

Message from Miss Tottle

As we approach the end of this busy and rewarding term, I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support. Your partnership with us makes such a difference to our pupils' learning and wellbeing, and we're grateful for the positive relationships we share with our school community. Whether it's been supporting homework, attending events, or simply encouraging your children each day, your involvement has helped make this term a success.

Congratulations to this weeks winner – Somerset with 266 points

Running total for the term:

Devon 1167	Dorset 1326	Somerset 1396	Cornwall 1416
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Well done to everyone for their great work!

Games on Thursday

Children are welcome to bring games in on Thursday to play with their friends. Please do not bring in electronic games, precious items or games that have too many loose pieces which could get lost.



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, 12th December 2025

Year Group	%Attendance	Year Group	%Attendance
Reception	95.46	3	98.32
1	96.42	4	94.19
2	91.21	5	93.54
		6	94.38

The Current National figure for comparison is 95.4%

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for supporting Save the Children Christmas Jumper day, we raised **£147.58**.



PE Timetable for this Term

Please see below the PE timetable for next term. Y3WL begin swimming W/C 12th January so for the first week back only, please can children in this class wear their PE kit on Monday 5th January instead of Friday 9th January.

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

Home Contact Number and Addresses

Please can we remind parents to always update the school office with any changes to children's contact details, including emergency contact numbers and home addresses.
Many thanks.

Lost Property

We hope to clear all lost property over the next 2 days. The tubs of lost property will be brought out to the front of school; look out for the large red boxes!

School Lunch Payments

We will be asking parents to clear their child's school lunch balance in the new year and will be emailing those of you with an outstanding balance in January. If you are unable to access the MCAS app, please let the office know and we will help you access this.
Please note: School lunch payments can no longer be made on School Gateway.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful, restful break with your families.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the new term on 5th January.

*Naomi Tottle
Headteacher*

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Online Safety –

'Wake Up Wednesday'

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

'Toy Scalping, Fakes & Scams'

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



SEND Information

We would like to introduce you to the Lumi Nova app, a fun digital therapy for childhood anxiety.



Lumi Nova is a therapeutic game that helps children aged 7-12 years self-manage worries and build resilience.

Who is Lumi Nova for?

Lumi Nova is for 7-12 year olds facing difficulties with anxiety, including:

- **Phobias** eg Being afraid of spiders or insects, heights, being near dogs or the dark.
- **Social anxiety** eg Feeling worried about making new friends, going to social events.
- **Separation anxiety** eg Unable to sleep alone, worried about being away from parents, going to school.

School Closure Reminder

School will be closed to children for staff training this coming Friday, 19th December.

Goodbye and Good Luck...

... to Mr Cowan and Mr Weaver.

Mr Cowan has accepted an exciting opportunity to move to America, where he will continue his teaching career.

He will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils here at Willand School. We wish him all the very best as he embarks on this new adventure.

Mr Weaver has accepted a teaching assistant role in a local secondary school. We wish him all the very best as he embarks on his new role.

Welcome to Mr Webster!

Following successful interview recently, we are pleased to announce that Mr. Webster has been appointed as the new Year 5 teacher to replace Mr Cowan. Mr. Webster is moving from another Devon school and we would like to welcome him to our Willand community.

Safeguarding Information – Christmas Holidays

If you are worried about the safety of a child in Devon and want to speak to someone, or if you are a child worried about your own safety, please contact **Devon Children's Front Door team**
Tel No 0345 155 1071

School Milk

Parents are able to order breaktime milk for next term at a cost of £6.54. Please order by following the link in the email sent out to parents earlier this week.

National Child Measurement Programme

Earlier this year, parents of children in Reception and Year 6 will have received an email regarding the above national child measurement programme.

We would like to remind those parents to complete the opt out form by Friday 19th December if you do not want your child to take part.

