



The
Willand

Learning for Life

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WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**
5 MARCH 2026

We're excited to celebrate World Book Day differently this year! Instead of dressing up, we're welcoming Anne Parsons to inspire our children as readers and writers. The children will also be doing a variety of other activities based on reading, including some online sessions with other authors. We believe this approach will create lasting memories and deepen their love of reading.

We are also enjoying seeing all the fantastic story boxes arrive at school, we hope children and parents included have enjoyed having this collaborative project to work on.


We know many families enjoy the fun of dressing up, and we have plenty of opportunities coming up!

On Friday 13th March children can wear non-uniform for our Zambia fundraising day in conjunction with the work that Mrs Maynard will be leading with the school next week.

Unfortunately, as Year 1 children are visiting Tiverton Museum on this day, they will need to wear their school uniform.



Nayamba
SCHOOL



Our school council have been working hard planning exciting activities for Comic Relief on **20th March** which will include non-uniform and crazy hair.

We're proud of how our pupils are learning about supporting others through these charitable events.

*Thank you for your
continued support
Naomi Tottle
Headteacher*

**Potential disruption at the end of the day
Friday 6th March:**

We have been notified that the building site is expecting a concrete delivery on Friday afternoon. This will affect all pick-ups from the drive gates as we will not be able to use them.

For parents that normally pick up year 3 pupils from the drive gate we ask you to come to the gate at Somerlea and collect from there, for parents that usually pick up year 1 from the drive you will now do this from the park gateway!

We know that other year groups already dismiss through these gates so we will revise collection times to:

Reception: **3:30 Park gate**

Year 1: **3:10 Park gate**

Year 2: **3:20 Park gate**

Year 3WL **3:10 Somerlea gate**

Year 3P: As they are swimming and will not be back until **3:20pm** they can be collected directly from the hall car park, they will have taken all their things with them so do not need to come back onto school site.

Year 4: **3:20 Somerlea gate**

Year 6: **3:30 Somerlea gate**

Year 5: **Silver Street as normal**

Sibling collections will run on these new times and locations.

We have been lucky so far that there has been minimal disruption to the school during the course of this building project, we apologise that there may be some of you inconvenienced by this amendment, this is the best and safest solution we could find. Please be tolerant and respectful with staff during this time.

If the delivery arrives early and the drive gates are able to be used we will text out to all parents to notify you of a return to normal pick up routine. We will do this before 2:30pm.

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Congratulations to this weeks winner – Cornwall!

Running total for the term:

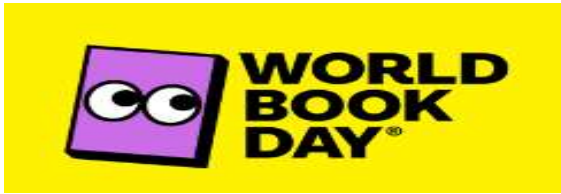
<u>Devon</u>	<u>Dorset</u>	<u>Somerset</u>	<u>Cornwall</u>
459	386	473	486

Keep up the great work everyone!

Class Assembly

Class 2T are holding their class assembly on **Friday** 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.

The World Book Day vouchers are redeemable



(until 15th March 2026) at the following bookshops: Waterstones, The Works, T G Jones and local book sellers. <https://authorfy.com/>

Authorfy is completely free for parents throughout the entire year of 2026 as an official partner of the National Year of Reading. Parents can access over 13,000+ author videos, thousands of resources, and book extracts without needing to pay for a subscription during this period.

What's Included: Parents can access writing

masterclasses, challenges, printable author letters, and interviews with popular children's authors and illustrators.

- <https://authorfy.com/books-of-the-month>

Authors read their books aloud.

- <https://authorfy.com/book-extracts/>

Download extracts of books free of charge.

-No Login/Subscription Needed: During this 2026

initiative, the site is open to everyone without requiring a subscription!

Don't Forget: Anne Parsons, local author will be joining us for a day of storytelling. Her books are aimed at children in Years 2, 3 and 4. Anne will be selling her books at a reduced-price after school – please note that you will need to pay with cash! Each book will cost £5.

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, 27th February 2026

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	97.93	3	93.27
1	92.32	4	92.62
2	93.17	5	95.97
		6	93.42

The Current National figure for comparison is 94.82%

School Focus Week – Zambia



Earlier today you will have received an email informing you our focus week on Zambia.

As part of the week, we will be fundraising with the theme of 'Buy a Child a Lunch'. **It costs just £1.40 to provide lunch for a child at Nayamba School for a whole month.**

From Tuesday to Friday, school council will have collection points at break and lunch. If your child buys a lunch for Nayamba, (please pay by cash) they will receive a fun sticker to say thank you and to show that they have made a difference.

On **Friday 13th March**, your child is also invited to come in non-school uniform with any donation that you would like to send. As **Year 1 children will be visiting the Tiverton Museum on this day, they will need to wear school uniform to school** but can still donate, if they would like.

We are fortunate to have a link with a wonderful school there. You can find out more here: www.nayamba.org/school.

Reception Topic - People Who Help Us

As part of our Reception topic this half term, "People Who Help Us," we are



exploring the important roles people play in supporting our communities. If you are a dentist, doctor, firefighter, vet, nurse, paramedic, or work in any profession that helps others, we would



love to hear from you!

