

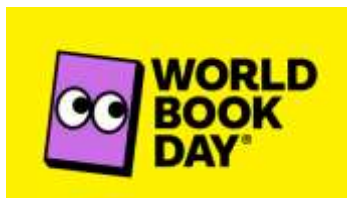


**Congratulations to Dorset,  
last terms winner!**

**All points are now back at zero –  
Good luck everyone for the term ahead!**

**Class Assembly**

**Class 2R** 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.



**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> March**

**World Book Day is  
fast approaching!**

**Story box competition:** please make sure that your child's **story box** is in school by next Thursday if they want it included in the competition! There will be prizes!

**World Book Day:** Teachers and support staff will be celebrating the love of reading and we are delighted to have an author coming into school to enthuse our pupils. Anne Parsons is a local author who began her career as a teacher. She will join us for a day of storytelling on World Book Day. Her books are aimed at children in Years 2, 3 and 4.



Anne will be selling her books at a reduced-price next week after school – please note that you will need to pay with **cash!** Each book will cost £5. We will send out an order form before WBD or simply turn up after school to buy one.

**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, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	94.04	3	94.12
1	96.30	4	95.57
2	92.17	5	94.19
		6	96.09

The Current National figure for comparison is 94.82%

**UKS2 Production**

Unfortunately, we are having to reschedule the UKS2 production in July but this does now mean we are able to offer an extra performance.

The dates for the UKS2 play are now:

- Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> July – afternoon dress rehearsal
- Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July – afternoon performance 1
- Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> July – afternoon performance 2
- Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> July – evening performance 3

**Vision screening for 4-5 Year Olds**

We would like to remind Reception parents that the vision screening for 4-5 year olds will take place on **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 9:30am.**

*If you **DO NOT** want your child to have their vision screened in school, please complete and return the opt-out form sent to you by email on 11<sup>th</sup> February.*

**REMINDER Parent Governor Vacancy**

Nominations for parent governor must be **returned by Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February.** For further details please see email sent to parents on

*Thank you for your  
continued support  
Naomi Tottle  
Headteacher*

## Online Safety – 'Wake Up Wednesday'



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

### 'Adult Animated Content'

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

### SEND Information

**BBC Bitesize Parenting:** This is a place for mums, dads, carers and the whole parenting community to find stories, expert advice and fun activities that will help you support your child in a changing world.

The Bitesize team have now created a Parents' Toolkit, including topics on how to support your child's emotional outbursts, healthy eating and anxiety. To access this valuable resource please use the following link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z863cxs#zbt36rd>

**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 soon

### PE Timetable

Please see below the PE timetable for this half-term.

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Reception			X		X
Y1G	X		X		
Y1HP	X			X	
Year 2		X		X	
Y3P			X		Swimming
Y3WL	X			X	
Y4H	X	X			
Y4MC		X			X
Year 5				X	X
Year 6			X		X

### Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March

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

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

# Diary to remember...

	Half Term
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Class 2R Assembly</b>
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
<b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Class 2T Assembly</b>
<b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Class 3WL Assembly</b>
<b>Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Class 4MC Assembly (Easter)</b>
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Non-pupil Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Start of Easter Holiday
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer Term
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> July	UKS2 Play – Dress rehearsal (afternoon)
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> July	UKS2 Play – Performance 1 (afternoon)
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> July	UKS2 Play – Performance 2 (afternoon) UKS2 Play – Performance 3 (evening)

## EVENTS

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

**Friends of Willand Pre School** are hosting a Quiz on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets can be purchased here. [Friends of Willand Preschool Quiz](#) Please come and join us for a fun cheap night out!



## Kids Holiday Heroes

### Wrap around care at Willand School

We are open from 8-9am and from 3.30-6pm 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](mailto:bookings@kidsholidayheroes.co.uk)



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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ADULT ANIMATED CONTENT

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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### MISLEADING VISUAL STYLE

Many adult animations mimic the colourful, exaggerated look of children's cartoons. This can easily mislead not just children, but also adults, into thinking they're suitable for younger viewers. Without watching the content fully, parents or educators might approve a show or video that contains explicit jokes, graphic imagery, or highly inappropriate language, all disguised beneath a playful and fun visual style.

### EXPOSURE TO HARMFUL THEMES

A number of adult animated shows and online videos explore mature or disturbing themes, such as addiction, trauma, abuse, self-harm, or violence, and often do so in a stylised or humorous way. Younger viewers may not have the emotional maturity to process this content, leading to confusion, distress, or the normalisation of very serious issues that should be discussed in a supportive context.

### RISK OF DISTRESS AND FEAR

Some adult animations, especially horror-based content or 'creepypasta' style stories, include disturbing imagery, unsettling music, and sudden scares. These videos sometimes feature distorted versions of well-known children's characters, such as Sonic the Hedgehog or Peppa Pig, in frightening or violent scenarios. Children can be negatively affected if they come across this unexpectedly, leading to sleep disturbance, anxiety, or long-lasting fears, especially if children have existing worries or sensitive personalities.

### INFLUENCE OF EDGY HUMOUR

Dark, edgy humour is common in adult animation and often includes jokes about topics like sexism, racism, mental illness, or abuse. When children hear these jokes, they may repeat them without fully understanding their meaning. This can lead to inappropriate behaviour in school or online spaces, and in some cases, it can reinforce harmful stereotypes or desensitise children to real-world injustice and discrimination.

### ALGORITHMIC RECOMMENDATIONS

Video platforms are designed to keep users watching by suggesting similar content. If a child watches one mature animation, they may quickly be shown more, including even darker or more extreme videos. These recommendations are based on viewing patterns, not age-appropriateness. Without strict settings in place, this can lead to a rapid spiral into unsuitable, upsetting, or even harmful content online.

### DESENSITISATION TO VIOLENCE

Stylised violence in animation is often exaggerated and constant. Repeated exposure to it can reduce a child's emotional response to harm, making aggression or cruelty appear entertaining or acceptable. Over time, children may become less empathetic or more tolerant of harmful behaviours in real life, especially if they see others online reacting with humour, memes, or praise for violent characters or scenes.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### LEARN WHAT CHILDREN ARE WATCHING

Take time to ask children what they're watching and who their favourite creators are. Sit down and watch a few videos to get a full understanding. This helps you spot inappropriate content early and shows children that you're interested and engaged in their online world, not just policing it.

### TALK ABOUT WHAT'S APPROPRIATE

Keep communication open and non-judgemental. Talk about why certain themes or jokes are not appropriate for children, even if they appear in animated form. Help children understand that just because something is popular or shared widely, it does not mean it's suitable or safe. If they've seen something upsetting, respond calmly, offer reassurance, and explain things in an age-appropriate way.

### USE PLATFORM SETTINGS WISELY

Make use of built-in safety tools like content filters, restricted mode, and age settings on platforms such as YouTube, Netflix or TikTok. Turn off auto-play where possible and regularly review what children are being recommended. Although these settings aren't foolproof, they add an important layer of protection and help reduce the risk of children encountering disturbing or adult content accidentally.

### ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Help children think carefully about what they watch. Talk about the difference between fictional exaggeration and reality, while helping them question why certain content is made. Is it informative, entertaining, or meant to shock? This builds digital resilience and encourages them to make safer choices in future, rather than simply following viral trends or peer pressure to watch mature content.

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