Willand School Lunch Menu for week commencing Monday, 5th January

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Pork meatballs	Chicken Nuggets	Gammon and pineapple	Sausages	Salmon Fingers
Vegan balls	Quorn Dippers	Cheese & Broccoli bake	Quorn sausages	Vegetarian Pizza
Spaghetti Green beans Crisps Salad Bar	Pasta/ waffles Sweetcorn Tomato sauce Salad Bar	Roast/Mashed Potatoes Fresh Carrots Gravy Salad Bar	Pasta or mash Baked beans/ peas Salad Bar	Chips or Pasta Seasonal vegetables Tomato Sauce Salad Bar
Arctic Roll Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Chocolate cracknel Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Orange Jelly and mandarins Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Selection of cake 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...

Friday 19 th December	Non pupil Day
Monday 22 nd December	Start of Christmas Holiday
Monday 5 th January	Start of Spring term
Friday 9 th January	Class 6N Assembly
Friday 23 rd January	Class 6G Assembly
Thursday 5 th February	Parent Consultations
Friday 6 th February	Class 2R Assembly
Tuesday 10 th February	Parent Consultations
For full calendar of events, please click below – https://willand.devon.sch.uk/Calendarofevents.pdf	

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🎄 PTFA Christmas Raffle *

🎄 **Today is the last chance to get your raffle tickets** 🎄

The below link is still open until 9pm for anyone wishing to purchase tickets 📄 <https://pay.sumup.com/h2c/QJXTOTES>

Please ensure you include the following information:

- ★ Your name
- ★ Your email address or phone number

If you have a child at the school please include:

- ★ Child's name
- ★ Child's class

Without the above we will not be able to get tickets issued ahead of the draw.

🎄 The draw will take place on Thursday 18th December, winning ticket numbers will be announced on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/share/17ieMu8Aim/?mibextid=wwXjfr>).

Winners will be contacted individually to arrange collection of their prize 📧



WILLAND SCHOOL
PTFA

Christmas Raffle

★ FANTASTIC PRIZES ★

CREALY TICKETS, SEATON TRAMWAY TICKETS, FOOD ITEMS AND MORE...

🎄 **£1 PER TICKET | £5 PER BOOK** 🎄
CASH ONLY

COME AND FIND US AT THE WILLAND SCHOOL DRIVE GATES FROM 3:15PM ON THE FOLLOWING DATES:

4TH, 8TH, 9TH, 10TH, 11TH & 16TH DECEMBER

WE WILL ALSO BE SELLING TICKETS AT THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES.

DRAW TAKES PLACE 18TH DECEMBER

🎄 AMAZING PRIZES UP FOR GRABS 🎄

- ★ FAMILY TICKET - CREALY THEME PARK
- ★ BOX OF CHOCOLATES - FOREST PRODUCE
- ★ PANETTONE - FOREST PRODUCE
- ★ £10 BUTCHER VOUCHER - FORDMORE
- ★ £60 CAKE VOUCHER - SWEET SENSATIONS BY SONIA
- ★ COFFEE GIFT SET - LITTLES COFFEE
- ★ VALETING KIT - PRESSURE WASHERS SOUTH WEST
- ★ TWO RETURN TICKETS - SEATON TRAMWAY
- ★ CREAM TEA VOUCHER FOR 2 - THE STEAMER
- ★ DOUBLE RACE SESSION - APEX RACE CENTRE
- ★ FAMILY SWIM - ACTIVE MID DEVON
- ★ CARVERY FOR 2 - THE WEARY TRAVELLER
- ★ VALET - HYLAND CAR SALES
- ★ WINDOW CLEAN VOUCHER - LUSH WINDOWS



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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



KIDS HOLIDAY HEROES
Run by teachers

FUN FILLED TIMETABLES EVERY DAY!

Kids Holiday Heroes is a fun School Holiday Club for children aged between 5 and 12

Run by experienced teachers!

