what I have seen so far and am excited about the journey ahead for the school.

Class Assembly

Year 6G will be holding their class assembly on Friday, 12th January at 9.10 am. All parents of these children are welcome to come and watch. Entrance to the hall will be via the Foundation Stage doors.

Pupil Premium Funding

The pupil premium is additional funding given to state-funded schools in England to raise the attainment of disadvantaged pupils and close the gap between them and their peers.

There are four elements to pupil premium:

- Free school meal eligibility.
- Service children.
- Adopted from care, special guardianship order and residence order.
- Children in care.

Any qualifying family that registers their eligibility (based on the free school meal criteria) will help raise pupil premium money for the school.

Do I need to apply for pupil premium? (based on free school meal criteria)

You only need to apply if you have had a recent change in family/employment circumstances or if your child is in reception, year 1 or year 2 and both of the following apply:

- You do not have an existing free school meal claim.
- You are in receipt of any of the qualifying benefits (see [School meals](#) for a list of the qualifying benefits).

How to apply

The [Citizen Portal](#) is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Parents and carers can also ring the Education Helpline on [0345 155 1019](tel:03451551019).

URGENT – September Admission to School

If you have a child who you wish to start at our school in September 2023 and have not already completed an application, it's really important you submit this using the following link: [Apply online through the Citizen Portal](#) by **15th January 2023**.

Late applications will not guarantee a place, even if you have a sibling already at Willand School.

If you cannot apply online, please contact the Education helpline on 0345 155 1019 and ask for a paper copy of the form to be sent to you, although the admissions team will need to have received the completed form by the above closing date.

Miss Tottle will be offering school tours for anyone who missed the ones during the autumn term. These will take place on Wednesday, 10th January @ 1:30pm and Thursday, 11th January @ 10am. Please contact the school office to book a place – Tel No 01884 820367.

SS Great Britain Visit

If you're paying for the Year 2 visit to SS Great Britain in instalments, please can I remind you that the second instalment of £7.57 is due on Friday, 5th January.

Voluntary contributions can be made via School Comms or by cash or cheque payable to Devon County Council at the school office. For further details please contact the school office.

*Thank you for your
continued support
Naomi Tottle
Headteacher*

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**Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing
Monday, 8th January 2024**

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
<i>Vegetarian burger in a plain bap</i>	<i>Quorn Fajitas</i>	<i>Quorn sausage</i>	<i>Macaroni cheese</i>	<i>Homemade Cheese Wheel</i>
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, cheese, beans or tuna JACKET POTATO with cheese, beans or tuna WRAPSWITH FILLINGS: Ham, Chicken or Cheese				

DATES

SPRING TERM 2024	
W/C Monday 8 th January	Homework club starts
Friday 12 th January	6G Class Assembly
Friday 19 th January	6N Class Assembly
Thursday 1 st	Parent Consultations
Friday 2 nd February	5T Class Assembly
Tuesday 6 th February	Parent Consultations
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th February	Half Term
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
TBC	Arts week
Thursday 28 th March	2S Class Assembly
Thursday 28 th March	Homework club finishes End of Spring Term

.SUMMER TERM 2024	
Monday 15 th April	Start of Summer Term Homework club starts
Friday 26 th April	3WA Assembly
Friday 3 rd May	3P Assembly
Monday 13 th – Friday 17 th May	Year 6 KS2 SATS
Friday 17 th May	2R Assembly
Friday 24 th May	Non-pupil day
Monday 27 th May – Friday 31 st May	Half Term
Wednesday 12 th June	Willand Welcome
Friday 14 th June	Both Reception Classes
W/C Monday 17 th June	Dartmoor Residential week
Friday 21 st June	1HB Assembly
Tuesday 25 th June	Sports Day
Friday 28 th June	1MP Assembly
Friday 28 th June	Reserve Sports Day /Homework Club Finishes
Friday 12 th July	Reports out
Monday 15 th July	Teachers available for parents
Wednesday 17 th July	UKS2 Play Dress rehearsal
Thursday 18 th July	UKS2 Play
TBC	Certificate Assembly
Monday 22 nd July	Leavers Party
Tuesday 23 rd July	Leavers' Assembly
Wednesday 24 th July	End of Summer Term

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