

**Congratulations to this weeks winner –
Devon with 251**

Running total for the term:

Devon	Dorset	Somerset	Cornwall
724	781	701	672

Keep up the great work everyone!



Attendance

As part of Devon County Council's drive to improve school attendance, we are sharing our attendance statistics with you for the week ending Friday, 23rd January 2026

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	95.69	3	96.86
1	94.26	4	92.46
2	91.83	5	92.74
		6	94.69

The Current National figure for comparison is 95.4%

A massive thank you ...

... to parents for your cooperation and understanding during the recent flooding situation. We were fortunate that the majority of staff were able to get to school safely to allow us to open.

New Classroom Development

A few weeks ago, I shared with you that we were going to be getting a new studio classroom. The Local Authority has completed the tender process and Mrs Howard, Mr Child (Vice

Chair of governors) and I recently attended a preparation meeting. The works will start on Monday 2nd February. We have organised it so that the construction team will make themselves a separate enclosed entrance and building space. You will see over the first few days of next week this being constructed, the gateway and pathway down the drive to the classrooms will still be accessible to children at the start and end of the day. The construction team are very familiar with working in schools and will be coming onto site and leaving outside of school hours. We have planned as much as we can for the least impact possible on the children and the functioning of the school.

I will keep you updated with the development as it progresses. If you have any questions about it please do contact me.

Parent Consultations

You will have received an email earlier this week with the details of how to book for the parent consultations taking place on Thursday 5th February and Tuesday 10th February.

For parents of children in Class 2T:

Unfortunately, Mrs Talbot is unavailable for our scheduled evenings but once we have new consultation dates we will contact parents of 2T.

The booking system will be open from **7pm tomorrow**, which can be accessed by clicking on the following link <https://willandschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>.

Parent/Governor Election - Reminder

The deadline for Parent/Governor applications is Friday, 30th January.

ROCK STEADY!

THIS WEEK WE WERE LUCKY TO WELCOME ROCK STEADY INTO OUR SCHOOL! ZAC BROUGHT THE MUSIC TO LIFE AS HE PLAYED A RANGE OF ELECTRIC BAND INSTRUMENTS AND WE HAD THE CHANCE TO TRULY ROCK OUT WITH HIM. THE CHILDREN HAD AN ABSOLUTE BLAST SINGING ALONG, TRYING OUT THE INSTRUMENTS, AND FEELING LIKE REAL MUSICIANS!

PLACES ARE FILLED FOR THIS TERM BUT KEEP AN EYE OUT ON THE WILLAND WORD FOR SPACES COMING UP IN THE FUTURE.

*Thank you for your
continued support
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Online Safety –

'Wake Up Wednesday'

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

'Digital Devices & Wellbeing'

Children aged 7 to 14 now spend roughly 3 to 5 hours a day on phones, tablets, consoles and computers. That much screen time has parents and educators worried – not just about the hours logged, but about online safety and the knock-on effects on mental health. The guide at the end of this newsletter brings together practical, expert-backed strategies so adults can nurture healthier digital habits and help young people thrive both on and offline.

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



Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 2nd February

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				

Diary to remember...

Thursday 5 th February	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 10 th February	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day
Mon 16 th -Fri 20 th February	Half Term
Fri 27 th February	Class 2R Assembly
Thurs 5 th March	World Book Day
Fri 6 th March	Class 2T Assembly
Fri 13 th March	Class 3WL Assembly
Fri 27 th March	Class 4MC Assembly (Easter)
Thurs 2 nd April	Non-pupil Day
Friday 3 rd April	Start of Easter Holiday
Monday 20 th 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.

We are also operating a February half-term holiday club from Monday, 16th to Friday, 20th – 8:30am-4:00pm.

A range of sport and craft activities will be on offer for all children aged between 5 to 12 years for a charge of £30 per day.

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

EVENTS

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

Please note that we are unable to check on the validity of the companies or the people running the schemes, and if those working with children have the correct police checks.

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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about DIGITAL DEVICES & WELLBEING

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SLEEP DISRUPTION

Excessive screen time, especially before bed, can interfere with melatonin production and delay sleep onset. Children may struggle to concentrate or regulate emotions due to poor sleep hygiene linked to late-night device use.

ONLINE PEER PRESSURE

Social media platforms expose children to unrealistic standards and peer validation loops. Likes, comments, and follower counts can influence self-worth and lead to anxiety or risky behaviour to gain approval.

CYBERBULLYING EXPOSURE

Children may encounter bullying through messaging apps, games, or social media. This can be persistent and anonymous, making it harder to detect. Victims often feel isolated and reluctant to report incidents.

REDUCED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Time spent on screens often replaces outdoor play and physical activity. This sedentary lifestyle can contribute to obesity, poor posture, and reduced cardiovascular health.

EMOTIONAL DYSREGULATION

Fast-paced digital content can overstimulate young brains. Children may become irritable, impatient, or struggle with boredom and emotional control when not engaged with screens.

PRIVACY AND SAFETY RISKS

Children may unknowingly share personal information or interact with strangers online. Without guidance, they may not understand the long-term consequences of digital footprints or unsafe online behaviour.

Advice for Parents & Educators

SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES

Establish screen-time limits and device-free zones, e.g. classrooms and dinner tables. Use parental controls and co-create a digital use agreement with children to encourage accountability. Trying a visual schedule or timer app can help children understand and stick to limits.

MODEL HEALTHY HABITS

Children mirror adult behaviour. Demonstrate balanced device use, take regular screen breaks, and prioritise face-to-face interactions to reinforce positive behaviours. Making a habit of putting your phone away during meals and conversations can show that real-life interactions come first.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DIALOGUE

Create a safe space for children to talk about their online experiences. Ask open-ended questions like, "What did you enjoy online today?" to build trust and awareness. Try setting aside 10 minutes each day for a digital check-in where children can share what they've seen or done online.

PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY

Teach children how to evaluate online content, recognise misinformation, and understand privacy settings. Empower them to think critically and act responsibly in digital spaces. You could use real-life examples from the news or social media to help children practise spotting fake information.