£30 A DAY
8:30am - 4:00pm
Monday - Friday, during school holidays only

At Willand School
Gables Road, Willand, Cullompton EX15 2QL

BOOK ONLINE

Our online booking system is always open. Please book in advance as places are limited



Email: bookings@kidsholidayheroes.co.uk

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WE CAN COLLECT AND RECYCLE YOUR REAL CHRISTMAS TREE
(until 31 January 2026)



www.middevon.gov.uk/christmas-recycling

Trunk must be no larger than 4 inches (100mm) in diameter

Tree must be under 6ft tall – preferably cut in half to help crews load it safely

Place the tree next to the blue food caddy, or your brown wheeled bin if you are a garden waste customer

Thank you for recycling



KIDS HOLIDAY HEROES
Run by teachers

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE
8.30am – 4.00pm every day
December 2025

MONDAY 22 nd	TUESDAY 23 rd
Welcome and Breakfast Club (Fruit, toast or cereal)	Welcome and Breakfast Club (Fruit, toast or cereal)
Warm up games	Warm up games
Break	Break
Hot chocolate and Festive games!	Archery and Axe Throwing
Neon Dodgeball	Den building with hot chocolate!
Lunch	Lunch
Christmas crafts Paper chain garlands, snowflakes, gingerbread houses	Christmas Crafts Gingerbread decorating/decorations
Straw and connector Sentas Grotto – building competition	Movie Night Christmas film – popcorn and sweets
Home time 4.00pm	Home time 4.00pm

What we offer:
• Ofsted registered
• DBS registered staff
• Fully trained first aiders
• Safeguarding certificates

Childcare vouchers:
We also accept childcare vouchers and the fee-free childcare scheme. Please email us for more information.

Alternative activities:
Each day, children can choose between a range of arts and crafts activities.

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Daily extras include:
Options include Home heads, bracelet making, sticker books, pool, darts, Lego and much more!

Tax free childcare:
Check if you are eligible for universal credit and tax credits which can contribute significantly to the cost of your childcare with us.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TOY SCALPING, FAKES & SCAMS

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FINANCIAL PRESSURE AND MANIPULATION

Scalpers create artificial scarcity by buying up large quantities of stock before the public has a fair chance to purchase. This drives up demand and pushes prices to extreme levels. Young people may feel intense pressure to spend more than they can afford for fear of missing out entirely.

EXPLOITATION OF FANDOMS

Scalping often targets popular releases with strong fan bases, knowing that loyal followers are emotionally invested. Children and young people may place huge value on owning certain items linked to their favourite artists, sports teams or games, making them more likely to accept unfair prices or questionable sellers.

ACCESSING UNSAFE WEBSITES

In the rush to secure rare items, young people might click through to unverified sellers, online marketplaces with little consumer protection, or even sites designed specifically to harvest personal and financial data. This can expose them to fraud, malware, and identity theft.

NORMALISING UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

Some influencers and online communities present scalping as a clever money-making scheme rather than an exploitative one. This can normalise dishonest behaviour and blur the line between legitimate business and opportunistic profiteering for younger audiences.

RISK OF SCAMS OR COUNTERFEIT GOODS

Not every high-priced resale is legitimate. Fraudulent sellers may take payment for goods they never send, or ship counterfeit versions of branded items. In some cases, the product may look authentic in photos but turn out to be of poor quality or completely different from what was advertised.

REINFORCING INEQUALITY

Scalping makes already expensive items even less accessible, particularly for lower-income families. Children may feel excluded from trends or shared experiences with friends if their family cannot meet the inflated prices, which can lead to feelings of isolation and disappointment.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FAIRNESS

Use scalping as an opportunity to discuss fairness, consumer ethics, and how some people exploit markets for profit. Encouraging children to think critically about whether they truly need an item – and at what cost – can help them make more considered decisions.

SUPPORT INFORMED PURCHASING

Show children how to check seller credentials, read independent reviews, and verify whether a site is secure before making any payment. Knowing how to spot red flags, such as unrealistic promises or missing contact details, can prevent costly mistakes.

ENCOURAGE PATIENCE OVER IMPULSE

Teach young people to wait for official restocks or future releases instead of paying over the odds. Many products come back into circulation, and patience can save significant amounts of money while reducing the likelihood of falling victim to scams.

SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Establish clear rules for online spending, including limits on prepaid cards, gaming gift cards, and online wallets. Discuss the real-world value of money spent on digital or collector's items so children understand the long-term impact of their purchases.

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