If you would be willing to come in to talk to the children about your job and answer some of their questions, please let us know by sending an email to the office or by letting the reception teachers know at drop off/pick up. Your support would help bring our learning to life and inspire the

children in a meaningful way. Thank you



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Online Safety –

'Wake Up Wednesday'

Att. This week's theme is ...



'Online safety through storytelling'

World Book Day is an excellent opportunity to teach online safety through storytelling, using resources like *Childnet's 'Digiduck' series* (for ages 3-7) or *'Aimee and the tablet'*. These books cover topics like digital responsibility, critical thinking, and what to do if something goes wrong online. Childnet — Online safety for young people +4

Key Online Safety Resources for World Book Day:

- **Digiduck Series (Childnet):** Stories focusing on friendship, critical thinking, and internet safety.
- **'Aimee and the Tablet':** A book helping young children deal with errors or upsetting content online. (online preview here: https://issuu.com/collinsed/docs/aimee_and_the_tablet)
- **'On the Internet' (Childnet):** A book for young readers exploring the internet with adults. (You can find the pdf version here <https://www.childnet.com/resources/a-learning-to-read-book/>)
- **Hanni and the Magic Window (Childnet):** Encourages speaking up to a trusted adult. Childnet — Online safety for young people +4.

Tips for Parents and Educators:

- **Read Together:** Use stories to start conversations about internet safety.
- **Create a Family Agreement:** Establish rules for device usage at home.
- **Check Resources:** Use reputable sites like *Childnet*, *Thinkuknow* / *CEOP* for further advice. For more information, you can visit *Childnet's website* or *the official World Book Day site*.

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

Comic Relief –

Friday 20th March

The School Council have plans to celebrate this year's Comic Relief Day by fundraising in the following ways:

- **Crazy Hair Day** For a donation, children are asked to come to school with crazy hair. Children can also wear non-uniform. Remember the Comic Relief moto is:

'Do something funny for money!'

- **'Joke Off' Competition.** For 20p per joke, from Monday, 16th to Friday, 20th March, children will have the opportunity to share a joke with their class. The winner of each class will meet for the final 'Joke Off' at the Willand Wonder assembly to vote for the best joker!



PTFA NEWS

Easter Disco Tickets are now on Sale 🎟

Please use this link to purchase your tickets: <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q1L9RUM7>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - You will need to add the following information when using the payment link to purchase your ticket:

- Email Address
- Emergency Contact Number
- Child's Name
- Child's Class

Without this information we may not be able to process your request.

Please note to be more environmentally friendly a physical ticket will not be issued, you will receive email confirmation of your purchase. On the night a register of all tickets purchased will be checked upon entry, therefore we regret to inform you that this event is advanced purchase only.

What will be at the disco:

- A DJ playing a variety of music specially selected for the audience
 - Quiet Room with various activities (Included in ticket price)
 - Unlimited Squash (Included in ticket price)
 - Tuck Shop - Children can purchase a snack on the night (List of items on sale will be released soon, our aim is to keep cost to a minimum at around 50p per item)
- We are also looking for parent Volunteers to help at the Disco's, if you are able to be there to support us please email us at willandschoolptfa@gmail.com.

WILLAND SCHOOL PTFA
EASTER DISCO!

Friday 27th March

Hop on down for an egg-cellent evening!

Reception / KS1: 4:30pm - 5:30pm
Lower KS2: 5:45pm - 6:45pm
Upper KS2: 6:15pm - 7:15pm

Tickets available now! £4
- Includes unlimited squash

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Hair/Jewellery Expectations

We would like to remind everyone that long hair should always be tied back and only stud earrings should be worn.

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 9th March

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				

Diary to remember...

Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day
Fri 6th March	Class 2T Assembly
Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th March	School Focus Week - Zambia
Fri 13 th March	Non-uniform Day in aid of Nayamba School
Fri 13th March	Class 3WL Assembly
Fri 20 th March	Comic Relief Day – Non-uniform and Crazy Hair Day!
Fri 27th March	Class 4MC Assembly (Easter)
Fri 27th March	PTFA School Disco
Thurs 2 nd April	Non-pupil Day
Friday 3 rd April	Start of Easter Holiday
Monday 20 th April	Start of Summer Term
Tues 7 th July	UKS2 Play – Dress rehearsal (afternoon)
Wed 8 th July	UKS2 Play – Performance 1 (afternoon)
Thurs 9 th July	UKS2 Play – Performance 2 (afternoon) UKS2 Play – Performance 3 (evening)

Kids Holiday Heroes

Wrap around care at Willand School

We are open from 8-9am and from 3.30-6.00pm Mon-Thurs and 3.30-5.30pm Friday. 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 the after-school club.

For Bookings or any further questions, please email bookings@kidsholidayheroes.co.uk

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EVENTS

Please see the noticeboard outside the school office for the following events:

Friends of Willand Pre School

- Friday 6th March

we will be hosting a Quiz night . Tickets can be purchased here: [Friends of Willand Preschool Quiz](#)
Please come and join us for a fun cheap night out.

Liznojan Books and Coffee, Tiverton - Have a fantastic opportunity for families to attend author events at Tiverton Library throughout the month of March, FOR FREE! This is a great opportunity to get children engaged with authors during the national year of reading. Please do follow the link below as they would love to have you join them: tinyurl.com/tivbookfest



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TIMES: STANDARD- 8:30AM - 3:30PM

2026 Dates:
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THURSDAY 16TH APRIL
FRIDAY 17TH APRIL

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BOOKING LINK - <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2026/04/15/uplowman-village-hall-easter-holiday-camps-2026>

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