



**Congratulations to this weeks winner**  
 – **Somerset with 249 points**

Running total for the term:

<b>Devon</b>	<b>Dorset</b>	<b>Somerset</b>	<b>Cornwall</b>
<b>914</b>	<b>1002</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>844</b>

Keep up the great work everyone!

**Parent Consultation Evenings –**  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

We are looking forward to meeting parents at our consultation evenings and would like to make you aware of the following:

- Parents should enter the school via the Reception entrance doors (opposite the park gate). Please be aware that only the School drive gate will be open.
- Please **do not park** in the Village Hall car park, as these spaces are reserved for the organisations who have a Village Hall booking.

For those parents still to book an appointment, please log onto our booking system by clicking on the following <https://willandschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.

**Foundation Fun –**  
**‘Little Listeners Story Time’**

We would like to remind parents of Reception children that our next Foundation Fun session is on **Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> February from 2:45pm–3:15pm.**

‘Little Listeners Story Time’; a short workshop focusing on the importance of reading together at home and how it supports your child’s learning and development. Following this, you will have the opportunity to share and read stories with your child.

**Smart Watches**

Please do not let your child bring their smart watch to school as we do not want to risk them getting damaged.



**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, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	95.86	3	95.10
1	97.41	4	93.93
2	93.17	5	93.55
		6	91.88

The Current National figure for comparison is 95.4%

**Kindness and Respect**

Just as we teach our pupils to be kind and respectful, we encourage the same in our parent communications. Please ensure that when making contact, this should be made with kindness and respect in mind. Constructive and polite communication helps us address your concerns more effectively and creates a positive environment for everyone. By remembering to follow these few steps, we are setting an example for our children and reinforcing the importance of kindness and respect within our school community. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation, it is much appreciated.



*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 ...



### 'ROBLOX'

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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>

The closing date for Balloons Family Day sign-up is Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February.

## Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> February

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pepperoni pizza	Italian Bolognese	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				

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

## PTFA NEWS

We're pleased to share that on Monday 9th February, a selection of non-branded pre-loved uniform will be available at St Mary's Church. Please feel free to browse and take any items you need free of charge, with optional donations welcomed for the church.

We're very grateful to St Mary's Church for their support of our school and community. The PTFA also has great quality pre-loved Willand School branded jumpers and cardigans available for £2 each. If you're interested, please email us.



*Non-branded school uniform  
available inside  
St Mary's Church*

on Monday, 9th February from 9:30am -4pm

Anyone is welcome to come along  
and take whatever they need.

## Diary to remember...

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> February	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

### Kids Holiday Heroes

#### Wrap around care at Willand School

We are open from 8-9am and from 3.30-5.30pm Mon-Thurs and 3.30-5pm 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

# ROBLOX

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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### A PLATFORM RATHER THAN A GAME

Roblox differs from traditional video games in that it hosts millions of user-created experiences rather than a fixed set of developer-produced content. Each experience is self-rated by its creator rather than independently age-rated in advance, as is the case with PEGI-rated games. With millions of user-created experiences, moderation is largely automated which means that inappropriate content may reach younger players and have a harmful effect.

### MATURE CONTENT

With much of Roblox's moderation automated through AI and creators self-certifying suitability, inappropriate content frequently appears on the platform. Some experiences may include content intended for older players. While Roblox has tools to restrict access based on age settings, these systems are not always perfect. Younger players are likely to encounter content you may deem unsuitable.

### IN-GAME SPENDING

Roblox is free to play, but many experiences and cosmetics include optional purchases using Robux, the platform's virtual currency, to get advantages in games. This business model is common across online games, but reporting has highlighted cases where children have spent large amounts of money unintentionally or without understanding the real-world cost.

### RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox encourages repeated and extended play. Many experiences are made of short tasks, rewards, and progression systems that can prompt users to keep playing for longer periods of time. Some games also use reminders, daily rewards, or timed events to encourage frequent logins. These designs can make it difficult to stop playing. Spending long periods online may affect sleep, schoolwork, or other activities if boundaries are not in place.

### COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER USERS

Roblox includes text and voice features that allow players to chat in shared game spaces. While the platform uses automated filters and moderation tools, media investigations have found that inappropriate and potentially harmful messages can still get through. There are risks that children could be targeted by groomers. In response, Roblox has announced changes to how chat works. The platform plans to use facial age-estimation technology to restrict chat access between adults and children they do not know.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox's parental controls provide an important starting point. Linking a child's account to an adult account allows parents to apply spending controls, limit communication features, and review recent activity. Regular supervision, use of parental controls, and conversations with children about what they see online can help reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate content.

### CONSIDER LIMITING OR DISABLING CHAT

Although Roblox is introducing tighter age-based chat restrictions, some parents and educators may prefer to disable chat entirely for younger children. Children can still play games while communicating with friends they know through other supervised platforms.

### PLAY TOGETHER WHERE POSSIBLE

Playing Roblox with a child can help adults understand the types of experiences available, how monetisation works, and how children interact online. This shared engagement can also make it easier for children to raise concerns if something feels wrong. Parents and educators should monitor all games played on Roblox due to its self-rating nature.

### ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Many Roblox experiences are creative and age appropriate, and for many children, the platform is an important way to socialise with friends. Rather than banning it outright, parents and educators should talk openly with children about online safety, spending, and how to respond to inappropriate behaviour.

### Meet Our Expert

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